

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Working Group Meeting)

12th March 2019

Present: Councillor Duncan Jack (Chair), Councillor Willis and Joy Jack from Christmas Lights Appeal Group, Geoffrey Sygrove (Beverley Lions), Peter Jacobson (East Riding of Yorkshire Council)

In attendance: Carol Oliver, Deputy Town Clerk.

143 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Dodsworth and Prue Blake.

144 To note the minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th November 2018

Resolved: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th November 2018 were noted.

145 Matters arising not on the Agenda

No Matters arising.

146 To receive the statement of finances

The Deputy Town Clerk reported the balance in the Town Council account is £9510. The East Riding of Yorkshire Council's bill for erection has yet to be received. Peter Jacobson said this would be in the region of £4,000/£4,250 and he had sent this to finance last week.

Councillor Jack said the Town Council had increased their precept by £1,000 to Christmas Lights in order to meet the costs of maintenance and erection following the purchase of more lights.

Joy Jack reported there is £3307 in the fund raising account which included the Fashion Show and Festival of Christmas tombola. The accounts for the Christmas Lights Appeal group are to be audited.

Events: A Music Night organised by Armstrongs is on 15th March and a Flower Demo on 8th April.

Events to be organised are a Fashion Show in October and possibly a Quiz and Treasure Hunt later in the year.

147 To discuss the lighting for 2018

(a) County Hall lights

It was agreed these would be turned off at the end of March each year.

(b) Cross piece hire – last year of agreement

Following failures of the cross pieces, the company came and repaired on site and provided two additional pieces at no cost. Mr Jacobson said everything has been collected from site.

The Committee agreed to continue hiring the cross pieces.

(c) Any other issues

Mr Jacobson said there are some old electrical boxes which need replacing. Mr Jacobson said he would provide a quotation for this work. A survey would be undertaken of all the boxes and repairs/replacement of electrical boxes could take place on a rolling basis.

Mrs Jack said Boyes were not working. Mr Jacobson said he believes the boxes are switched off inside Boyes. Mrs Jack will speak to Boyes.

Mrs Jack said she would like to light up Wednesday Market with blizzards. Mr Jacobson is to do a survey and provide a quotation of the cost.

Mrs Jack said a committee member is happy to go to businesses, Beverley Bid and search out funding streams to try to obtain more funding for the funding raising group.

Mr Sygrove said he would speak with the Lions regarding any funding for the Christmas Lights group.

Mrs Jack said she would like to light up the roundabouts and more information is to be found out.

Molescroft and Woodmansey Parish Councils are to be approached about lighting up roundabouts at the entrances to their parishes. Councillor Jack said the Town Council could look at the Manor Road roundabout.

The fund raising group would like to site Little Blizzards in Lairgate.

Mr Sygrove on behalf of Beverley Lions thanked Councillor Jack for all his help with the Market Cross service. Mr Sygrove said the banners would need replacing and 2019 Market Cross ceremony would continue in its present format.

148 To consider and purchases for 2019

(a) Hire and/or purchase of new Cross Pieces

The Deputy Town Clerk to obtain catalogues for the Christmas Lights appeal group to look at with a view to hire the cross pieces.

(b) Any other new purchases

Dyer Lane – The Deputy Town Clerk reported the quote for power to the Dyer Lane tree had been sent to Prue Blake and a response is awaited. Prue also has the costs of the small blizzards from Festive Lighting and the lighting strings she had requested.

No new purchases at present.

Suggested date: 4th June 2019 1.30pm

Councillor Jack said he thought the town had looked very good this year and all the lights were evenly spaced out. He thanked East Riding of Yorkshire Council for all their hard work.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm

Signed **Date**