

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Hobhouse Room at the Public Hall **on Thursday 6 October 2022 at 7.30 p.m.** there were present:

Committee: Councillors Nick Craker (in the Chair), David Ambler, David Braithwaite, Rachel Brooks, Simon Cassidy, Richard Dorling, Annette Lee-Julian, Naomi Taylor and Christina Whitty.

Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward
Members of the Public – Richard Reardon

236 / 22 Apologies

None

237 / 22 Declarations of Interests, Registerable and Non-Registerable

None

238 / 22 Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 4 August 2022

Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2022 were adopted as correct.

239 / 22 Public Participation

None

240 / 22 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE - Report on items from 4 August 2022 committee meeting not already on the agenda – for information

Written report circulated and noted.

241 / 22 MUSEUM REPORT – To receive a report from the Museum Coordinator

Noted – Councillors also noted that the high-quality museum Instagram posts had ceased since August. (Update following the meeting - these had been posted by the coordinator but had ceased due to annual leave and other work priorities but would be restart in line with the social media plan.)

242 / 22 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC) - To receive a report from the TIC Manager

Noted – Louisa was thanked for all her work at the TIC.

It was suggested more help may be offered to local groups organising community events in the form of designing webpages and hosting information about the event on the Visit Liskeard website, guiding them to information on funding opportunities and finance, and offering support to design a poster/map/flyer/signage.

It was agreed to hold the Community Fair again next year, after the break due to covid, to help organisations network, promote themselves, offer support and find new volunteers. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

243 / 22 EVENTS

a) Liskeard Unlocked (9 – 11 September 2022) – To receive feedback on the events

It was noted that lots of organisations had been involved in the event and this was a good model for working together. The Moor to Sea project had reported recruiting 2 new volunteers during the event. Previous online resources had been revisited. Numbers may have been impacted by the period of national mourning.

All groups/individuals involved would receive certificates and thanks. The committee thanked Mandy, Brian Oldham and Councillor Brooks for all their work in making this a success.

b) Remembrance Day Parade (13 November 2022) – To note the arrangements, all Councillors to attend

The Mayor would circulate more details nearer the time.

Other events would include the Field of Remembrance on 6 November outside Webbs, and the Festival of Remembrance concert on Friday 28 October at 7pm in the Public Hall.

c) Christmas – to receive the notes from the community meeting on Friday 23 September (next meeting Friday 14 October at 11am)

Five schools had expressed an interest in doing some workshops and this was being further developed but some budget would be needed. It was suggested the Liskeard Silver Band or local choirs be asked to perform on the Parade or in Fore Street in the run up to Christmas. It was noted that the previous free entrance evening family event held in the Public Hall with music, food and a bar had been successful and there was an aspiration to repeat this - there was approx. £300 in an earmarked reserve which could be used. Councillors Lee-Julian and Craker would talk to local business about running festive offers which could be promoted for the Christmas period. Councillor Braithwaite would talk to shop keepers about opening during events such as switching on the lights.

Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve a budget of up to £2,000 for Christmas events, with spend delegated to the Chair, Vice-Chair and RFO as decisions would need to be made ahead of the next meeting.

d) Possible event for Ukrainian people staying in the area

It was reported there were approx. 30 Ukrainians staying in the PL14 area.

It was agreed the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and other Councillors available would host a coffee morning on a Sunday morning in the Wheal Phoenix Room to welcome Ukrainian people to the town and signpost any information and support they may need. The local churches would be invited to send a representative. Councillor Craker would contribute £100 towards any costs from his Community Chest fund. The Mayor would confirm a date.

244 / 22 LISKEARD LIGHTS UP – To confirm a payment of £3,000 from the general reserve to Liskeard Lights Up for the purchase of new lights, as approved by Council on 27 September 2022, after consideration of details of the items to be purchased

It was noted that the group would need to place an order and make payment for the lights ahead of delivery.

Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to make a payment of £3,000 to Lights Up on condition that they provide the Town Council with a copy of the receipted invoice once the purchase had been made.

245 / 22 ACTIVE TRAVEL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT - To receive an update on the public consultation

It was noted that the consultation had remained open for an extended period to allow people adequate time to respond. There had also been face to face opportunities to talk about the proposals such as at Liskeard show and the pop up shop in Fore Street.

The results demonstrated what people really wanted, such as an improved pedestrian area in Baytree Hill. It was important to maintain good communication to ensure people know that as a result of the consultation the parts of the scheme receiving majority vote will be recommended to proceed.

246 / 22 YOUTH COUNCIL – To consider a budget for Youth Council events

Young People Cornwall currently have a shortage of youth workers available due to budget constraints. Councillor Taylor would explore further options, such as engaging the youth worker at St Martin's Church, or the project working with Safer Liskeard. Youth workers linked to existing groups within the town would add value to the Youth Council. It was important to have suitably qualified youth workers to support the Youth Council, which was also a requirement of the insurance.

Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **DEFER** the item to the next agenda to explore more options.

247 / 22 COMMITTEE NAME – Following a request from Council to consider whether the name of this committee needs to be changed

Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Whitty seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to retain the current committee name.

248 / 22 CORRESPONDENCE

None

249 / 22 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Communications and Engagement Committee will be on Thursday 10 November 2022 at 7.30pm.