

Liskeard Town Forum

Dalva An Dre Lyskerrys

Meeting Notes July 2025

Items that were discussed at our public meeting

Location: Council Chamber, Liskeard Public Hall, 3-5
West Street PL14 6BW

Date: Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 7.30 pm.

1 **Welcome**

David Braithwaite, in the Chair, welcomed attendees to the Public Hall.

He invited those present to give a brief introduction to themselves.

No apologies had been received

2 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr. Unwin, resident of Gypsy Lane, Liskeard, declared an interest in the planning application for a property neighbouring his as he was objecting to the application on various grounds.

3 **Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising**

Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Sue Jewell and seconded by Tracy Adams and passed.

4 Police Update – PC Hall

PC Hall gave a brief presentation to update members on the current crime levels in Liskeard.

There had been an increase in the incidences of shop lifting but this could be attributed to members of the public reporting occurrences more frequently.

She explained the role of PAC (Partners Against Crime), a crime reduction scheme for which local businesses pay a monthly fee to enable them to quickly report crime incidents to a centralized crime hub and the local constabulary.

Most crime incidents took place during the nighttime but violence with injury statistics were down by 50%.

A closure order, which allows the police to close premises that are causing public nuisance or disorder had been issued.

A vehicle had been identified in connection with the damage caused in the cattle market, and action had been taken.

A member mentioned the incident along Station Road where several car windows had been smashed. PC Hall appreciated the role of CCTV in acting as a deterrent in cases like this and the incident was still being investigated. Regarding cars being driven and back firing late at night, help with their number plates would be very helpful.

5 Liskeard Town Vision (attached) – the proposals for the delivery of the Vision document – including ideas from other towns – SV

Ideas for a group to take forward the Town Vision work - SV

Possible names

Liskeard Together (has been used previously but perhaps long enough ago not to be confusing?)
Liskeard Alliance
Renew Liskeard Partnership
Vision Liskeard Collective

Aims

To bring together key organisations and individuals in Liskeard to:

- 1 Develop projects to benefit and renew Liskeard, including those set out in the Neighbourhood Plan and Town Vision.
- 2 Facilitate working between the public, private and voluntary sectors.
- 3 Enable grant funding for projects, sharing information and expertise and looking at which bodies are best placed to secure funding.

NB - worth looking at the ToRs of similar bodies in other Cornish towns.

Way of working

A board made up of councillors and representatives of key organisations.

To be chaired by a non-councillor.

All meetings to be in public unless particular items are commercially confidential (based on the rules for 'part II' in local government).

Opportunity at each meeting for members of the public to speak.

Notes of meetings to be publicly available.

Initial facilitated session to set up the group and agree immediate priorities to take forward.

Frequency of meetings needs to balance maintaining momentum and not requiring too much of participating organisations. Options include initially meeting monthly but aiming to move to quarterly meetings or having a board which meets quarterly but working groups which progress projects in between.

Proposed membership

The aim is to include public, private and voluntary groups, including those with expertise in development and grants, the arts and those who provide public venues in Liskeard.

Liskeard's Cornwall Councillors

The Mayor and 4 other Town Councillors

Or, the Mayor and one other Town Councillor, other Town Councillors may attend and speak.

The Chair of the Chamber of Commerce
The Chair of the Traders Association
A representative of Real Ideas
A representative of the Liskerrett Community and Arts Centre
A representative of the Museum
A representative of Stuart House
A representative of St Martin's Church
A representative of Churches Together
A representative of the Town Forum
A representative of the Sports Association
A representative of Wildanet
A representative of Boost
A representative of Epworth Studios
A representative of the Workshed
A representative of ECCABI
A representative of Liskeard School and Community College

In attendance
The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk
The Cornwall Council Community Link Officer for SE Cornwall
Other Cornwall Council officers as appropriate

The Town Clerk informed members that this was just a starting point for the public, private and voluntary groups to take forward the Town Vision project. Saltash and Torpoint terms of reference had been viewed for ideas. It was suggested that Sue Jewell (Secta) should be included in the membership.

The Chairman urged members to use the Forum to make any suggestions for the way forward.

6 Cornwall Council - Demolition – the commencement of the demolition of the St John's ambulance, Coronation Centre and the former ATS – SV

The demolition of the St John's ambulance building and the Coronation Centre commenced on 28 July with the ATS building to follow once utility connections are removed. There are also plans to extend the surgery on site. The pathway to the Liskerrett Centre is due to reopen in February 2026.

7 Other Planning Applications and the Foodbank Update – AH

Alan confirmed that the need for support from the Food Bank had risen by 29% this year an increase from last year. Also, the running costs had increased significantly. He encouraged members to make all aware that donations could be made online. Also, any surplus vegetables from allotments or farms would be welcome.

Tracy Adams had visited the food bank warehouse and was impressed with how organised and prepared it was

Current urgent items needed are: -

Tinned fruit

Custard

Tinned meat

Pasta Sauce

Cereals

Tinned vegetables

Crisps

Planning Applications

AH raised the issue with Persimmon Homes submitting a request to Cornwall Council to cancel the Section 106 agreement previously agreed for the Trevethan Homes planning application to construct a foot path and cycle link to Trevethan Meadows as the land is now owned by Wain Homes. By way of a solution, he suggested that an appropriate sum of money be given to Cornwall Council to allow them to carry out the work.

The Aldi and Fountain Hotel applications had still not been determined.

Mr Unwin, resident of Gypsy Lane referred to a planning application neighbouring his property in Gypsy Lane. He had not received a pre application notification and the first he was aware of proceedings was a Notice of Application attached to a pole on 17 July 2025 with request for comment by 6 August. He was objecting to the application on grounds of over development of the site, adverse impact on the neighbour's property, overlooking and loss of light and the difficulty of access for construction vehicles during the build. There was also a TPO tree in the vicinity and a colony of bats present. He added that the garage roof which had been demolished possibly was made of asbestos and had been left exposed awaiting removal. It was suggested that a Construction Environmental Management Plan was vital and a risk and method statement needed.

The Chairman agreed to consult a local councillor on the matter and would pay the site a visit the following day to assess the concerns with a follow up letter to the planning department if necessary.

8 Bollards – Fore Street – TA

Tracy Adams advised members that 15 years ago bollards were installed to prevent traffic from accessing Fore Street during the hours of 10am to 4pm. This was not now being enforced allowing cars to drive too fast down the pedestrianized street and being used as a cut through. She was concerned that this was inevitably going to lead to injury for people visiting the local shops.

Highways had agreed to replace the bollards if the Town Council would cover any costs and organise the placing and removal of the bollards at the appropriate times.

A working party had been established to investigate solutions for the problem.

Lin Moore suggested that cheaper plastic bollards could be used once agreed by Highways and could be installed far more quickly.

9 Financial Update – SV

LISKEARD TOWN FORUM Income & Expenditure Report - 1 April 2025 to 30 July 2025							
Deposit Account		Current Account	Cheque Number				
Balance 31.03.25	2,100.17	Balance 31.03.25		178.62			
		Charges - 22.4.25 to 9.6.25	PAY	-14.25			
		W Parry - Minutes 30.4.25	151	-30.00			
Transfer to Current Account	-1,000.00	Transfer from Deposit Account	DEP	1,000.00			
		D Braithwaite - Liskeard Radio Advert	152	-325.00			
Interest - 9.4.25 to 9.6.25	4.45	Charges - 10.6.25 to 9.7.25	PAY	-4.25			
Income	1,104.62	Expenditure		805.12			

The Town Clerk accounted for the income and expenditure for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 July 2025.

Currently, the Town Council is the only one of the original partners to provide funding and staff to support the Forum. As had previously been suggested, an approach could be made to the Town Council to provide an amount to top up the Deposit Account and continue Forum operations. It is questionable, whether, the Town Council could provide additional funds for a delegated Forum grants budget.

The question regarding the Forum obtaining funds from the Town Council in order to continue allocating small grants to local groups could be discussed. Town Councillors were not paid for their work so assistance from the Forum to consider small requests for grants could be helpful

10 AOB – Anything of interest to report – Groups and Organisations?

Sue Jewell mentioned Experience Bodmin and the connection with Liskeard as both mining towns and promoting the towns for visitors. A trade show was being organised for November.

Mike Allsopp reflected on the Pride Event which took place on 28 June with a parade, street markets and live performances. He was uneasy about the feedback that he had received as not benefitting the Liskeard traders.

Although the event was hosted by the town council, it was still very much an outside event and did not involve many local people.

He was hesitant about agreeing to a similar request next year.

Tracy Adams highlighted the Traders Association Summer Markets which start on 31 July and take place every Thursday until 4 September. She is expecting 12 stalls and refreshments from 11am till 3pm. She thanked Louise Hawken for all her help and support.

Liskeard will be commemorating the 80th anniversary of VJ day on Friday August 15th. A street party will take place from 11.30 till 2pm with music, refreshments a quiz and best dressed competition.

11. Dates of Future Meetings:

29th October 2025 at 7.30 pm
28th January 2026 at 7.30 pm

The Chairman thanked all present for a productive meeting and for the positive suggestions.

Attendance

Chair	David Braithwaite
Vice Chair	Vacant
Secretary	Steve Vinson
Minutes	Wendy Parry

Mike Allsopp	Liskeard Radio
Lin Moore	LTA
Sue Jewell	SECTA
Alan Hartridge	Resident
Tracy Adams	LTA
Judy Clarke	Resident
Gail Unwin	Resident
Kevin Unwin	Resident
Christine Whitty	Mayor
Paul Hickling	Resident
Kathryn Hall	Liskeard Police
Tony Jones	Resident
K Kinsley	Stuart /House

