**Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan**

**Press Release**

**Work on Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan Kicks Off**

Liskeard Town Council wants to get local people and groups involved as deeply as possible in the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the town to guide future development. Sue Pike, Town Mayor, said 'Without such a plan, all the important planning decisions made by Cornwall Council would be based only on the National Planning Guidance and the county-wide local plan, which means that important local factors could be ignored. We want maximum local involvement so that the new Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan truly reflects local views.'

To kick off, the Town Council has told Cornwall Council that it wants to create the Plan, and a formal notice has been published by Cornwall Council asking for initial community views on the idea. The closing date for views is 7th February.

Cllr Pike said 'So far there has been overwhelming support for the Town Council's aim to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, with local people clearly wishing to be involved and to have influence on the decisions that affect the future of their town. The Neighbourhood Plan could include a wide range of issues, like where new homes, shops and workplaces should be built, how they should look, and where the money received from developers under the new community infrastructure levy should be spent. If more people want to support the idea of having a Plan, they should let Cornwall Council's Planning Department know before the 7th February.'

Work on the Plan will go ahead under a working group of the Town Council. 'We will shortly be looking for community and business reps to be on the group, and further down the process we'll be setting up more groups to do the many tasks involved in writing a Neighbourhood Plan. If you want to help please contact the Town Council and we'll get back to you.'

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