

Meeting Notes JANUARY 2019

Items that were discussed at our public meeting

Location: Public Hall, Liskeard

Date: Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 7.30pm

1 Welcome

David Ambler in the Chair welcomed attendees to the refreshment room at the Public Hall.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declared conflicts of interest that might affect what we discuss and decide.

3 Last time

Minutes of the last two meetings were agreed and PASSED.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

TO NOTE

Following a comment made by a member about RIO, we received the following email regarding their current status.

The Forum would like to state that it made no comment or statement regarding RIO, and comments from members of the public do not represent the views of Liskeard Town Forum, unless the forum adopts a particular motion or view by a public vote.

A news article sent from RIO and published in the Cornish Times is also attached.

Dear David,

As mentioned certainly the comments of a young person we worked with are incorrect. I've attached the press release about the programme that supported them which will be published in the Cornish times this week.

I'm sure you can imagine that a programme that has run for 5 years and supported so many young people has felt incredibly important to many young people and their wish in particular for it to continue to support others as it did for them. The truth is that we have other programmes that support young people in similar ways. These programmes are 3-4 times bigger in actual fact. Some young people who were supported through the Talent Match programme are in fact now in their late 20's and some will even turn 30 this year. Unfortunately it is incredibly difficult for us to receive funding to support those young people who are over the age of 25 in the same way and may be where the crossed wires have emerged as BIG lottery decided not to continue to fund the Talent Match programme.

We do appreciate being made aware of the comments and thank you all for being able to see that the comments whilst may be feeling true for the individual are not factually correct. Obviously we are in contact and still available to support where we can for this individual and others in Liskeard and have been in contact.

Kind regards

Kate

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4 Literary Festival Proposal

Jack Ryder, second hand bookshop owner in Pike Street, Liskeard gave a detailed presentation of his aspirations for a literary festival to take place for one week leading up to the 2019 August Bank holiday. He hoped to include a book fair and had contacted several local authors including Robin Hanbury-Tenison who had agreed in principle to make an appearance. As part of the festivities a poetry competition involving the local schools, up to and over 11 year age groups, an insight in to bookbinding and an exhibition of highly decorated books were additional ideas for consideration.

Further ideas were a book signing opportunity for a local children's author, an art exhibition of living and dead artists, and a youth theatre with a timetable for events.

Catering businesses in the town could be involved in providing refreshments in exchange for a donation to the event.

Jack was enthusiastic about taking his ideas forward together with his group of volunteers and was hoping to be mostly self-funding and would apply for charitable status but would need some financial assistance to help with marketing and up front expenses, so was seeking feedback from the forum members as to the validity of the project.

In response Mr David Woolley advised that he had spent most of his working life running arts centres and festivals and wanted to give Jack the benefit of his experience and advise the volume of work required to deliver the project within such a short time scale.

Members suggested crowdfunding as an alternative way of raising money or linking with another event taking place during that week to share the cost. A list of monthly events was available from Liskeard Tourist Information Centre. Sue Jewell, SECTA, felt that a less touristy month may be better but they would be happy to offer support. A suggestion was made that a selected choice of venues eg Liskerret Centre, St Martins Church and the Library etc would offer structure to the event. The Chairman suggested that further discussion could be take place at the March meeting.

5 CRY4TOM campaign to provide free cardiac screening in SE Cornwall.

Dr Ann Demaine explained the purpose of the local campaign, which was dedicated to her son who had sadly died in 2015 as a result of a sudden cardiac arrest. She reported that there are 132 unexpected cardiac deaths in young people under the age of 35 in the UK each week. 80% of those deaths have no previous symptoms of cardiac problems. The family discovered that the CRY Cardiac Screening Team at St Georges Hospital, London would travel to any part of the country to carry out specific cardiac screening for young people aged 14 – 35 years. As a result the Thomas Demaine Memorial Fund was set up into which all donations can be deposited. An amount of funding is ring fenced and goes towards local screening in Tom's name. The team can carry out 100 ECG's per day and any abnormal tests would be referred to a local expert cardiologist. The 200 tests over 2 days would be on first come first served basis and could be booked on-line. Ann advised that she would be grateful for any contribution from LTC and every £50 would allow one more young person to be screened.

It was suggested that the Lord Lieutenant's Fund for Youth, <http://www.youngandtalentedcornwall.org/> may also be able to offer funding.

Link to website - <https://www.c-r-y.org.uk/>

6 Objectives and Projects for 2019

Westbourne Gardens

Following a meeting of the Town Council and CC Tree Officer, concerns had been identified with the existing tree root system at the proposed new entrance to Westbourne Gardens. As a result a number of trees had been TPO'd and a further report was pending.

A request was made that the three tree wardens who were associated with Liskeard in Bloom could be involved.

It was suggested that a childrens' play area with equipment was not necessarily needed and to keep the tranquil character of the park was a better option.

A motion to support the setting up of a 'Friends of Westbourne Park' group received a positive show of hands.

Safer Cycling

In their absence Alan and Julia Groves had submitted a cross section copy of the proposed cycle path being constructed in phase 4 of the Persimmon Addington Development. The width of the path was adequate for 2 cycles but they wanted to ensure that CC Planning Department was monitoring the outcome.

A member of CTC Cornwall referred to the Dobwalls to Liskeard cycle path and agreed that the proximity of the steps from Old Road up to New Road was problematic especially for any cycle group and there was an absence of signage for an alternative safer route.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the local ward member, Cllr Jane Pascoe, to highlight the issue with the steps on Old Road.

Also an invitation is sent to a member of the CTC and Walkers Are Welcome to attend the next meeting on 13th March and support a working group to investigate improved cycling signage.

Parade Water Fountain and New Water Fountains to support PFL.

A project had been suggested to investigate the regeneration of the Fountain on the Parade, namely, to allow water bottles to be refilled from the fountain to support PFL ambitions. There was broad support for a project to support the regeneration of the fountain on the parade.

Regeneration of the Pipe Well fountain was an ongoing project, which the Forum has supported. It had been suggested to install a pump, with the aim of using the water from Pipe Well to fill the bowser being used to water the plants around the town. There is currently power available, but a fuse box and pump installation would be required at an estimated cost of approx £1600. The fountain could then be used for filling the bowser.

Free refills of water within the town should be encouraged and businesses engaged in the project should be registered so that members of the public are aware. Additional drinking water fountains at suitable locations around the town would possibly encourage walkers and cyclists.

Sue Jewell (SECTA) and Lin Moore (Traders Assoc) would be happy to support and LTC would welcome the project.

Tristram Besterman, Sue Jewell and David Byfield volunteered to assist with the project.

The Forum Chairman will write to the Facilities Committee of LTC to ask for permission to investigate the regeneration of the Parade Fountain, and whether Pipe Well could be used to refill the bowser should a pump installation be feasible. Issues relating to Hygiene, water costs, installation, use and safety would need to be considered.

Additional locations for water fountains could be investigated such as near the railway station.

Birds and Bees

Chris Boughton gave a short explanation of the different habitats and behaviours of honeybees, bumble bees and solitary bees.

He considered that in the case of honeybees there was an abundance of hives on the outskirts of Liskeard and as these bees fly up to 1½ miles to forage it was not necessary to locate more hives in the Pengover allotment. Far better to encourage bumble bees and solitary bees to the allotment as they are excellent pollinators of beans etc and blue tit nesting boxes could be supplied for them as well as providing extra sites for the nesting birds.

It was agreed that a letter is sent to the local schools to encourage their involvement in a bird and bee project.

Fairer Parking Fees

Further consultation would be taking place following the proposal by CC to increase car park charges by 3.1% in line with the rate of inflation.

Spring Clean Up

A project is under way to organise a Spring Clean 2019 for Liskeard. A provisional date of April 13th has been set. The Chair will update the Forum on this project at the next meeting.

7 The Chairman presented the Income and Expenditure Report 2018/2019. A copy of the accounts is attached to these minutes.

Presented to the Forum on 16th January 2019.

LISKEARD TOWN FORUM Income & Expenditure Report 2018/2019

Deposit Account		Current Account	Cheque Number	
Balance 31/03/18	9,021.80	Balance 31/03/18		4,547.95
April Interest	0.38	Cornish Times	45	-54.00
May Interest	0.37	Echo Centre	46	-20.00
June Interest	0.41	J Hesketh	47	-15.94
		Echo Centre	48	-20.00
		Echo Centre	49	-20.00
		Cornish Times	50	-54.00
		WesternWeb Ltd	51	-80.40

		Ploughman's Festival Grant	52	-250.00
		Cornish Times Cancelled	53	-54.00
		Liskeard Town Council	54	0.00
		Echo Centre	55	-639.54
		Cornish Times	56	-20.00
		Echo Centre	57	-54.00
		Cornish Times	58	-20.00
		LTC Christmas Parking	59	-54.00
		Cornish Times - Lights Up	60	-150.00
		Liskeard Radio	61	-48.00
		Brown's Nurseries	62	-300.00
			63	-552.10
Balance 31/12/18	<u>9,022.96</u>	Balance 31/12/18		<u>2,141.97</u>

8 Correspondence

Promote Liskeard to Coach Companies

Sue Jewell (SECTA) reported that 20 coach companies had been contacted inviting them to visit Liskeard and listing the numerous attractions around the town. She had also met with Malcolm Bell (Head of Tourism) for advice on the next steps.

9 Updates on Previous Projects

Alan Hartridge reported that he had still not received responses from the owners of empty listed buildings in the town that had fallen into disrepair and their facades had become an eye sore.

It was agreed that he now send a formal letter to both LTC and CC Conservation Officers outlining the problem.

10 Planning Matters

None of significance.

11 Stay Connected

If you need to speak to any of the management committee, you can contact us here:

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12 Apologies

Alan & Julia Groves

Lynette Rule

Sally Hawken

13 People attending

Chair David Ambler

Vice Chair Alan Hartridge (temporary)

Treasurer Steve Vinson

Minutes Wendy Parry

John Hesketh – Liskeard in Bloom

Di Ware – SECTA

Sue Jewell – SECTA

Dr Ann Demaine – CRY4TOM

Bill Mutton – Resident

Chris Boughton – Liskeard Group Aviary Manager

Jack Ryder – AbeBooks, Liskeard

Mike Hasshill – resident
Lin Moore – Traders Assoc
Megan Evans - Liskeard Plastic Free
Kevin Grey – resident
David Woolley - Poet, festival director, publisher
Steve Davidson – Liskeard Velo
Brian Oldham – resident
Charles Williams – resident
John Meakin – resident
David Byfield – resident
Jim Lindop – resident
Tristram Besterman – PFL
Peter Munaghan – resident
Zac Leon – resident
Sandra Mitchell – Liskeard TC
Christina Whitty – Mayor
Nick Craker – Cornwall Councillor

LISKEARD TOWN FORUM

MISSION PLAN FOR

2019

Attendees

Chairman – David Ambler
Treasurer - Steve Vinson
Minute Taker – Wendy Parry
John Hesketh – Liskeard in Bloom
Alan Hartridge – Former Vice Chair

Grants

Following discussion it was agreed that applications for future grants were to follow a simpler more robust procedure in accordance with the published deadlines and guidance. The Finance Committee should agree any exceptions to the procedure.

Working more closely with the Town Council about the type of grants available and sharing details of previous successful projects that have benefitted from funding could also take the pressure off the Town Council and promote The Forum's programme of awarding small Community Grants.

SV to contact the planning officer involved with the Persimmon application for development of land at Addington to confirm that 106 agreement funds ring fenced for sports facilities had been received.

Social Policy and Safeguarding

DA raised concerns that in the case of press releases there was no one to review his documents before publication. It was agreed that JH, AH and WP receive drafts of all publications for review.

With regard to the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults it was agreed that a statement was published on the LTF website in line with that of the Town Council.

Projects for the New Year

Safer Cycling

As part of an ongoing Cornwall Council travel plan to improve local walking and cycling routes and highlighted in the Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan as in need of regeneration, it was agreed that the Forum could consider supporting the provision of improved cycling signage from the designated Regeneration Fund. DA also advised that there was an alternative route for cyclists that avoided use of the A38 bypass.

Planning Matters

AH reported on the lack of response from closed businesses along the high street to his polite letters highlighting the deterioration of the shop fronts especially those with listed status.

JH agreed to contact Cornwall Council to address the issue and establish a procedure to identify prospective closures in order to ensure that the building was left in good order.

Birds and Bees

It was considered that the Forum could take a positive lead in inviting representatives of the allotment holders to attend a forum meeting to share their ideas for installing bird boxes and bee hotels around the town. Liskeard in Bloom could share their experiences and successes and JH suggested that the local school children/scouts could be involved.

Fountain on the Parade

All agreed that it would be a good idea to resurrect the fountain on the parade but there were concerns about the plumbing and quality of the water so perhaps it could only be turned on for special events during the year.

Parks

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan the requirement for the renovation of parks to make them more attractive to all age groups was a key message. At the next meeting of the Town Council on 18th December 2018 the three key sites for

development were being considered. Following previous successes within the town eg. The Ploughman's Market, conducting a community survey for thoughts on the preferred site was a consideration.

Book Festival

Possible link with carnival day and supported by LTF.

Car Parks

It was accepted that the Liskeard Refund Parking Scheme was not working and the subject needed further discussion and some creative thinking.

Spring Clean

JH agreed to discuss the future plans for a spring clean in conjunction with Sue Pike to remove plastics from hedges etc with help from volunteers from PFL. SV would contact Cormac for any assistance with equipment.

Tree Planting

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan regeneration of green spaces, an invitation would be extended to Lynette Rule to attend a LTF meeting to discuss planting fruit trees for public use. AH recommended planting at the beginning or end of the season.

DA advised that the next LTF meeting would take place in the refreshments room at the Public Hall on 16 January 2019.