

Extraordinary Meeting Notes November 2023

Items that were discussed at our public meeting

Location: Liskeard Public Hall (Wheal Phoenix Room), 3-5
West Street PL14 6AW

Date: Wednesday 8th November 2023

1 Welcome

Tracy Adams (Vice Chair) acting on behalf of the previous Chair David Ambler who had recently resigned, welcomed attendees to the Public Hall and introduced tonight's programme.

She explained that the meeting had been called in order to ask for nominations for a new Chairman. The Town Clerk explained the role and responsibilities of the Chairman whilst at all times remaining neutral.

The Vice Chair called for volunteers for the role of Chairman. There were no volunteers present.

Alan Hartridge then proposed a vote of thanks for David Ambler for all that he had accomplished during his period as Chairman. He had been instrumental in ensuring that the forum meetings were conducted in an orderly and impartial manner and worked diligently to secure funding for projects within the town

No apologies

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3 Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and PASSED.

At this point Councillor David Braithwaite joined the meeting.

4 Liskeard Library Update - Real Ideas Organisation (RIO)

(Due to family commitments it was agreed that this item was presented early)

Kate Reed (Real Ideas) gave an update on the reopening of the library building on 30 September and gave details of the services provided and additional spaces available to book for activities, events and meetings. The library will be working in partnership with the Liskeard Food Bank to distribute donations.

Real Ideas had worked in partnership with Cornwall Council to renovate the Passmore Edwards library and restore the original features. The building had been built in 1898, and had undergone a £1.5-million renovation. Opening hours had been extended and the library will be open on Saturdays. To date there have been 466 new members and 4477 books on loan.

On 9 December (Liskeard Lights up) a tour of the town will take place followed by a light projection on the library walls of photos of the history of Liskeard. A leaflet detailing events in December was circulated (see below)

Comments were made regarding the whereabouts of the large collage which hung in the library previously. Kate explained that the artwork had been ruined by damp and therefore considered unsafe to rehang. Suggestions were made for an alternative location for the collage.

As a result of a comment from Councillor Reid Kate agreed to remind the staff in the cafe that if required, cash could be taken for drinks.



5 Policing Update

The Police were not present at the meeting so Councillor Smith gave a power point presentation on behalf of Liskeard Chamber of Commerce researching why some market towns prosper.

He referred to the list of factors and gave examples of the ways in which Liskeard was already promoting the town:-

- Liskeard in Bloom was a very successful annual project and had received many gold awards due to the dedication of volunteers.

- The trades people of the town were the bedrock of the community and provided a good mix of shopping.
- The railway station and good roads provided accessibility.
- Three schools provide educational needs and future workforce development.
- A network of partnerships with CC, Liskeard Town Council and the forum together with neighbouring communities ensured a good cross section of resources.

Sustainable and thriving communities require time and finance in order to thrive but we owe it to our children to achieve this result.

It was agreed that creating a sense of civic pride and promoting Liskeard's many attractions by engaging with the media would encourage more visitors to the town.

6 Liskeard - Shared Prosperity Fund - Grant Update

At the last Forum meeting the possibility of making grant applications to the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund was discussed and as a result several applications were made by various groups and organisations. The Guildhall feasibility study has been approved

7 Updates on Current Projects

Liskeard Railway Station

The Town Clerk confirmed that the sign to promote the town centre is now in place with support from LTC, LTF, SECTA and Liskeard Chamber of Commerce.

There had also been confirmation that the new cycle racks were now being installed down at the railway station. This was another project that David Ambler (and Peter Murnaghan) were closely involved with.

8 Look at Possible Grants the Forum could apply for (see Appendix to the minutes)

9 Shared Prosperity Fund

Cornwall Council Shared Prosperity fund team is in Liskeard 9th November at 2,—pm - 4.00pm at the public Hall to give advice on new funds. All are welcome.

The library renovation had benefitted from a large pot of the fund and plans for the archway and Guildhall were ongoing.

9 Financial Update

The Town Clerk updated the financial statement and confirmed that the new laptop could still be used for meetings.

10 Planning Updates

Alan Hartridge commented on the following planning applications that he felt the Forum may find of interest.

- PA23/08795 Liskeard Stationery – conversion to dwelling
<https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S3CGWPFG1W400>

No details of a location for bins. No evidence that the property has been on the market as a shop but not part of the primary retail frontage referred to in the Neighbourhood Plan.

- PA23/01183 Cheery Buys Pre-app – new 3 storey building with retail unit on the ground floor and 4 residential units above.
- Window design not in keeping with the building . Need to confirm that any ground floor flat has adequate lighting.
- Questionable access to light and the shop offered no facilities for a toilet
- PA23/06474 Webbs Cottage – 5 bedroom extension to house of multiple occupation - <https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RZ0W87FGI1000>

Proposal to add 5 more one bed sit rooms to the existing 5 but not as affordable starter homes. Is this overcramming?

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- PA23/05521 Tremadart Mill – Change of use from B2 to sui generis car showroom APPROVED <https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RXC0JXFGK2J00>
- The Town council suggested it should be refused as does not comply with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Pa23/05816 27 Fore Street – Partial change of use of basement to dwelling (retail unit now retailed on ground floor) APPROVED <https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RXSOKVFGFP500>
- Approved
- PA22/03642 Tencreek – 202 dwellings and 12 self-builds AMENDED PLANS <https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RA8DZJFGLLH00>
Unsustainable peacemeal development - proposed 106 agreement does- not allow development to cease whilst employment and community facilities are provided.
- PA22/06825 Tencreek - Hybrid application Phase 1 includes Class B2/B8/E employment units, Class E/sui generis drive-through restaurant, coffee shop with drive-thru facility AMENDED PLANS - Liskeard Town Council was in support
- <https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RFKZ52FGJX600>
- Menheniot Parish Council had objected to this application but Liskeard TC was in support.

Alan Hartridge highlighted the needs of the foodbank leading up to Christmas and circulated a leaflet with suggestions for items that would be appreciated



As Councillor Braithwaite had joined the meeting after the call for volunteers for the position of new Chairman, the Vice Chair invited him to undertake the role.

After discussion Councillor David Braithwaite agreed to stand as Chairman.

Proposed by the current Vice Chair Tracy Adams

Seconded by Marc Boylan

RESOLVED that David Braithwaite be elected as Chairman by a unanimous show of hands.

Attendance

Acting Chair	Tracy Adams
Vice Chair	
Secretary	Steve Vinson

Minutes

Wendy Parry

Lin Moore

LTA

Clr David Braithwaite

Liskeard TC

Marc & Jo Boylan

Fat Frog

Clr Julian Smith

Liskeard Chamber of Commerce

Kate Reed

Real Ideas

Steve Clark

Real Ideas

Clr Lori Reid

Liskeard Town Council

Alan Hartridge

Resident

Appendix

Appendix – Grants that maybe of Interest to Forum Members?

a) £5 Million Fund Launched to Support Youth Organisations Facing Higher Costs (UK)

A new £5 million fund has been launched to support youth groups through the cost-of-living crisis. Organisations with an annual income of up to £500,000 who are facing unprecedented demand or whose work is being hindered due to rising core costs can apply for three-year, unrestricted grants of approximately 10% of their current turnover. The funding is being offered through the UK Youth Fund, established by UK Youth in partnership with the Pears Foundation, to ensure that as many youth services as possible are able to continue to support young people in their local community. Applications can be made at any time until all funding has been allocated. <https://www.ukyouth.org/costofliving/>

b) Funding for Projects that Benefit the Health & Wellbeing of Older People (UK)

Grants of up to £7,500 are available for organisations working on intergenerational activities and/or community regeneration that benefit the health and wellbeing of older people across the UK. The funding is made available through the McCarthy Stone Foundation's Small Grants Programme and is aimed to support older people facing isolation, loneliness, or poor health, young people who may be falling behind personally and academically, and communities in need of regeneration. The types of projects that have been previously supported include an intergenerational dementia allotment project and the regeneration of community spaces. Organisations should submit an expression of interest in the first instance by the 15th February 2023 to be considered for funding.

<https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/who-we-support/>



