

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Mayor's Parlour at the Public Hall **on Thursday 22 January 2026 at 7.30 p.m.** there were present:

Committee: Councillors Annette Lee (in the Chair), Sylvia Berry, Rachel Brooks, Naomi Taylor and Christina Whitty

Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward

Members of the Public: Sean Barbary

378 / 25 Apologies

Councillors Nick Craker and Lori Reid

379 / 25 Declarations of Interests, Registerable and Non-Registerable

None

380 / 25 Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 13 November 2025

Councillor Lee proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2025 were adopted as correct.

381 / 25 Public Participation

None

382 / 25 Election of a Deputy Chair for 2025/2026

Councillor Lee proposed, Councillor Berry seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Rachel Brooks as Deputy Chair for 2025/2026

383 / 25 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE - Report on items from 13 November 2025 committee meeting not already on the agenda – for information

Nothing to report

384 / 25 MUSEUM REPORT – To receive a report from the Museum Manager

The museum team were congratulated on all the work that has been done on learning.

385 / 25 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC) – To receive a report from the TIC Manager

Noted

386 / 25 BUDGET MONITORING 2025/26 - To receive and accept a budget report to 31 December 2025

Councillor Lee proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the budget report to 31 December 2025.

387 / 25 DRAFT BUDGET SETTING 2026/27 - To agree a budget for 2026/27 to be recommended to Full Council

The committee welcomed the inclusion of a new Events & Communications Officer adopted from

the recommendations of the external consultant's review. It was noted that the stage and sound equipment hired for the Lights Up event was essential in dealing with the medical emergency which occurred.

Councillor Lee proposed, Councillor Berry seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** a gross budget of £147,193 to Full Council

388 / 25 EVENTS

a) Nadelik Lyskerrys (29 November 2025) – to receive verbal feedback from the wash up meeting on 20 January 2026

The procession with a mix of big and small lanterns was effective. A steward's briefing as per 2024 had worked better than cascading information via the organisations. Radio training would also be included in this. Key people needed to be in the same place to make important decisions.

Councillor Brooks and the team were thanked for all their work.

b) Community Fair (21 March 2026) – to receive an update and complete the rota. All to share the poster and social media posts

It was agreed to share posts from the Town Council social media rather than create new ones so questions and comments could be followed up. Mandy would advise when these are posted.

c) Annual Town Meeting and Community Champion Awards (20 April 2026) – to approve the timetable for the Community Champion Awards

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Berry seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to change the format of the awards, to a citizen, young person and group of the year, and a fourth Mayor's award of the year which could be given to any category. The purchase of cups would be investigated to be returned each year, which would be more sustainable. Councillors would only make nominations for the Mayor's award.

d) Lamp Light of Peace (11 November 2026) – to consider how the town might participate in the celebration

It was noted that 'The Flag of Peace throughout Nations' included the date and was therefore single use, and would not be widely recognisable, so would not be purchased for the Public Hall. The Royal British Legion would be asked if they intended to fly this on their flagpole. The Town Council would attend the silence held on the Parade and organise the Remembrance Parade.

389 / 25 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - To set up a working group to review the existing contract and develop a brief for a new tender

The working group would comprise Councillors Braithwaite, Brooks, Lee and Whitty. All Councillors not attending this meeting would be invited to join, and a meeting set up.

390 / 25 CORRESPONDENCE

None

391 / 25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Communications and Engagement Committee will be on Thursday 12 March 2026 at 7.30pm.

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