

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Working Group Meeting)

20th September 2016

Present: Councillors T Astell, Cllr A Willis, Harry Burton (Beverley Lions), Prue Blake (Fund Raising Group) Mr Jacobson (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) and Graham Tait (Wykeland).

In attendance: Carol Oliver, Deputy Town Clerk

65 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Judy Sagar (Westwood Lions), Rob Towse (East Riding of Yorkshire Council).

66 To note the minutes of the meeting of the 9th August 2016 approved at Full Council on 5th September 2016

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on the 9th August 2016 approved at Full Council on 5th September 2016 were noted

67 Matters arising not on the Agenda

	Person to action
The Deputy Town Clerk reported she is waiting to hear from British Rail regarding the ownership of the railway clock.	The Deputy Town Clerk
Mr Tait is waiting to hear from Wykeland regarding his request for £4000 to light up Railway Square.	Mr Tait
The Deputy Town Clerk reported that Plantscape had responded to our request for more information and it was agreed to ask them if we would be able to hire one so we can see how it goes with a view to purchasing more in 2017 if it is successful. Mr Jacobson is to let the Deputy Town Clerk know how successful the solar trees were in Withersea.	The Deputy Town Clerk

68 To receive the statement of finances

The Deputy Town Clerk reported there is £8065.05 in the Town Council account. Prue Blake reported there is £5135 but £4000 of that has been allocated to the recent purchase of lights.

69 To discuss the 2016 switch on to include:

	Person to Action
a) Update from Churches Together Cllr Astell said he would contact Churches Together. He is also to contact East Riding Theatre to see if they are able to be involved with the performance.	<i>Cllr Astell</i>
It was agreed the event would be from 4pm with the Beverley Lions nativity service at the Market Cross with Tickton School. Mr Burton is to ask Tickton School to stay for the whole event.	<i>Harry Burton</i>
Cllr Astell is to contact Community Choir, East Riding Music Centre at the Hexagon and All for One Choir to enquire if they can help with the event. Once the Carols are agreed the schools will be informed. It was agreed the final Carols would be Away in a Manger and O Come All Ye Faithful at the end at Flemingate.	<i>Cllr Astell</i>
Cllr Astell informed Mr Jacobson that there would not be a countdown for the switch on of the lights. The lights would switch on as the crowds pass.	
It was agreed an introduction to the event is required and a flier is to be done to be handed	

<p>out with the Carols on it.</p> <p>The CLB is to be approached to ask if they can lead the procession from choir to choir. It was agreed this would not be a formal procession. Mrs Blake is to contact her contact at the CLB to ask her to contact Cllr Astell.</p> <p>The Christmas Lights fund raising group are to purchase a number of tea lights which can be sold at the event so everyone has a light to process with. The Christmas Lights fund raising group would like to sell Mulled Wine at the Flemingate site.</p> <p>The Christmas Lights fund raising group will be out with their buckets at the event in order to raise more funds.</p> <p>Mr Tait reported he is liaising with MKM regarding a stable and he will organise straw/lighting for the nativity scene. He will liaise with Beverley Minster to borrow their staging for the event. He is also going to arrange to take aerial view photographs of the nativity scene.</p>	<p><i>Mrs Blake</i></p> <p><i>Mrs Blake</i></p> <p>Mr Tait</p>
<p>b) Update from letters to school The Deputy Town Clerk reported that Keldmarsh and St John's Schools had replied saying they were able to support the Christmas Lights event. The schools requested the Carols were sent to them once agreed.</p> <p>Molescroft and St Marys are unable to due to events already in their diary.</p>	
<p>c) Update regarding Beverley FM No one was in attendance from Beverley FM.</p>	
<p>d) Update on the Donkey The Deputy Town Clerk reported that Cllr Dodsworth had indicated he would be able to obtain a donkey for the procession.</p>	
<p>e) Update on Father Christmas After discussion it was felt that Father Christmas was inappropriate for the event as this year's event is based around the nativity.</p>	
<p>f) Considering offer from Beverley Parkway Cinema Pantomime Group The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the cast of Aladdin being staged at the Parkway Cinema are interested in being involved with the event.</p>	
<p>Mr Jacobson reported that the anchor points need structural testing and this will cost in the region of £4000. Beverley Town Council will make a small contribution to this.</p> <p>Mr Jacobson has found a snowflake which is in need of repair. Mr Jacobson is to send the details to the Deputy Town Clerk in order that this can be done.</p> <p>Mr Jacobson said the businesses in Dyer Lane/Swabby yard would like to have lights in their area and asked if this could be achieved. Lighting was kept to the central areas of the town due to finance. Mrs Blake said that businesses were being approached to ask for assistance or to attend events to support the Fund Raising Group. Both Dyer Lane and Well Lane are in the next phase of lighting. It was agreed to site the solar tree if this is available from Plantscape in Dyer Lane.</p> <p>Mrs Blake asked members to promote the fund raising group's two events:</p> <p>14th October – An Evening with Sea Finch 23rd November – Flower Demo by Kevin Hara. More information is available from Mrs Blake.</p>	<p>Mr Jacobson</p>

Date of next meeting: **18th October 2016**

The meeting closed at 2.30pm

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