Liskeard Renewal Partnership (LRP) – Meeting 10 Report

Wednesday 14 October 2026 at the Liskerrett Centre

Attendees: CHAIR Kate Reed (Real Ideas), Cheryl Bailey (Liskerrett Centre), Vicky Reece-Romain (Liskeard Culture Collective), Tracy Adams & Lin Moore (Liskeard Traders Association), Rachel Brooks (Liskeard Town Councillor), Steve Vinson and Yvette Hayward (Liskeard Town Council)

Apologies: Sue Jewell (SECTA), Dan Sturrock (The Workshed), Sam Jackman (Boost), Julie-Anne Sunderland (Wildanet), David Braithwaite (Liskeard Town Councillor), Jane Pascoe (Cornwall Councillors), Catherine Thomson (Community Link Officer), and Jem Verran (YPC)

1. Reports back from working groups

Events and Evening Economy working group

Focus is now on events for next year and the Gorsedh. Lois Taylor has put together a programme similar to Vital Spark and will submit a grant application to Arts Council England. Other cultural events would be built around this. In the lead up emphasis will be on raising awareness of what it is, and the Cornish language element. CTC may be able to help with lower costs things. There will be activity over the summer to increase footfall and possibly lead into Liskeard Unlocked.

Rachel will make enquiries with the Ploughman's Festival team about any plans they have.

Sterts are facing considerable challenges with their CIC in administration, and some things have moved to Liskerrett.

Liskerrett have three Carn to Cove performances booked. The Yarn swap was very successful raising £600 and they are considering a similar fabric swap.

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

- Application to the Let's Celebrate Towns Fund – Sam, Lin and Tracy are working on an application involving an irrigation system for Fore Street, drawn from the Pipewell, and arches at either end of Fore Street. Lin would pass information to Steve at the Town Council, who own the Pipewell, to ensure the project can be supported.

- Cornwall Business Show 8 October 2026. – Sue, Dan and Yvette attended. The Show was successful, generating 39 contacts, five expansion leads and seven

requests for the available-premises list, alongside strong interest in the Workshed and a Liskeard event. The Your View of Liskeard survey showed positive results and backed up location as a selling point.

It was agreed to:

- Request £300 budget from Liskeard Town Council to rebook for 7 October 2027
- Organise a Liskeard Business Show in spring 2027 at the Public Hall

Real Ideas will run a business networking event at the library on Friday 20 November, 5 – 7 pm to further develop and test this.

- Economic plan – Kate is currently finalising the structure to ensure it also joins up with work by CAP, the Culture Collective, the Plymouth Defence Growth Deal, etc. we can then start populating it. This will be consolidated at the next meeting.

Youth Group
The library music project is slowly being developed in anticipation of funding to be released. A suitable property has been viewed. The key objective was to form the group to take this forward.

2. Individual updates on links, conversations and opportunities

The new announcement on funding to support the high streets and High Stret Rental Auctions was one to watch.

Boarded-up high streets brought back to life with £210m boost - GOV.UK

3. Communications strategy

Work would be started in the New Year to set up an email newsletter. This may be able to take off by initially being promoted in partner organisations own newsletters. Yvette to set up a meeting in January to include the Events & Comms Officer and Rachel.

4. AOB

The group had been asked to provide input to new signage at the business development at Tencreek, promoting the town centre. Hannah had provided a draft concept which would be put forward, to include a QR code for the Visit Liskeard website. Suitable quality photographs would be needed.

5. Next dates for working groups and LRP

Tuesday 3 November 2026 – Culture Collective

W/c 9 or 16 November 2026, 5pm at the Workshed – Business Growth working group – tbc

Thursday 3 December 2026, 7pm in the Mayor's Parlour at the Public Hall – LRP full board meeting

As a Wednesday evening doesn't work for everybody a Thursday evening is being trialled.