

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Mayor's Parlour at the Public Hall **on Thursday 9 January 2025 at 7.30 p.m.** there were present:

Committee: Councillors Nick Craker (in the Chair), David Braithwaite and Christina Whitty
Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward

298 / 24 Apologies

Rachel Brooks, Simon Cassidy, Annette Lee, Lori Reid and Naomi Taylor

299 / 24 Declarations of Interests, Registerable and Non-Registerable

None

300 / 24 Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 14 November 2024

Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor Craker seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2024 were adopted as correct.

301 / 24 Public Participation

None

302 / 24 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE - Report on items from 14 November 2024 committee meeting not already on the agenda – for information

Nothing to report

303 / 24 MUSEUM REPORT – To receive a report from the Museum Manager

It was noted that 2026 is the centenary of Emily Hobhouse's death and The Story of Emily in St Ives is looking at how best to commemorate it, including exploring the possibility of a permanent memorial in Liskeard as well as community engagement via community theatre and art and craft workshops. The overall aim is to make Emily and her story better known locally.

304 / 24 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC) – To receive a report from the TIC Manager

Noted

305 / 24 BUDGET MONITORING 2024/25 - To receive and accept a budget report to 31 October 2024

Noted

306 / 24 DRAFT BUDGET SETTING 2025/26 - To review the draft budget for 2025/26 before final recommendation to Council

Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Council a net budget of £102,555.

In addition, a press release would be drafted for approval by Council setting out the key drivers to the overall increase in the Council's budget and precept for 2025/26, to include information about reserves.

307 / 24 EVENTS

- a) **Nadelik Lyskerrys (30 November 2024) - (i). to note the date of the wash up meeting for feedback on 14 January; (ii). to note the date for 2025 (Saturday 29 November) agreed by the Christmas Planning Group, to allow contractors to be booked in advance**

The Christmas lights would be reviewed at a separate meeting to be scheduled in early February. Councillor Craker would ask all Councillors for feedback ahead of the meeting.

- b) **Annual Town Meeting & Community Champion Awards (Monday 10 March 2025) – (i). to note nominations for Community Champion Awards are now open; (ii). to agree a date for assessing nominations**

The review meeting would take place on Tuesday 11 February.

- c) **Community Fair (Saturday 5 April 2025) - to note arrangements**

All Councillors would be encouraged to support the event.

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

Noted

308 / 24 TOWN VISION STEERING GROUP - To note the date of the community stakeholder workshop on Monday 17 February at 5.30pm in the Public Hall

Councillors were encouraged to share the invitation as widely as possible.

309 / 24 YOUTH COUNCIL - To discuss plans for 2025

The item was deferred to the next meeting because Councillor Taylor was unable to attend.

310 / 24 TOWN NOTICE BOARDS – To review the details of town notice boards

Possible locations were discussed for new notice boards, and it was agreed priority sites to take forward would be Westbourne carpark exit to Pig Meadow Lane, and the cattle market. Enquiries would be made on ownership of suitable sites at Westbourne, and a cattle market location raised with Cornwall Council as part of the redevelopment of the site.

311 / 24 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Craker had received contact from the Elliott Exhibition Foundation on which the Town Council used to have representation on the governing body. The Foundation had been dormant for some time and a meeting was proposed to discuss its future.

312 / 24 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Communications and Engagement Committee will be on Thursday 13 March 2025 at 7.30pm.