Liskeard Renewal Partnership (LRP) – Meeting 9 Report

Wednesday 16 September 2026 at the Liskerrett Centre

Attendees: CHAIR Sue Jewell (SECTA), Dan Sturrock (The Workshed), Cheryl Bailey (Liskerrett Centre), Vicky Reece-Romain (Liskeard Culture Collective), Sam Jackman (Boost), Tracy Adams & Lin Moore (Liskeard Traders Association), Rachel Brooks (Liskeard Town Councillor), and Yvette Hayward (Liskeard Town Council)

Apologies: Kate Reed (Real Ideas), Catherine Thomson (Community Link Officer), David Braithwaite (Liskeard Town Councillor), Kevin Grey & Jane Pascoe (Cornwall Councillors), Jem Verran (YPC), and Steve Vinson (Liskeard Town Clerk)

Chris Gilbert had stepped down from the Partnership board due to time commitments, but Oak Tree Surgery would continue to support initiatives in any way they can.

1. Reports back from working groups

Youth Group

Jem Verran had advised YPC had recently appointed a new lead for Liskeard who will be in post shortly. Jem is contacting Ed Hart direct to support the music project.

Events and Evening Economy working group

The Summer Events programme went well. They will start planning earlier next year. The focus day didn't work this year and will need more organisations to make it worthwhile. The trail could run every day next year.

Objectives for the rest of the year were to develop the branding, which could be tweaked for different audiences, and contribute to the economic plan.

Business Growth working group

The group has now split into three strands to be delivered by small task forces.

- Economic plan – longer term project
- Communications, marketing, information and events – as part of this Sue, Dan and Yvette will be attending the Cornwall Business Show 8 October 2026. Sue has obtained sponsorship from SECTA and Boost for the publicity materials. This will be a fact-finding opportunity to network with businesses and understand what they are looking for in location. Dan has produced branding and a leaflet. Sue will contact Christine Butler at the BBC to cover this in some way.
- Emerging projects
    - Application to the Let's Celebrate Towns Fund – Sam, Lin and Tracy will work on an application for up to £20,000 by the closing date of 25 October. The

Town Council will be the accountable body. There is one award in each of the five categories: High Street Renewal, Backing Local Business, Protecting Valued place, Connected Places and Community Pride

2. Individual updates on links, conversations and opportunities

Sue attended the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce Visitor Levy Summit on 11 September in Newquay, and talked about Liskeard. The summit provides a forum for businesses and stakeholders to challenge assumptions, hear different perspectives and consider the evidence that should inform any future decision.

Funding was available of £1,500 for 18 – 21 year olds to start a business. Sam would look for more information.

Liskerrett is now completely volunteer managed. They have four days per week covered. They are training new volunteers and bookings are picking up. They have another new letting room in operation with help from the Community Payback scheme, now have a textile room in the basement (old nursery), and are developing a wet craft room. Finances are improving and they have their first full board meeting next week. They have committees for finance, communications, film club, etc. They are continuing to support the Christmas events in town.

A possible joint business project was discussed for H&S, First Aid type training locally if several businesses or organisations had need of this.

3. Communications strategy

A new liskeardrenewalpartnership@liskeard.gov.uk email has been set up for contact – Yvette will monitor this and forward emails as appropriate.

The business tab of the Your Liskeard website Liskeard shopping, business & people: Your Liskeard, Cornwall has been renamed Renewal and the pages are being updated.

Sam has a work experience student who is interested in social media and communications and may be able to produce some content.

4. AOB

Boost can offer storage space for partnership materials such as banners, etc

5. Next dates for working groups and LRP

Tuesday 6 October 2026 – Culture Collective

Tuesday 13 October 2026, 5pm at the Workshed – Business Growth working group

Wednesday 14 October 2026, 7pm at the Liskerrett Community Centre – LRP full board meeting