

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. Any exceptions to the procedure should be agreed by the Finance Committee.

Working more closely with the Town Council with regard to 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 funding the provision of improved cycling signage from the designated Regeneration Fund.

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 LTC 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 one special event 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.

