

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Working Group Meeting)

3rd May 2016

Present: Cllrs Willis (Chair) and T. Astell, Prue Blake and Joy Jack (Appeal Group), Harry Burton (Beverley Lions), Peter Jacobson (ERYC), Judy Sagar (Westwood Lions) and Graham Tait (Wykeland).

In attendance: Carol Oliver, Deputy Town Clerk

47 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Dodsworth and Julian Minshall (Chamber of Trade).

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that Julian Minshall would no longer be attending meetings but wished to be kept informed for "Just Beverley".

48 To note the minutes of the meeting of the 5th April 2016

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on the 5th April 2016 were noted.

49 Matters arising not on the Agenda.

No matters arising not on the Agenda.

50 To discuss the quotes from Christmas Light Companies for the hire of cross pieces and snowflakes

The quotes were viewed and discussed and it was agreed to order 4 no. Ref R122031 - A2 Heavenly Banners 7m wide x1.5m high in the sum of £2200 plus VAT per annum based on a three year rental to include annual transportation, maintenance and refurbishment.

Members were unhappy with the visuals provided for the lamp columns and the fund raising committee will look through the catalogues to find alternatives at their meeting on the 9th May. The appropriate company will be asked to provide digital photographs of any proposed purchase which will be distributed by email to all members.

51 To discuss the 2016 switch on

Cllr T Astell reported he had been in touch with Rev'd Fletcher from Beverley Minster and the choir were unable to assist but he thought the congregation would want to be involved particularly as it is the first Sunday of Advent.

Rev'd Fletcher suggested that Cllr Astell get in touch Churches Together who do the Passion play. Cllr Astell said he would get in touch with Churches Together and also Longcroft School and other schools for the school choirs to become involved. A discussion took place about whether a band would be required. Cllr T Astell is to ask the school choirs if music is required. Members thought that Mary would lead the parade.

Mrs Jack reported that letters are being delivered to all traders in Toll Gavel and Saturday Market to ask them to contribute for the lighting of the town with financial donations, organise a fund raising event or donate prizes. Concern was expressed at the lack of support from national companies as the manager nearly always say they cannot do this and it is a matter for Head Office.

Mrs Jack asked whether a store had been found for the base of the cone tree. Mr Jacobson reported that they compound was going to be "re-jigged" in order to store this and the tree bases could be stored outside in a small compound which is within a large compound. Mr Tait reported there is a space under the Flemingate Car Park ramp which could be used. Mr Tait and Mr Jacobson are to liaise.

Mrs Blake asked Mr Jacobson whether he would require assistance with the erection of the Christmas Lights. Mr Jacobson said he did not think he would as East Riding of Yorkshire Council are, at present, in the course of replacing old columns and replacing LED lanterns which appear to have less faults. He hoped that as time went up, with less faults with LED, this would free up more time for the erection of Christmas Lights. Mrs Blake said that the power supply is going to be done for the trees at County Hall and that she would like to meet with Mr Jacobson re: the little blizzards.

Mrs Jack said there is a beetle drive/bingo night on the 19th May at the Conservative Club at £5 per ticket.

Cllr T Astell asked Mr Tait whether Wykeland had met to discuss the lights in Railway Square. Mr Tait said the meeting is to be held on Monday 9th May.

Cllr Willis said that she thought the number of meetings ought to be reduced but members felt monthly meetings were required in order to organise the event and order any lighting that is required.

Date of next meeting: 7th June 2016 at 1.30pm.

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