

Liskeard Renewal Partnership (LRP) – Meeting 8 Report

Wednesday 19 August 2026 at the Liskerrett Centre

Attendees: CHAIR Kate Reed (Real Ideas), Cheryl Bailey (Liskerrett Centre), Tracy Adams & Lin Moore (Liskeard Traders Association), Sue Jewell (SECTA), Rachel Brooks (Liskeard Town Councillor), and Yvette Hayward (Liskeard Town Council)

Apologies: Dan Sturrock (The Workshed), Chris Gilbert (Oak Tree Surgery), Catherine Thomson (Community Link Officer), David Braithwaite (Liskeard Town Councillor), Vicky Reece-Romain (Liskeard Culture Collective), Julie-Anne Sunderland (Wildanet), Jane Pascoe (Cornwall Councillor) and Steve Vinson (Liskeard Town Clerk)

1. Reports back from working groups

Events and Evening Economy working group

The Summer Events programme is going well, and this will be reviewed at their next meeting. Members of the Culture Collective would like to contribute to the economic plan.

Gorsedh Kernow will be held in Liskeard in 2027. The ceremony is part of the Esedhvos Kernow, which is a growing festival of events in the days around the Gorsedh which celebrate Cornish culture. The programme is planned in conjunction with a local committee, which will be led by Carmen Hunt who is a local resident, and is intended to showcase both Cornwall generally and in particular the area which the Gorsedh is visiting in any one year. There is a proclamation in April, and in addition to the ceremony in September there is usually an awards evening and exhibition, Gorsedh evensong, a heritage walk around the town, a Cornish language event, a main concert and other showcase events to be decided jointly and with the help of other cultural organisations.

Val at CTC had expressed an interest in being involved, and **Rachel** would contact her and invite her to the next Culture Collective meeting.

Youth Group

Kevin Grey and Ed Hart have started developing the music hub idea, but they will need more support as this progresses.

Business Growth working group

The group had been joined by some valuable new members who brought specialist skills, particularly in data analysis. It had been agreed that before instructing the consultant to work on the economic plan the group would

contribute as much data and draft content as possible to make the best use of the limited budget available.

Alongside the economic plan, the group were working on producing marketing materials, including branding and a strapline.

There was also an aspiration to attend the Cornwall Business Show at the Royal Cornwall Showground on 8 October 2026 [Our 2026 Exhibitors - Cornwall Business Show](#), which was also a suggestion of the consultant Les Allen. While the timescale is tight to have a good offer, this would give an opportunity to conduct some early market research and testing and plug into a business network. It was requested that £300 of the funds set aside by the Town Council could be used to book the stand. **Yvette** would check with Councillors Braithwaite and Craker, who were unable to attend this meeting, that they were happy to proceed. Some business sponsorship would be sought to fund the promotional materials such as banners, printing, etc.

The Council had an outstanding action to update some of its promotional photographs, and **Yvette** would move this forward so they could also be available to for this group, although it would not be complete before the show.

2. Individual updates on links, conversations and opportunities

Kate advised that there was an upcoming offer of funded training for businesses in digital skills (12 individuals), founder start-up mentoring of 6 hours each, and upskilling in the use of AI for businesses and their workforce.

There was also a new project to develop an AI tool to export and collate intelligence on need, and it would be great if Liskeard could be involved in testing this.

3. Key objectives for the autumn

The subgroups should all prepare their key objectives for the rest of the year, to report at the September meeting.

4. Communications

A strategy is needed for how we keep the LRP open and transparent. At the September meeting we would consider further how this will be done, who will do it, and what we do, to be in place by December.

Yvette will set up a dedicated page on the Town Council website, so the meeting notes are easier to find.

It may also be possible to use the existing Your Liskeard website and Facebook page, as this was originally set up to further business in the town. A quarterly email newsletter may also be a good means of communicating. We may be able to piggyback on existing networks, for example including an invite in the Liskerrett newsletter for people to join this mailing list. An

individual conversation with Mike Alsop from Liskeard & Looe Radio, who also writes a column in the Cornish Times may also be useful as this develops.

5. Next dates for working groups and LRP

Wednesday 9 September 2026, 5pm venue tbc – Business Growth working group

Wednesday 16 September 2026, 7pm at the Liskerrett Community Centre, Doniert Room – LRP (apologies from Kate – Sue to chair)