

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING of the **COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 10 March 2020 there were present:

Committee: Councillors Simon Cassidy (in the chair), David Ambler, Rachel Brooks, Anna Clarke and Sandra Mitchell

Also in attendance: Councillor Naomi Taylor

Deputy Town Clerk: Yvette Hayward

The Chair advised of housekeeping matters and that the meeting was being recorded.

518/19 Apologies

Councillors Ian Barlow, Susan Shand and Christina Whitty

519/19 Declarations of Interest Registerable or Non-Registerable

None

520/19 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7 January 2020

Councillor Clarke proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 January 2020 were adopted as correct.

521/19 Public Participation

None

522/19 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

Report on items from 7 January 2020 committee meeting not already on the agenda – For Information

Written report circulated.

523/19 MUSEUM REPORT

To receive the museum report

Noted with thanks

The committee wished to thank volunteer Jayne Buchanan, who was leaving the museum, for her hard work and commitment.

524/19 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC) REPORT

To receive the TIC report

Noted with thanks for the feedback from the tourism summit.

525/19 OBJECTIVES

To receive reports on the development of objectives, to enable actions and budgets to be agreed where applicable

- 1) Work with other organisations to develop a Culture and Heritage Strategy, trying out enhancements to existing events and new activities – to become *'To continue to support and enhance existing events and new activities'* for 2020/21 - to receive a verbal overview and update on the Dancing in the Landscapes (now Nature Underfoot) and Emily Hobhouse Craftivism projects (RB)

Nature Underfoot – the National Trust have agreed to the appointment of a local dance practitioner rather than one from their central team. They also need a 50 strong choir and will be appointing a local singing director. Singers will be recruited from local schools and the Echo Centre. The venue will probably be Westbourne Gardens.

Emily Hobhouse Craftivism - £1,000 has been secured from the Cornwall Council Leader's Fund. A grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund is being drafted for submission by the end of the month.

- 2) Work with youth organisations to set up a youth council and improve collaboration – To receive a report on the youth engagement event on 17 January 2020 (NT)

The event was well attended, with more young people from the older age group willing to take part than the youth club had expected. Public transport links and Lux Park leisure centre were identified as positives in the town, while they wanted an improved retail and leisure offering. The youth club wanted to build a stronger relationship with the police which would help with some of the fears and concerns identified, and this along with an arranged litter pick would demonstrate quickly to young people that their views are being acted upon. The next steps involve a consultation with the primary schools. Councillor Taylor was thanked for all her work on this event.

Councillor Clarke had a meeting arranged with Young People Cornwall and was preparing a questionnaire to be given to youth organisations attending the community fair.

- 3) Build on the improved accessibility at the Public Hall to work with others to promote inclusivity and accessibility in Liskeard – To receive a report on the Dementia Friends training on 28 February 2020 (covered in the Clerk's Report)

Noted

- 4) Promote walking and cycling in and around Liskeard, including reviewing and improving signage and establishing new trails – to receive the notes from the meeting on 27 February 2020 (DA) and see Clerk's report

Councillor Barlow was thanked for his work on the new cycle stands

- 5) 2017/2018 Objective carried forward – Development of a community emergency plan – (covered in the Clerk's Report)

Noted

526/19 BUDGET MONITORING**To receive a budget report to 31 January 2020**

Noted and accepted

527/19 EVENTS**a) Nadelik Lyskerrys – to receive the notes from the wash up on 29 January 2020**

It was requested that the use gift wrap with a non-plastic content was added to the feedback. The first meeting to begin planning the 2020 events would be at the end of the month. This would be our first year without a Golden Tree partnership.

b) Community Fair – 21 March 2020 - To receive the notes from the working group meeting on Tuesday 25 February 2020 and complete a rota

The existing model for the event had been very successful over the last two years, and therefore little would change. The rota would be circulated again to all Councillors.

c) Annual Town Meeting and Community Champion Awards – 21 April 2020 – to receive the notes from the planning meeting on 15 January 2020

Noted

d) Catholic Civic Service – 3 May 2020 – all to attend if possible

Noted

e) VE Day 75 – 8 May 2020**(i) To receive the notes from the planning meetings on 29 January & 26 February 2020**

Meetings had been well attended. A high was the army cadets offering to take on care of the Commonwealth War Graves for the current and future years.

(ii) To consider options for the provision of bunting for the event

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to spend £360 from a budget line for this committee to purchase materials for making bunting. Volunteers would make the bunting and put it up as a town council project.

f) Mayor Choosing – 20 May 2020 – to discuss arrangements

There would be a shorter Mayor's speech with reference made to displays on Council activities

g) Beating the Bounds – 31 May 2020 – for information

Noted

h) Civic Parade to St Martins Church and service – 14 June 2020 – to discuss arrangements

Serving refreshments in the church had been very successful last year with lots of members of the community remaining in the church to participate. It was therefore agreed that there would only be a parade to the church, but not back.

i) Liskeard Show - 11 July 2020 – to discuss arrangements

It was agreed an interactive experience was needed rather than displays. Councillors were asked to bring ideas to the next meeting.

j) Liskeard Unlocked 2020 – 11-13 September 2020 – to receive the notes from the planning meeting 13 February 2020

Noted

528/19 CORRESPONDENCE

None

529/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Communications and Engagement Committee will be on Tuesday 12 May 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber.