

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Working Group Meeting)

17th March 2015

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

In attendance: Carol Oliver (Deputy Town Clerk)

454 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Gray and Peter Jacobson.

455 To note the minutes of the meeting of the 17th February 2015

The minutes of the 17th February 2015 were noted.

456 Matters arising not on the Agenda.

Min 453 – Mrs Blake reported she had not contacted Mr Parnaby at East Riding of Yorkshire Council to find out if it is possible to light the trees. It was agreed that Mrs Blake will contact Mr Parnaby to ask if it is possible to light the trees near County Hall corner and send pictures of what is required. It was agreed to mention Mr Jacobson in the letter.

457 To receive the financial accounts

The Deputy Town Clerk reported there is £3600 in the Town Council account and she has received an erection bill from East Riding of Yorkshire Council in the sum of £4382. Mrs Blake is to let the Town Council have a cheque for £800 to assist with this bill.

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

Mrs Blake reported that the appeal group had discussed the erection of Christmas trees at their recent meeting. Liz Ducker had agreed to co-ordinate the trees in Lairgate, Mr and Mrs Jack had agreed to co-ordinate the trees in Wednesday Market and David Bird is to be contacted to find out if he would co-ordinate the trees in North Bar. Members of the appeal group would like to purchase a static display for Mountain Warehouse to Hugh Rice in order to light up that area. Cllr Whitfield suggested that the person erecting the trees would need to take responsibility for their area. This is to be discussed at a future meeting once it is known whether David Bird is able to co-ordinate North Bar.

459 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. Venues are a problem. The Deputy Town Clerk is to let Mrs Blake have the list of venues for hire she has.

460 To discuss the 2015 event

The date of the 29th November 2015 was set for the 2015 event. It was agreed it was a good event. The timings suggested were:

3.00pm	Wednesday Market prize giving/school choir
3.30pm	Cone Tree in Wednesday Market Switch on
3.45pm	Wilco tree switch on by the Mayor with school choirs
4.10pm	Light new Blizzards in Saturday Market
4.20pm	Market Cross Service and Switch on.

The activities as last year would be able to work around this.

Mrs Blake reported that Mr Evans from Wykeland is attending the appeal committee meeting in April as Wykeland are interested in including the new development as part of the town. Mrs Blake will mention to Mr Evans that the Town Council would like to meet with him later in the year to discuss Christmas lights. Discussion took place about how to include the new Wykeland development in the Christmas Lights event so as to avoid separate events taking place in the town and at the development. Discussion took place about having Snowflakes on Railway Street and having a tree in Railway Square.

Cllr Bottomley handed the Deputy Town Clerk a leaflet from the new solicitors, Coles the Solicitors, as they are interested in working with the Town Council for Christmas Lights and Bloom. The Deputy Town Clerk is to contact them.

461 To consider any future purchases

The Deputy Town Clerk is to contact Festive Lighting to ask them to undertake a review of the town. Mrs Blake has agreed to accompany them. The areas of particular interest are:

- Toll Gavel – Hugh Rice to Mountain Warehouse
- Cone Tree at Wilco corner
- New lights for Wilco tree if continue with a real tree
- Lights for the trees on Cross Street
- Costs of lighting up Railway Street/Railway Square to new development.

Mr Burton suggested that a three year plan is considered for lighting as the above maybe costly.

The Deputy Town Clerk is to ascertain the position with regard to storage at the Dreamers site for new lights.

Mr Burton suggested for continuity for the working group that Cllrs Bottomley, Gray and Whitfield continue as committee members if they are not re-elected in the May elections.

The date of the next meeting is the 21st April 2015 at 1.30pm.