

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Working Group Meeting)

17th February 2015

Present: Councillors Gray, Bottomley and Whitfield, Harry Burton (Beverley Lions), Prue Blake (Fund Raising Group) and Julian Minshall.

In attendance: Carol Oliver (Deputy Town Clerk) and Shaun Harrison, Crew Manager, Beverley Station.

443 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Peter Jacobson.

444 To discuss the request from the Beverley Fire Station for Christmas Lights/Decoration on their premises. Shaun Harrison, Crew Manager, Beverley Station, Humberside Fire & Rescue Service to attend to put forward the ideas from Humberside Fire & Rescue

Mr Harrison said he would like the Fire Station in Beverley to be in keeping with the rest of the town for Christmas Lighting. He suggested trees in the hanging basket poles or snowflakes. Electricity was discussed and it was suggested that he speak with Peter Jacobson from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The Deputy Town Clerk is to provide the contact for Peter Jacobson and also the cost of a snowflake to Mr Harrison.

445 To note the minutes of the meeting of the 18th November 2014

The minutes of the meeting on the 18th November 2014 were noted.

446 Matters arising not on the Agenda.

No matters arising as all items on the Agenda.

447 To receive the financial accounts

The financial accounts were received:

- (i) £3899 in the Town Council's account but there are outstanding bills from East Riding of Yorkshire Council (amount unknown at present) and also two months Titan Containers rental in the sum of £100.
- (ii) £9123 in the Fund Raising account.

448 To discuss the future of the erection of the Christmas trees

Prue Blake reported there had been lots of debate at the recent Appeal Group meeting due to the ladder legislation and the cost implication of erection of Christmas trees onto businesses. For the erection of Christmas Trees, Liz Ducker has said that she would co-ordinate Lairgate and Joy Jack would co-ordinate Wednesday Market. Joy Jack is going to ask the Chamber of Trade to enquire if North Bar traders would co-ordinate their part of the town.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported there had been 6 problems with the lights. Companies were offered a refund. One company did not like the tree and was also offered a refund. It was agreed that on the letter for Christmas trees companies are asked to come and pick a tree and dress it.

The problem arises if the lights are not working there is no one available to resolve these issues as the Town Council handyman did not use ladders. Cllr Gray reported due to employment issues we could not discuss this further. Mr Harrison said the working at heights legislation is that there is three points of contact on the ladder and a harness should be worn so hands can be used to do the work. The Deputy Town Clerk is to find out the cost of a harness.

Prue Blake reported that erection of Christmas Trees would be debated further at the next Appeal Meeting and this will be an item at for the Agenda at the March meeting.

449 To discuss the 2014 event

All agreed the event was a success, had a good atmosphere and well attended. Mr Burton said the timings had worked for the Beverley Lions and thanked Mr Minshall for ensuring the area was quiet for the service. Cllr Gray reported the Mayor of Beverley had said he had enjoyed the service was "what Christmas is about".

Mr Minshall reported some official hawkers were present and all the entertainments were on a profit share basis.

Mr Minshall reported that the electricity in Saturday Market had kept blowing. The Chamber of Trade had written to East Riding of Yorkshire Council about this. Mr Jacobson is to be asked to advise about this at the next meeting.

Next year's event will be discussed shortly by the Chamber of Trade taking into account any lessons learnt from the 2014 event.

Cllr Gray said it had been difficult to get the school choirs out on the Sunday and other choirs are to be approached such as the Community Church, U3A singers and church choirs.

Mrs Blake reported that the Wednesday Market event had been a success and thanks were expressed to Liam for all his help. She said that Dean Windass was excellent. Lockings had paid for Liam's services and made a donation to the Minster for the loan of the stage.

A better system of saying who has sponsored snowflakes/blizzards should be thought about.

450 To receive an update on fund raising events

Mrs Blake reported that events are in planning stages, Flower Demonstration, Fashion Show, Ladies Day, Treasure Hunt and Male Voice Choir.

Mr Harrison left the meeting at 2.20pm.

451 To discuss the snowflakes

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the new snowflakes would be repaired free of charge and the three older ones were going to be looked at.

452 To consider any future purchases

Future purchases are new lights for the Christmas Tree at Wilco and doubling the blizzards to create a better effect.

453 To consider the request for KCFM to be involved with the 2015 event.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported she has received a request from KCFM to be involved in the 2015 event. Members discussed the assistance received from Beverley FM this year and it was agreed that Beverley FM would be invited to a meeting as they are a local community station.

Mr Minshall said he had been in contact with Wykeland to integrate their new development into Beverley as the development would be attracting new footfall to the town.

Mrs Blake is to email Mr Parnaby of East Riding of Yorkshire Council asking if the tree's lights can be lit outside County Hall, Beverley.

The next meeting is the 17th March 2015.