

## Liskeard Town Council

**AT A MEETING** of the **COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Mayor's Parlour at the Public Hall **on Thursday 13 March 2025 at 7.30 p.m.** there were present:

Committee: Councillors Nick Craker (in the Chair), Tracy Adams, Sylvia Berry, Rachel Brooks, and Simon Cassidy

Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward

Members of the Public: Lin Moore

**395 / 24 Apologies**

Councillors David Braithwaite, Annette Lee, Lori Reid, Naomi Taylor and Christina Whitty

**396 / 24 Declarations of Interests, Registerable and Non-Registerable**

None

**397 / 24 Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 9 January 2025**

Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Adams seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2025 were adopted as correct.

**398 / 24 Public Participation**

None

**399 / 24 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE - Report on items from 9 January 2025 committee meeting not already on the agenda – for information**

Nothing to report

**400 / 24 MUSEUM REPORT – To receive a report from the Museum Manager**

It was noted that there were lots of good things going on and the museum team were thanked.

**401 / 24 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC) – To receive a report from the TIC Manager**

A discussion took place about the branding of the facility as the Tourist / Town / Liskeard Information Centre. Any reasoning would be checked with the TIC Manager. The team were thanked for all their promotional work.

**402 / 24 BUDGET MONITORING 2024/25 - To receive and accept a budget report to 31 January 2025**

A discussion took place about bringing forward some of the phased improvements planned for Christmas lights infrastructure, including new power supplies, and the need for a better PA system for events such as the Lights Up parade.

Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to roll any underspends at year end on relevant budget lines into a new reserve for Christmas and future proofing the town for events.

**403 / 24          EVENTS**

**a) Community Fair (Saturday 5 April 2025) - to note arrangements and complete rota**

The Town Vision displays would be used, with more information provided about Roundbury as many people in the town were not familiar with the project. A press release would also be sent to local media. Everybody was asked to promote the event where they can.

**b) Beating the Bounds (Sunday 11 May 2025) – to note the date**

Insurance arrangements for councillors taking part would be clarified.

**c) Liskeard Unlocked (12 – 21 September 2025) – to receive the notes from the 3 February 2025 planning meeting**

A couple of new organisations would be involved this year, Epworth Studios and Boost House. A tour of the war graves was also suggested.

**d) Nadelik Lyskerrys (29 November 2025) – to note the date of the first planning meeting on 25 March 2025**

Work will be done on trying to improve timings this year, although the programme will make it clear they are approximate. A start time could be given for the first event with others just listed as following, however an approximate time for the fireworks will be needed to ensure pet owners etc can prepare.

**404 / 24          TOWN VISION STEERING GROUP - To receive an update on production of the draft report and proposed consultation**

Draft text for the report had just been received and some public consultation would begin as soon as the details had been checked with Cornwall Council. This would include a display at the Community Fair, with pictures or graphics for each project, and members of the public asked to score each project.

**405 / 24          BE A TOWN COUNCILLOR PROMOTION - To consider activities before 1 April to promote becoming a Town Councillor**

It was agreed to run an hour session starting at 6.30pm ahead of the next full Council meeting on Tuesday 25 March when anybody considering becoming a Councillor could come along to meet existing Councillors and find out more about the role and the work of the Town Council. The Town Vision displays would be used.

**406 / 24          TWINNING**

**a) To consider an event with Quimperlé to mark the anniversary of the twinning**

The 50th anniversary of the twinning would take place in September/October this year. Quimperlé would also be celebrating the 80th anniversary of the liberation earlier in the summer and had invited the mayor or a representative from Liskeard to attend. They have set up an independent twinning committee and Councillor Cassidy would speak to interested people to do the same here. A call would be setup with Quimperlé to progress any events further. Simon Pascoe had volunteered translation services for the call.

**b) To consider inviting a band from Kopychyntsi to visit Liskeard and perform a concert**

Kyiv Tango Orchestra from Ukraine would like to visit Liskeard and perform a charity concert in the Public Hall, possibly with people in the town providing them with accommodation. Councillor Cassidy would set up a meeting to establish more details, such as any costs involved.

**407 / 24      CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**408 / 24      DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Communications and Engagement Committee will be on Thursday 12 June 2025 at 7.30pm.

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