Liskeard Town Forum
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Meeting Notes August 2026

http://www.liskeardtownforum.co.uk/

Locatioň **Mayors Parlour, the Public Hall, West Street, Liskeard PL14 6BW**

Date: **Wednesday 5th August 2026 at 7.30pm**

There is no obligation, but we have a collection for the Liskeard Foodbank at our meetings, should you wish to donate

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Chairman, Christina Whitty welcomed members to the meeting.

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

2. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were **proposed** by David Braithwaite, **seconded** by Jane Pascoe and **passed.**

5. **Police Update**

The Police were unable to attend probably due to increased police presence required at Board masters in Newquay.

5 Presentation or Report

Cormac had supplied a power point presentation detailing a comprehensive report on updates on current projects and the range of Cormac services. Particular information was presented on the effects of storm Goretti and the response and recovery efforts around the clock from the teams involved in keeping services running. A figure of 43,810 potholes had been repaired in 25/26.

Members were encouraged to be diligent in the current heatwave by not throwing away cigarette butts, not using outdoor portable BBQs and ensuring gates are always kept closed.

6 CCTV Castle Park Camera

CCTV coverage in Liskeard is set to be extended to Castle Park after Liskeard Town Council secured a grant after letters of request from Liskeard Traders Association and the Forum to protect the mature trees, children's play equipment and a large open space for families.

The trees need to be trimmed at the moment the Sun Girt public toilets are not covered by CCTV so extra diligence should be taken.

A comment was made regarding the nuisance of aggressive brambles growing out of the wall along Caradon Heights and could Cormac be contacted to remove them. Also, a derelict seat had been seen in the vicinity, but ownership was unknown.

7 Liskeard Town Council – Grants Budget

As a result of an application to Liskeard Town Council a grant of £2,000 had been agreed and passed. The grant had been taken from the General Reserve. The Council had asked for the Forums ongoing funding to be included at the budget setting time. It had been deemed crucial to continue funding the Forum which had been in existence for 31 years and was an informal meeting for all to attend.

8 Liskeard Renewal Partnership – Next Steps

Sue Jewell (Vice Chair of the partnership) advised that the recent meetings had been very positive and there had been plenty of input and engagement with the business group.

Kate Reed from Real Ideas (RIO) had been appointed as Chairman with Sue Jewell as Vice Chair.

9 Twinning Update – Liskeard and District Twinning Association

A cheese and wine evening had recently taken place to engage with volunteer hosts for future visits. Applications for grants for travel to Quimperle had been submitted in line with requirements that applicants must be either an association or group.

10 Foodbank Update

Alan Hartridge submitted the following update: -

The number of emergency food parcels distributed by the foodbanks in the Trussell Trust national network is over 3m a year (with over 1m for children).

The Trust call on national politicians to tackle the problem. We are in a deprived area of the country and a low-wage area, and the foodbanks try to support many in our community from falling into poverty or recovering from a crisis.

Our premises have been visited by our local MP and some of our local councillors. They realise that the idea that foodbanks such as ours are just fuelling benefit cheats is totally false and unfounded. We help people for a temporary period during their crisis. Many of our local school children benefit from the help that is given and many low-wage earners, businesses and vulnerable people appreciate being helped of a crisis situation.

An increase from 3000 to 4500 people had been helped during 25/26. The foodbank was working with the library to ensure that children were still being helped.

Items most needed include: -

Biscuits, jam and spreads, pasta, coffee, crisps and tinned fruit.

11. Planning Update

Report submitted by Alan Hartridge

Item 11. Planning concerns

Two potentially controversial development proposals

1.Agricultural hillside land South East of Trevillis Park (off Station Road to the south of the Liskeard) --extending Joan Moffat Close for residential development of 41 homes, including 25% affordable housing (PA26/00788/PREAPP).

This proposal may be controversial as the has been subject to 3 dismissed development proposals in the past and concerns included traffic accessing the site via Trevillis Park and Joan Moffat Close. The applicants believe that the planning context under which the previous decisions were taken has fundamentally changed with the need for more housing and that a transport solution can now be found which would remove concerns raised previously. The transport consultants' technical supporting statement refers to about 37 dwellings (not 41) and states that no road safety issues have been identified and "In conclusion, active travel, public transport and vehicular access connections of the Site have been established as feasible and deliverable and significant off-site road safety and capacity traffic impacts are highly unlikely, meeting with the relevant transport and sustainable development requirements of the NPPF (national planning policy framework)"At the present time no consultation on the proposal has taken place with the County Highways team.

(Background footnote: Application PA16/00910, for 14 dwellings including 4 affordable dwellings **was refused and was subject to an appeal which was dismissed**. There were concerns with traffic accessing the site via Trevillis Park and Joan Moffat Close. In addition (PA17/11527) application for 9 bungalows for persons over the age of 55 **also subject to an appeal which was dismissed**. Finally, an application was made for 4 affordable homes on a small area of the land **was refused** with the reason for refusal given as "The proposed development is contrary to the housing policies set out in the Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan and Cornwall Local Plan and would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the area. In the absence of any special circumstances to justify development in this location and the constrained means of vehicular access to serve the development, the proposal is not sustainable nor secures a satisfactory quality of development.")

2. Land At Aries Hill / Charter Way Liskeard Construction of Specialised Supported Housing (SSH) accommodation comprising a block of ten self-contained one-bedroom SSH apartments and six self-contained one-bedroom SSH bungalows (Use Class C3(b)) to be built on land east of the Oak Tree Surgery Health Centre and car park and west of Gemini Drive residences. It includes a new spine access road, parking and open space/landscaping (PA26/03586).

This proposal is to provide specialised supported living accommodation for residents with a range of disabilities. The proposal may be controversial as the Forum members may recall that many local residents expressed concerns about the capacity of the junction of Aries Hill/Charter Way to safely accommodate additional traffic generation in respect of the Aldi overspill car park scheme.

At the present time there is a letter of concern about this from a local resident but the County Highways team have no objection.

Land Between Greenbank Road and Barras Place, Liskeard.

This planning application has been discussed at previous Town Forum meetings. It is for the construction of 13 new residential properties to the rear of the Fountain Hotel (PA25/01739.

The Fountain Hotel is a heritage asset in the conservation Area and fronts the historic heart of the town on the Parade. It has been boarded up for months and the application is still not decided after 16 months. (submitted 4 March 2025)

Concerns were raised in relation to the lack of a footpath and cycle track along Caradon Heights. A grant for provision of a footpath had been promised but later withdrawn. The addition of a footpath which would narrow the road however was considered detrimental for buses and lorries using the road.

Councillor Pascoe volunteered to contact the planning department regarding the provision of more open space and affordable housing within Liskeard.

It was also **proposed b**y Alan Hartridge and **seconded** by Tracy Adams

that Councillor Pascoe put forward a proposal to CC that the problems with Caradon Heights be addressed.

12 **Financial Update**

The Town Clerk referred to the Income and Expenditure Report and explained that there had been lengthy problems with the Bank online payment system as the Forum tried to discontinue the use of cheques as payment and as Plymouth is now the “local” Lloyds Bank branch. The balance of the deposit account had been transferred to the current account to enable payments to go ahead. The getting on line problem was due to be resolved shortly.

LISKEARD TOWN FORUM

Income & Expenditure Report - 1 April 2026 to 31 July 2026

Deposit Account		Current Account	Cheque Number	
Balance 31.03.26	**1,109.72**	**Balance 31.03.26**		**107.56**
		Charges - 10.2.26 to 9.3.26	PAY	-5.75
Interest - 9.4.26 to 11.5.26	0.96	Charges - 10.3.26 to 9.4.26	PAY	-4.25
		Charges - 10.4.26 to 9.5.26	PAY	-4.25
Transfer to Current Account	-1,110.68	Transfer from Deposit Account	DEP	1,110.68
		LTC - Room Hire (6.5.26)	165	-28.00
		Fifty One Productions - Website Updates	166	-100.00
		Fifty One Productions (Cancelled)	166	100.00
		W Parry - Minutes 6.5.26	167	-30.00
		W Parry - Minutes 6.5.26 (Cancelled)	167	30.00
		Liskeard Radio - Advert 2026-2027	168	-325.00
		Fifty One Productions - Website Updates	169	-100.00
		Service Charges - July 26	PAY	-8.50
Income	**0.00**	**Expenditure**		**742.49**

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Income & Expenditure Report - 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

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	-19.00
		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 *
		D Braithwaite - (Unpresented Cheque)	152	325.00 *
Interest - 9.4.25 to 9.6.25	4.45	Charges - 10.6.25 to 9.7.25	PAY	-4.25
		Charges - 10.7.25 to 9.8.25	PAY	-4.75
		Tindle Newspapers	153	-65.52
		W Parry - Minutes 30.7.25	154	-30.00
		Charges - 10.8.25 to 9.9.25	PAY	-4.75
		Tindle Newspapers	155	-16.38
		Charges - 10.9.25 to 9.10.25	PAY	-4.25
		Tindle Newspapers	156	-49.14
		LTC - Room Hire [30.4.25/30.7.25/29.10.25]	157	-82.50
		Fifty One Productions - Website Updates	158	-120.00 *
		Fifty One Productions - [Unpresented Cheque]	158	120.00 *
		W Parry - Minutes 29.10.25	159	-30.00
		Fifty One Productions - Website Updates	160	-120.00 *
		D Braithwaite - Liskeard Radio Advert	161	-325.00 *
		Tindle Newspapers	162	-65.52
		Charges - 10.10.25 to 9.11.25	PAY	-5.75
		Charges - 10.11.25 to 9.12.25	PAY	-5.25
		Charges - 10.12.25 to 9.1.26	PAY	-4.25
		W Parry - Minutes 28.1.26	163	-30.00
		Fifty One Productions - Website 2026-2027	164	-170.00
		Charges - 10.1.26 to 9.2.26	PAY	-4.75
Income	1,104.62	Expenditure		107.56

<u>AOB – Anything of interest to report</u> – Groups and Organisations

Members discussed ways of promoting the attractions in Liskeard to increase footfall.

Mike Allsopp had recently seen a large poster board inviting visitors to scan the QR code to reveal a list of things to do within the town. Members discussed various places to site such a board in Liskeard.

It was explained that the granite boulders located at the Railway Station, Westbourne Car Park (Pig Meadow Lane area), both sides of the Parade, Morrisons and the Premier Inn have inset town maps giving trails and QR codes).

Concerns were raised regarding the deteriorating state of the Fountain Hotel whilst still waiting for redevelopment permission.

12 Dates of Future Meetings:

4th November 2026 at 7,30

3rd February 2027 at 7.30

Chair: Christina Whitty

Vice Chair: Lin Moore

Secretary: Steve Vinson

Note Taker: Wendy Parry

Attendance

Cllr Jane Pascoe		CC
Sue Jewell		SECTA
Tracy Adams	L	LTA
Mike Allsopp		Liskeard & Looe Radio
Sylvia Berry		Resident
Joanne Spencer		Resident
Alastair Spencer		Resident
Anne Creese		Resident
Steve Creese		Resident
Alan Hartridge		Resident
David Braithwaite		Resident
Josh Taylor		Resident
Tracy Adams		L.T.A.
Malcolm Mort		Resident