

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Working Group Meeting)

19th June 2018

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

In attendance: Carol Oliver, Deputy Town Clerk and Brendan Nyunt of the Libertarian Party.

130 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Dodsworth and Willis.

131 To elect a Chair

Mr Sygrove proposed and Mrs Blake seconded that Councillor Jack be elected as Chair for the next municipal year.

Resolved: Councillor Jack was elected as Chair for the next municipal year.

Councillor Jack welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions took place.

132 To elect a Vice Chair

In Councillor Willis' absence, Councillor Jack proposed and Mrs Jack seconded that Councillor Willis be elected as Vice Chair for the next municipal year.

Resolved: Councillor Willis was elected as Vice Chair for the next municipal year.

133 To note the minutes of the meeting of the 9th January 2018

The notes of the meeting of the 9th January 2018 which were approved at Full Council on the 19th February 2018 were noted.

134 Matters arising not on the Agenda

There were not matters arising not on the Agenda.

135 To receive the statement of finances

The Town Council bank account stands at £10659 which includes the first half of the precept and the VAT refund.

The Beverley Christmas Lights Appeal account stands at £5218.82 but available is £4800 due to outstanding payments not gone through the bank as yet. Mrs Jack said they have events coming up which should raise another £2000. Three events are planned:

- (i) A walking treasure hunt - 12th July from Queens Head back to Queens Head commencing at 630pm. Sandwiches will be served at the Queens Head following the treasure hunt. The price is £6 per person.
- (ii) Quiz Night – 17th August at the Cricket Club commencing at 7.30pm. More details later.
- (iii) Fashion Show being planned for October. More details later.

Councillor Jack explained to new members in connection with the bank accounts that:

- a) The Town Council moneys pay for the infrastructure, i.e. erection costs to the East Riding Council, bracket testing, electricity costs and repairs. This is through the annual precept.
- b) The Beverley Christmas Lights Appeal account is moneys raised by a committee throughout the year by holding fund raising events to enable more lights to be added.

Last year, the Town Council precept was increased to give the Christmas lights in the town a boost and to pay for bracket testing which needed doing – this is done once every five years and also the new box for Market Cross. In the future £600 will be saved each year for the bracket testing so this is not coming out of one year's expense.

Beverley Lions will consider whether any funds could be donated but they do pay and keep in good repair the Christmas Tree lights at the Market Cross.

Mr Frankland asked the Deputy Town Clerk to let him have the contact to replace the bulbs for the tree lights.

136 To discuss purchases for 2018

The Christmas Lights Appeal group would like to purchase 20 more spheres for Wednesday Market-Butcher Row-Toll Gavel.

Mr Jacobson said some of the pieces were faulty and he needs access to the Unit to sort these so they can be repaired well in advance of the Christmas period. The cone trees need lights so these can be repaired. The lights wire will be placed inside the tree.

Mrs Blake asked why there were no lighting in Cross Street last year. Mr Jacobson said this was due to the lamp columns being changed and the electricity was not in the column. This has now been sorted.

Mr Jacobson reported the trees outside County Hall will be sorted as the "electric loom" was not working due to water problems.

Mrs Blake reported she is waiting to hear from the National Citizen Service whether their application has been successful.

Mr Jacobson reported the icicles could not be erected due to the differing heights of Butcher Row, for healthy and safety reason and the need for wayleave agreements.

The Deputy Town Clerk is to ask the company they were bought from if they would be interested in purchasing them back as they are still in their boxes.

Mrs Blake asked if the lights could be lit from 3pm.

137 To discuss the 2018 event

At this year's event, the lights on Market Cross will be lit with a countdown as usual, which will be followed by the lights in Saturday Market.

Comments had been made that some people could not hear at the event last year. Mr Sygrove said the service is organised by Mr Peter Spencer and Mr Peter Ransom organises the service and school. Mr Spencer practices with the school involved. Mr Frankland said the speakers need to be looked at and he will speak with his son who is a sound engineer for advice and also Mr Spencer.

The Beverley Lions Switch on is the only event this year with the addition of the presentation to the children of their prizes.

The Town Council are not having any fairground rides or other activities this year.

The Deputy Town Clerk said that a road closure would need to be in place for this to protect the public whilst at the Market Cross Service. Councillor Jack said that group would be prepared to help the Beverley Lions both with the road closure and attendance at the event.

The meeting closed at 1425.

A date will be fixed for the next meeting in September.

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