

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

**18th February 2014 at 1.30pm
(Working Group Meeting)**

Present: Councillors Gray, (Chair), Councillors Bottomley and Whitfield, and Mr Harry Burton (Beverley Lions), Prue Blake and Joy Jack (Fund Raising Group) and Peter Jacobsen (ERYC Street Lighting)

In attendance: Carol Oliver (Assistant Town Clerk), Mr James Halewood (Blachere)

379 To receive apologies for absence

Phil Scaife (Chamber of Trade) and Julian Minshall (Chamber of Trade)

380 To note the minutes of the meeting of the 5th November 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th November 2013 were noted. Mr Burton asked that it be recorded in the minutes of the 5th November 2013 that the Lions risk assessment was handed over at the meeting to the Assistant Town Clerk.

381 Matters arising not on the Agenda

No matters arising as all items on the Agenda.

382 To receive a presentation from the new Blachere representative, Mr James Halewood

Councillor Gray welcomed Mr Halewood to the meeting.

Mr Halewood said the purpose of his visit was to introduce himself to the Group, to ascertain how last year went and to see whether we had any plans for extension of the lighting in Beverley. Mr Jacobsen said that the lights were delivered and collected in time and the lights were in working order. Councillor Whitfield reported that he had received positive comments about the lights. Mr Halewood said that every year 40 to 50 new motifs are added to the range each year. Mr Halewood said that all offers are on the website and the brochure can be downloaded from there. He is happy to quote and give us prices of anything the group requires to purchase. Mr Halewood left a brochure of the lights and this is held in the Beverley Town Council office.

Prue Blake asked Mr Halewood to quote for a 4m x 1.5 m "Merry Christmas Beverley" and it was agreed that some day time effects would be included. Mr Halewood to provide a price for this.

Councillor Gray thanked Mr Halewood for attending the meeting.

383 To receive the financial accounts

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that there is £5560 in the Town Council account which included the 2012/2013 VAT refund. Joy Jack reported there is £6265.09 in the fund raising account.

384 To discuss:

(a) the small Christmas Trees in the town

The erection of the small Christmas Trees by the Rugby Club was discussed. Members were concerned in connection with the amount paid to the Rugby Club no matter how many trees needed to be erected. Some members felt they were overpaid. Councillor Gray said the Rugby Club turn up with their own equipment and know what they are doing. Members discussed how much a contractor would charge for this work and it was agreed that Peter Jacobsen would send a quote to the Assistant Town Clerk of the price for their team to undertake the dressing of trees, the erection of the trees, the taking down of the trees and undressing them.

A tree in Wednesday Market was not lit during the whole time the tree was up. The Town Council office had been contacted but the lights were never lit. It was agreed that a refund would be offered to the trader by the Assistant Town Clerk.

A mix of warm white and ice white lights had occurred on some businesses and the fund raising group are to meet to separate the lights into two storage areas to prevent this occurring in the future.

Members discussed lighting up the cone trees from 12 noon and Peter Jacobsen said he would alter the timers to enable this to happen.

Once Saturday Market works are completed additional snowflakes will be required and it was discussed whether sponsorship could be sought for each snowflake. There will be seventeen columns and nine small columns and blizzards are to be purchased for these. Six additional snowflakes will be required.

The Wilko tree is provided by the Town Council and new lights will need to be purchased as some have been vandalised.

Councillor Gray said if traders wish to pick their own and dress their own tree, they are welcome to come to the Market Cross to do this on the day the trees are being put up..

(b) the lighting up event

Mr Burton thanked the street lighting team for all their hard work. A discussion took place about the Market Cross ceremony.

Mr Burton reported plans are well on the way for 2014 Service.

Councillor Gray reported the school choirs enhanced the celebrations and brought many extra people out to listen to them. Better amplification of the event is required in the future.

Councillor Gray said the showing a film was a success and ice rink had been well received and was always very busy.

385 To consider attendance by the event seminar on the 26th February 2014 at Willerby Manor regarding risk assessments for events

Councillor Gray asked whether members wished to attend with her. Two places are booked on the seminar. Members suggested the Assistant Town Clerk attend.

386 To consider future purchases

Councillor said that future purchases and the planning of the lighting up event be agenda items for the next meeting.

The dates for 2014/2015 are:

23 rd November 2014	tree erection
28 th November 2014	lighting up event
4 th January 2015	take trees down