

**Liskeard Town Forum**  
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**Meeting Notes October 2025**

**Items that were discussed at our public meeting**

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

**Date: Wednesday 29<sup>h</sup> October 2025 at 7.30 pm.**

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**

David Braithwaite, in the Chair, welcomed attendees to the Public Hall  
He invited those present to introduce themselves.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cassidy as he was delivering aid to Ukraine.

**2. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

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

Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Sue Jewell and seconded by Mike Allsopp and passed subject to the following comments.

- A list of the representatives of the Liskeard Town Vision would be helpful
- The application to change the 106 agreement involving Persimmon and Wain Homes had been declined
- CC had refused the Gypsy Lane application
- The request for funding from Liskeard Town Council would be a budget growth item for consideration.

#### 4. **Police Update.**

Police resources were committed to other activities this evening, but a report would be available at the next meeting.

The Chairman gave a brief statement and had requested a graph of the impact of anti-social behaviour over the past year. He advised that there had been no major increases in crimes. He urged members to report any incidents with full details and if possible, web cam footage to assist the police.

Megan Evans reported that 30 incidents resulting in a code 59 being issued as a result of verifiable information being received from members of the public.

Incidences of vehicle parking on pavements was becoming an issue, and members were advised to take details of the car and number plate and report to the police.

**The Chairman agreed to write to the Police informing them of the road traffic offences raised at the meeting.**

#### 5. **Twinning – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Quimperle in France with Liskeard**

In the absence of Cllr Cassidy, the Town Clerk updated members of history of the collaborations with the town of Quimperle in France.

The twinning agreement celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024 although it had become less active over time. Quimperle was a beautiful historic town and a recent visit by the Civic Party to celebrate

the 50 years had been an enjoyable, friendly experience. It was possible to travel to Quimperle by train from Cornwall although the journey was lengthy. The Town Council was keen to re-establish the agreement but allow the twinning association to lead.

Mike Allsopp, Liskeard/ Looe Radio, suggested that the initiative could be discussed on the radio similar to the news bulletins about the twinning process with Looe.

## 6. **Liskeard Town Vision – Delivery**

Francesco Rigolli, CC attended the meeting and explained that he had been working with Cornwall Council, Bodmin Town Team and Bodmin Chamber of Commerce to create a town wide vision for Bodmin. Events included workshops, walkabouts and hands-on planning groups and Liskeard could work with Bodmin to identify funding and share experiences.

A draft report had been sent out in March 2025, and letters are due follow shortly. On 2<sup>nd</sup> December a meeting for the community to give their views on the way forward will take place in the Liskeard Library between 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

It was suggested that a member of the Town Vision Group attend the LTF meetings in order to provide insight into developments.

## 7. **Disabled Access – A38 New Road, North Side –**

The Dobwalls bypass had been completed in 2008 in order to provide safe access for pedestrians and cyclists between Dobwall and Liskeard. Photos of the point of access near the graffiti bridge clearly showed that several steps prevented easy access for pushchairs and bicycles especially the heavier e bikes. The Liskeard Active Travel Project had proposed the reprofiling of the steps but to date no action had been taken. Cllr Pascoe advised that she had contacted National Highways on 15<sup>th</sup> October for an update but had not received a reply. The national speed limit of 60mph in the vicinity was also considered too fast.

**A request was made to the Chairman to also contact National Highways to obtain an update on the situation and a time frame for completion.**

## **8. Other Planning Applications and the Foodbank Update – AH**

**Two Planning applications of interest to the Forum and still Awaiting Decision:**

### **1) ALDI Stores**

**PA24/09331** *Proposed extension to existing store, together with associated development including new plant compound and the provision of an additional car park area and associated pedestrian crossing.*

**The Forum has heard public concerns about this application (currently 166 comments)**

**and has expressed concerns particularly about pedestrian and highway safety.**

### **Update:**

According to the website the application remains undetermined but there has been a recent site plan amendment (**16<sup>th</sup> September**) **“Pedestrian link between proposed car park and Clemo Road updated. Parking spaces reduced by one.”**

The application together with the Forum views can be seen on the Council’s website.

**Alan Hartridge was of the opinion that the application would be approved with the site plan amendment.**

### **2). The Fountain Hotel premises**

**Over the past 5 years the Town Forum have expressed concerns about the dilapidated appearance of several prominent building premises in the Historic centre of the town including the Fountain Hotel -a Grade 11 Listed Building at the heart of the Conservation Area. According to the Cornwall Council’s Historic Environment Department one of the largest development proposals (apart from the cattle market development) in recent times, within the historic core of the town is that relating to the Fountain Inn hotel and the Forum are aware that they are of the opinion that from a design/layout perspective the proposals in the planning applications for 13 dwellings at the rear are not appropriate.**

**(Applications: PA25/01739 And PA25/01740 | Planning and Listed Building Consent for the redevelopment of land between Greenbank Road and Barras Place, to include construction of 13 new residential properties, including demolition of buildings to rear of Fountain Inn Hotel, demolition of boundary wall, provision of external garden amenity areas, provision of vehicular parking, soft and hard landscaping, blocking up of existing vehicular access and creation of new vehicular access.)**

**Kevin Grey, Reform UK, Liskeard Central agreed to check the progress of the application.**

**Because of the importance of this proposal to the character of the conservation area and the continuing lack of maintenance of this prominent Listed building should the Town Forum ask the County Council for an update?**

**Liskeard /Looe /Torpoint and Rame foodbank. - Update.**

We live in a deprived area, and the Town Forum has received regular updates about needs We are aware that 1 in 4 children are at risk of needing a *food bank*.

**This time** our top priority has to be need for donations that include funds. The foodbank is in need of help as our funding has just come to an end from Trussell and we really want and need to continue helping all in need in our community. **So far in 2025 we have seen a 29% increase in people coming to us in need of our help.**

### **Background**

The foodbank started in 2010 run from a garage, aimed at helping those in the community who were struggling to feed themselves and their families. It soon became clear that the need was bigger than the garage space could manage so larger premises were sought, and we operated from BARRAS PLACE: THE FIRST FOODBANK BUILDING IN LISKEARD

The landlord wanted his premises back so in 2022 we had to move. Demand for our help had grown again as you can see in the table:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of adults and children helped</b>
2024	4390
2023	4073
2022	4124
2021	2789

2020	2869
2019	2546
2018	2246
2017	1785
2016	1575
2015	1469`
2014	1986
2013	1379
2012	1026

Thanks to a grant from The Trussell Trust we were able to take on a warehouse at Trevecca (northern edge of the town) and client collection centre (in Liskeard it is on Deane Street with access from corner of Westbourne car park). We have trained signposting volunteers, and we currently have a fast-track system with Citizen's Advice meaning our clients get help quickly.

Often by the time someone comes to us they are in a desperate situation. This could be on the verge of eviction, homeless, jobless or with bailiffs at the door. Sadly, many have faced no fault evictions and families are placed in B&B style accommodation with just a kettle for cooking. Sadly, some families have to live like this for months due to the lack of social housing in Cornwall, it can take a long time to find the family a new home. Single people come further down the housing priority list and we have been supporting several living in their cars.

**Can the Forum help us by agreeing to lend their support to our efforts to raise funds? I have recently written to our County councillors and already had a positive response.**

**Could individuals afford to make a donation? Or become a friend of our foodbank, donating a little each month to help those facing real financial hardship onto a path to a better future? (brochures will be available at the meeting together with the normal food collection point)**

**The Forum agreed to lend their name in support of the letters to Cornwall councillors seeking help.**

We are currently going through a hard time financially, having to make difficult decisions and seeking alternative (cheaper but accessible) premises. Please let me know if you hear of any bright ideas.

## **9. Bollards – Fore Street – TA**

Tracy Adams had investigated options for the siting of bollards in Fore Street to prevent traffic access. It was established that 2 bollards could be permanently placed either side of the entrance with a third in the centre with automatic retractable functions. The cost of the bollards including installation and maintenance would be £60000 for the 2 standard type and £40000 for the automated version.

An application for a grant would be made once a decision had been made.

## 10. Financial Update – SV

<b>LISKEARD TOWN FORUM</b>			
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure Report - 1 April 2025 to 31 October 2025</b>			
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
		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	CREDIT 16.38 *
		Tindle Newspapers	156 -65.52
		LTC - Room Hire (30.4.25/30.7.25/29.10.25)	157 -82.50
		Fifty One Productions - Website Charges	158 -120.00
Income	<u>1,104.62</u>	Expenditure	<u>427.83</u>

The Town Clerk accounted for the income and expenditure for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 October 2025.

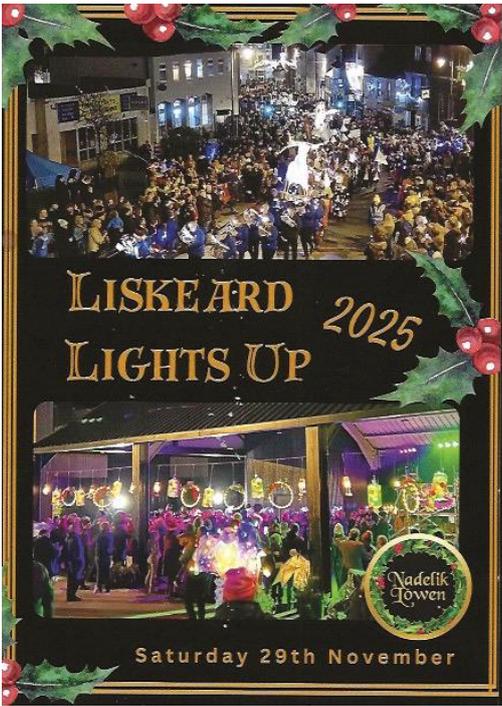
Mike Allsopp offered to advertise the venue and dates for the Town Forum meetings for free rather than incurring the cost of an article in Tindle Newspapers.

## 11. AOB – Anything of interest to report – Groups and Organisations?

- Sue Jewell, chair of the South East Cornwall Tourism Association expressed deep concern over the loss of Visit Cornwall who is going into voluntary liquidation. She had discussed the situation with Cllr Preece, portfolio holder for tourism, localism and planning, who confirmed that she would be bringing together partners and stakeholders to support the sector. Sue was concerned that as SECTA did not feature in the support group, South East Cornwall was not represented, and input was mainly from the South West.

**Cllr Pascoe agreed to contact Cllr Preece in order to put forward a case for the inclusion of representatives of the South East Cornwall tourism sector.**

- Cllr Pascoe advised that the first Decisions Day had taken place involving Cornwall Council Cabinet. One of the items discussed was how Cornwall could benefit from the defence-led investment in Devonport. She reported that 23% of Plymouth dock workers were from South East Cornwall creating a connectivity with Plymouth. Perhaps it should form part of the Town Vision Plan.
- Flyers were distributed giving details of the Liskeard Light Up event taking place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November.
- Liskeard is hosting a variety of Christmas events in 2025, with the main festivities, **Liskeard Lights Up** and the **Cornish Christmas**, centred around **Saturday, November 29th**.



**12. Dates of Future Meetings:**

28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30 pm

Chair: David Braithwaite

Vice Chair: Vacancy

Secretary: Steve Vinson

Note Taker: Wendy Parry

Attendance

Cllr Jane Pascoe	CC
Sue Jewell	SECTA
Megan Evans	Resident
Alan Hartridge	Resident

Kevin Grey	CC
Lin Moore	LTA
Tracy Adams	LTA
Mike Allsopp	Liskeard & Looe Radio
Christina Whitty	Mayor
Francesco Rigolli	CC
Malcolm Mort	Resident
Gail Unwin	Resident
Kevin Unwin	Resident