

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Working Group Meeting)

11th April 2017

Present: Councillors T Astell (Chair), A Willis, Prue Blake and Joy Jack from Christmas Lights Appeal Group, Judy Sagar (Beverley Westwood Lions) and Graham Tait (Estate Manager, Flemingate)

In attendance: Carol Oliver, Deputy Town Clerk

87 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr P Dodsworth, Harry Burton (Beverley Lions), Mr Jacobson (East Riding of Yorkshire Council)

88 To note the minutes of the meeting of the 8th February 2017

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting of the 8th February 2017 were noted.

89 Matters arising not on the Agenda

Mrs Blake updated the meeting that the trees outside County Hall, Beverley were diseased and need to be removed. A planning application is required for their removal. A meeting is to take place at East Riding of Yorkshire Council to decide what trees are to be in their place. A decision will be made following that meeting as to where the lights will be placed.

A review of the action plan took place. As Mr Jacobson is unable to attend the meeting, the Deputy Town Clerk will obtain an update from him in connection with the items to be actioned by him.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the cost of the repair of the three cone trees is:

£2359.75 for static white lights
£2764.75 for twinkly lights

There is also a transportation cost of £1800.

These costs are for repair but further costs may be required once the company has received the cone trees.

The flashing twinkly lights need to be ordered for all of the cross pieces. It was agreed to go ahead with the repair of the three cone trees with twinkly lights in ice white. The cost of repair is to be advertised publicly to hopefully avoid people damaging the cone trees in the future.

Mr Tait reported that the event at Flemingate would be moved to the grassed area and additional lights are being purchased. Mr Tait said he wants the Flemingate event to be inclusive and work with the town.

90 To receive the statement of finances

The Town Council account stands at £2015.00 and the Fund Raising Account stands at £5246.63 which includes the raffle proceeds from De Lacys of £610.

Fund raising events are planned as follows:

5 th May	Quiz at Conservative Club
10 th June	Coffee Morning at Toll Gavel
21 st July	Flower Demo
September	Treasure Hunt
October	Evening with Sean Finch
October	Joint Fashion Show

91 To discuss the Market Cross ceremony

The Deputy Town Clerk is to find out who pays for the dressing of the Market Cross. The Deputy Town Clerk is to provide contact details to Cllr Astell of the President of the Beverley Lions.

92 To discuss the tender requirements for the Christmas Lights erection

Mrs Blake and Mrs Jack are to walk around the town to see what they would like in the way of Christmas lighting in Dyer Lane, Landress Lane and Well Lane. The Deputy Town Clerk from East Riding of Yorkshire Council is to obtain an inventory of all the Christmas Lights so the tender document can be discussed further before being put to Full Council meeting in May.

93 To discuss and receive an update on the Christmas Extravaganza on the 23rd November 2017

Cllr Astell said that it has been decided to do it differently in 2017. The event is to have different organisations within the town coming together under the heading of Christmas Extravaganza. It is hoped that all the Christmas lights would be lit at once with Flemingate's lights coming slightly later. The event is to consist of all members of the community, Lions, Westwood Lions, schools, choirs, Church choirs, brass band, and CLB. Cllr Willis said we would need to contact organisations as soon as possible in order to book them. Cllr Astell suggested a press release is prepared asking for artists to come forward.

Discussion took place as to whether Ben Shires could be approached to open the event.

Members discussed the Market Cross ceremony and Cllr Astell and Mrs Blake are going to speak to Beverley Lions to discuss with them what their requirements are.

Mrs Jack asked whether the North Bar Georgian Quarter would be interested and Mr Tait said he would speak with Mr Bush.

It is envisaged that a schedule of events will be prepared so that these can be handed out and members of the public can wander from Saturday Market to Flemingate taking in what is happening.

Mr Tait said that William the sheep would be back together with donkeys, a curtain of light is being costed for the front of the cinema and the lights in the main mall would be lit. Most of the traders would be open at Flemingate. The conclusion would be a firework display.

Mrs Blake asked the Deputy Town Clerk to contact Mr Skelton regarding the siting of the Stars of Bethlehem now that facade has been repaired on Mountain Warehouse.

There are no lights in Railway Street which is the link from Wednesday Market to Flemingate. The Deputy Town Clerk is to ask for further clarification on dressing the clock in Railway Square or having a tree in Railway Square. Members agreed to think about this.

A meeting is to take place on the 11th May at 6pm in the Monks Walk for members to get together to discuss matters further.

Date of Next Meeting to be clerked by Beverley Town Council will be notified

The meeting closed at 1915

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