

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Working Group Meeting)

13th November 2018

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

Mr Sygrove said he is the contact for Beverley Lions and not Mr Rice.

In attendance: Carol Oliver, Deputy Town Clerk.

138 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Dodsworth and Prue Blake.

139 To note the minutes of the meeting of the 19th June 2018

The minutes of the meeting of the 19th June 2018 were noted.

140 Matters arising not on the Agenda

No matters arising.

141 To receive the statement of finances

The Deputy Town reported to the meeting the income in April 2018 was £13958.54 representing the £10000 precept and the balance brought forward from 2017/18. The costs which included erection, lease agreement for cross pieces, insurance for new lights purchased, bulbs, lights for the restringing of the cone trees and electricity were £11708.17. There are seven pieces which are out for repair some of which were under the hire agreement and these should be repaired free as the hire agreement included some repair.

The Christmas Lights Appeal Group has just over £2000 in their account, they have the tombola at the Festival of Christmas and two events in the New Year.

Councillor Jack congratulated East Riding of Yorkshire Council as the town looked great and he thought the pieces were evenly spread. Mr Jacobson said they would in fill when the repaired pieces were returned.

Councillor Jack explained the Christmas Lights Christmas Lights Appeal Group bought the pieces and the Town Council maintained and erected them.

142 To discuss the 2018 purchases and event

Mr Jacobson said

- New bulbs and strings of light had been purchased for the trees and the snowflakes.
- The little blizzards are up and evenly spread.
- County Hall trees are lit.

Mrs Jack said the retailers on Cross Street did not want to provide raffle prizes for the Christmas Lights Appeal Group because they had no lights. Mr Jacobson said the timers had not been replaced in the light columns and he would look into this as soon as he is able.

Hire Agreement - Discussion took place about what to do next with the hire pieces. Mrs Jack reported the Christmas Lights Appeal Group were not happy with the current ones. The Christmas Lights Appeal Group meet next week and will have a look at the brochures. Discussion took place about purchasing two, hiring two, purchasing them outright or hiring. Further discussions to be held in the February meeting.

Cone Trees – It was agreed to see whether the cone trees are vandalised this year by people climbing up them or in them and make a decision whether to continue with cone trees.

Beverley Lions event – The Town Council are to lend the Beverley Lions their barriers to close off the car park to the side of TSB bank. Mr Sygrove said the tree would arrive at Market Cross on the 20th November and the lights would need checking. Mr Jacobson said he would arrange for the Old Waste fuse box interface to be changed for the 25th November and would also provide a lead for the keyboard.

Councillor Jack reported no officer from the Town Council is needs to be present on the 25th November.

The Beverley Lions will meet at 2pm and set up the Market Cross with the service commencing at 4pm and concluding with the Market Cross Lights being switched on at 4.30pm. The rest of the lights in the town will be on. Mr Sygrove will check the acoustics with Mr Frankland.

Lairgate – The residents of Lairgate got together last year and put small Christmas Trees up. The Christmas Lights Appeal Group is hoping to fund the purchase of Little Blizzards for Lairgate in 2019.

Date of next meeting 12th February 2019 at 1.30pm

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