

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Working Group Meeting)

9th August 2016

Present: Councillors T Astell, Cllr A Willis, Harry Burton (Beverley Lions), Prue Blake (Fund Raising Group), Joy Jack (Fund Raising Group), Judy Sagar (Westwood Lions) and Graham Tait (Wykeland).

In attendance: Carol Oliver, Deputy Town Clerk

60 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Dodsworth and Mr Jacobson (East Riding of Yorkshire Council).

61 To note the minutes of the meeting of the 7th June 2016

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on the 7th June 2016 were noted

62 Matters arising not on the Agenda

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| Mr Tait informed the meeting that LITE had attended a meeting at Railway Square and they had suggested ideas for the lighting of Railway Square. Unfortunately Mr Jacobson was unable to attend. Mr Tait said the blanket of lights over the clock had the wow factor and was the preferred option. The cost would be £4200. Mr Tait had forwarded this request to Wykeland to enquire if they would be prepared to fund this. He is to inform the Deputy Town Clerk who will pass the information to the working group once a decision has been made by Wykeland. | Mr Tait |
| The ownership of the clock needs to be found out and the electrical aspect of this needs to be discussed with Mr Jacobson. | The Deputy Town Clerk |
| Mrs Blake said she had received notification from Andy Hazel at East Riding of Yorkshire Council that street lighting is to put up the lights and the building surveyor/electrical engineers will undertake the connection work. The little blizzards are to be put in Railway Street. The Deputy Town Clerk is to inform Mr Jacobson. | The Deputy Town Clerk |

63 To receive the statement of finances

The Deputy Town Clerk reported the Town Council account has £8017. Mrs Blake reported there is £5035 in the Christmas Lights fund raising account. £4000 has been spent on lights, the lights and invoice is awaited.

64 To discuss the 2016 switch on to include:

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| a) Support from a local radio station The Deputy Town Clerk informed the meeting that KCFM had been in touch regarding being involved with the Christmas Light up event. Beverley FM had been involved in previous years. Members discussed this. It was agreed the Deputy Town Clerk would invite Beverley FM to the next Christmas Lights meeting. | The Deputy Town Clerk |
| b) First aid and security cover The Deputy Town Clerk informed the meeting that first aid cover provided by Cascare was in the sum of £500. Cascare had agreed to hold the price for 2016/17. She would get quotes for the crowd control officers. Last year it was £300 and she would obtain a quote. | The Deputy Town Clerk |
| c) Cllr Astell reported he had had a meeting with Churches Together and they were very supportive and would like to have a member on the committee. All members agreed. Cllr Astell to let the Deputy Town Clerk Churches Together contact details to enable her to include them in the distribution list. Cllr Astell to speak to Stephen Caddy. | Cllr T Astell |

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| <p>Cllr Astell and the Deputy Town Clerk had met regarding the launch of a volunteer programme to assist at the event. Cllr Astell said he thought the launch of a volunteer programme would also help promote the event. Members felt this was prone to difficulties with a view to vetting and training the volunteers. It was agreed the Deputy Town Clerk would contact City of Culture to enquire whether they would have any volunteers who live locally who could practice at the Christmas Lights event in readiness for the City of Culture year.</p> | <p>The Deputy Town Clerk</p> |
| <p>Cllr Willis suggested contacting the High Sheriff regarding a list of volunteers she thought he was preparing for projects in the East Riding.</p> | |
| <p>Cllr Willis asked if we were going ahead with the purchase of tea lights, glow in dark sticks and bracelets which could be handed out at the event. Judy Sagar is to let the Deputy Town Clerk have the contact details and the Deputy Town Clerk to obtain prices for the others.</p> | <p>Judy Sagar The Deputy Town Clerk</p> |
| <p>Mr Burton asked if the timings had been sorted for the event. The Deputy Town Clerk reported the timings previously discussed were:</p> | |
| <p>4.00pm Market Cross service 4.35pm Lighting Saturday Market 4.50pm Wilcos corner Tree with school choir 5.10pm Angel Square Tree with school choir 5.25pm Wednesday Market Tree with school choir 5.35pm Flemingate with school choir 6.00pm Finish.</p> | |
| <p>It was agreed that Mary and Joseph and a donkey would leave the Market Cross, would collect the Angel, Sheep and the Kings with baby Jesus in a manger at Flemingate. Other ideas were the school choirs would walk behind Mary and Joseph and gather in Flemingate for them all to sing Carols. Tea lights are to be given out so it is a parade of light.</p> | |
| <p>Mr Tait said he felt fireworks were not an appropriate end to the event and he would consider another way of ending the event. A song sheet would need to be produced. Cllr Dodsworth is to be contacted by the Deputy Town Clerk about obtaining a donkey.</p> | <p>Mr Tait The Deputy Town Clerk</p> |
| <p>The Deputy Town is to contact the schools at the end of August to sing at the event and also to chase them a fortnight later. This would enable the school to plan their terms to hopefully include this event.</p> | <p>The Deputy Town Clerk</p> |
| <p>Rod Towse is to be invited by the Deputy Town Clerk to the next meeting to discuss the road closure.</p> | <p>The Deputy Town Clerk</p> |
| <p>Mrs Jack asked about business sponsorship. Mrs Jack is to approach the Chamber of Trade and CBA Sadofskys for some sponsorship.</p> | <p>Mrs Jack and Mrs Blake</p> |
| <p>Cllr Astell asked about the best dressed window competition last year. Cllr Willis reported that Cllr Dodsworth and she had a full day approaching the businesses and there was no feedback.</p> | |
| <p>Cllr Astell asked about businesses having Christmas trees above the shops. Mrs Blake reported this had been done for some years but last year it was decided not to do this anymore due to the increasing costs of stress testing brackets, Christmas trees, hire of cherry picker for two days, staff to man it and health and safety. The uptake by the businesses has been reducing and it has been an ineffective way of lighting the town.</p> | |
| <p>Cllr Astell reported he has been to Cottingham and all the traders have trees. The Deputy Town Clerk is to contact Cottingham Parish Council to find out how they do it.</p> | <p>The Deputy Town Clerk</p> |
| <p>Mr Tait reported he had replaced from Plantscape information about solar Christmas</p> | <p>Mr Tait</p> |

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| <p>trees and he would provide this to the group.</p> <p>Members felt that as the numbers had dwindled over the years, the impact of the Christmas trees would be less as businesses do not want to purchase them. There is also a problem that faults cannot be rectified following the erection of the trees.</p> <p>Mrs Jack reported that more lights were being purchased so there will be more lighting in the town.</p> <p>Cllr Astell said there is a new group Independent Beverley and he will contact them to see if they are able to assist in any way.</p> <p>Cllr Astell felt all possibilities should be explored regarding the erection Christmas Trees and find out how much would it would cost for the company who put up the hanging baskets.</p> <p>Mr Tait suggested closing Saturday Market for a Christmas market for two weeks. The Deputy Town Clerk informed him that there is a market on Saturdays and the market traders would not want this. The market is run by East Riding of Yorkshire Council and their concern would be the loss of trade to traders, the Charter market, the removal of the taxi rank and moving the trouble spots of the night life to other areas in the town.</p> | <p>Cllr Astell</p> |
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Date of next meeting: 20th September

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

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