

# Meeting Notes JUNE 2019

Items that were discussed at our public meeting

Location: **Public Hall, (The Wheal Phoenix Room).**

Date: **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.30**

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## **1 Welcome**

Due to work commitments David Ambler was unable to attend the meeting and therefore Alan Hartridge (Acting Vice Chair) welcomed attendees to The Wheal Phoenix Room.

## **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 meeting were agreed and PASSED.

## **4 Items for Discussion**

- **Further Vandalism at Liskeard Scouts Hut**

Lisa Ince, Liskeard Scouts, gave an update on further vandalism to Liskeard Scouts Hut, which had resulted in broken windows and doors. The Police had been informed and the Scout Leaders had camped in the premises after the first incident and succeeded in preventing a further attack but due to the age of the perpetrators no action was taken.

A crowd-funding event had taken place and had raised £1016 towards the repairs and an application for funding for fire safety measures for the hut had been submitted to LTC but further funds were needed for CCTV and windows.

Alan Hartridge advised the procedure for the application of a grant for up to £300 and all agreed to give their support.

- **Iain Rowe – Kresen Kernow, Cornwall Archives, Caradon Archaeology.**

Iain advised that Kresen Kernow, Cornwall's new archive centre in the former Redruth Brewery building had secured £11.7m funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Cornwall Council and would be ready to open in September 2019. The centre will bring together the largest collection of manuscripts, books and documents related to Cornwall as well as the Cornwall Record Office, Cornish Studies Library and Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Historic Environment Record. Keep up to date with details of events and activities and opportunities to volunteer at:

[www.kresenkernow.org](http://www.kresenkernow.org)

- **Alan Hartridge –Vacant Frontages of Liskeard Shopping Centre.**

Alan updated details of his ongoing campaign to improve the deteriorating listed shop fronts along the main street. He advised that the frontage of the Fountain Hotel had been painted following the intervention of a member of the public and was now not such an eyesore and had planning permission for conversion to 3 residential apartments.

He highlighted the following guidance

**Government Guidance (the NPPF) says that designated heritage assets (which include Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas, are subject to specific policies that require Great weight to be given to their conservation in all decisions.**

**Extracts from the Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan August 2018 (approved by Cornwall Council) :**

**1. Preserve and enhance the unique and rich architectural heritage of the town centre and Conservation Area OBJECTIVE 3 by**

**b) Measures to repair and maintain Listed and other significant buildings**

**d) Developing a local heritage listing of locally significant buildings and features, along with appropriate planning policies for their management.**

**2. Development in the Town Centre Generally POLICY TC3**

**Development proposals within Liskeard town centre will be supported where it is demonstrated they:**

**Contribute to a lively and vibrant centre**

**Enhance the character and attractiveness of the town centre;**

**Would not have an unacceptable impact on residential amenity;**

**Would not harm the character of the historic environment, and respond to and where possible provide enhancement and remediation to existing character or design issues that are detrimental.**

**The Delivery Plan says responsibility is by Cornwall Council Planners; Historic Liskeard; with support of Liskeard Town Council**

**Make the town centre a more attractive place to visit, shop and do business OBJECTIVE 4 by**

**c) Improving street scene upkeep through active involvement of property and business owners and operators.**

**3. REGENERATION OBJECTIVES FOR THE PUBLIC REALM**

**Encourage the enhancement of the Public Realm for pedestrian comfort, improved convenience of access and connectivity by**

**e) Conserve and enhance The Parade as civic space**

**4. PROJECTS -responsibilities (extract from TABLE 2) :**

**To provide guidance and signpost funding to aid the proper repair and management of the Town's important buildings (G (TC))**

**Facilitated by Town Council but community/business community led**

Alan had contacted Cornwall Council but was informed that due to a lack of resources there were no heritage officers to advise. He considered that there were 2 options available to resolve the problem of the remaining 4 buildings. Either apply to Historic England in conjunction with LTC, CC Traders Assoc and SECTA for a grant to implement a maintenance and management scheme or continue to engage with local estate agents for contact with the owners of the listed properties. Further discussion to take place.

Nick Craker CC had managed to reach an agreement with the Post Office and Royal Mail to provide 2 hanging baskets for display and an agreement to paint the front of the building, which was looking shabby.

Lin Moore raised the subject of the notice boards on the wall leading down to The Pipewell, which had fallen into disrepair and did not seem to be owned by anyone. Further clarification was needed before taking steps for removal.

- **Threat From Asian Hornet To Liskeard Gardens**

Chris Boughton explained how the Asian Hornets had arrived in France from China in pots and had reached Jersey and the UK on board French fishing vessels where they indulged in their diet of fish. He presented photographs of the Asian Hornet and compared size and colour with the European Hornet and wasp for identification purposes. 7 nests had been located in UK of

which 2 were in Fowey. A Hornet Action Team comprising of 12 members had been set up to investigate any sightings but any contact with the team required photographic evidence to establish that it was an Asian Hornet.  
Further information can be found at:

[www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet](http://www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet)

## 5 Grants

In the absence of Garf Cole, President of Liskeard Lions, Lisa Ince presented an overview on the grant request for a transmitter to be located atop the church and radios to support Liskeard Shop keepers and Liskeard events.

An application had been submitted and would be considered by the finance committee at their next meeting.

Ploughman's Festival – Pauline Hubner advised the success of the funding received last year, which had provided a ukulele band and instruction for the event. The application this year was for stabilisation weights for the gazebos, which are used for the various stalls selling local produce and crafts. The gazebos are used several times throughout the year and also lent to other events if required.

The festival takes place on August 17<sup>th</sup> 2019.

It was agreed that the application be submitted to the Finance Committee.

## 6 Update on Projects

Nick Craker CC had consulted with CC on the requirements and costs of providing drinking water from the Liskeard Water Fountain following agreement from the Facilities Committee LTC. Steve Vinson agreed to investigate the insurance implications.

It was agreed that the matter be considered by the Finance Committee and then reported back to the Forum together with a further report.

## 7 Correspondence

None to date.

## 8 Updates on Previous Projects

None reported

## 9 Planning Matters

Steve Vinson advised that revised plans were expected within a week for phase 4 of the Persimmon's Addington Development.

Concerns were raised regarding an unsightly wooden fence that had been erected on the edge of the Wainhomes Development opposite Aldi. Nick Craker was aware of the fence and would monitor.

## From the Forum Members

Following a question relating to CCTV in the town Steve Vinson advised that the plan was to replace the existing 5 units with 8 updated cameras and a mobile unit. As a result of problems within the Cattle Market it was hoped to provide coverage within the vicinity.

## 10 Stay Connected

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

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Web [www.liskeardforum.org.uk](http://www.liskeardforum.org.uk)

## 11 Apologies

Barry H M Helme  
James Shrubsole

## 12 Attendees

Chair	Absent
Vice Chair	Alan Hartridge
Secretary	Steve Vinson
Minute Taker	Wendy Parry

Nick Craker CC  
Lin Moore- Traders Association  
Maureen Smith- LTA  
Christina Whitty - Mayor LTC  
Lorna Shrubsole- Resident  
Iain Rowe- Kresen Kernow  
Mike Hasshill – Resident  
Chris Boughton – Liskeard Beekeepers Assoc  
Lisa Ince – Liskeard Scouts  
Pauline Hubner – Ploughmans Festival  
Lynette Rule – Resident  
Anthony Langdon - Resident

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