

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Working Group Meeting)

5th April 2016

Present: Cllrs Willis (Chair) and Astell, Prue Blake (Appeal Group), Harry Burton (Beverley Lions) and Graham Tait (Wykeland).

In attendance: Carol Oliver, Deputy Town Clerk, Martin Avill and David Murphy from LITE and Stephen Clemenson from Festive Lighting.

42 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Dodsworth, Peter Jacobson (ERYC), Judy Sagar (Westwood Lions), Julian Minshall and Phil Scaife (Chamber of Trade)

43 To note the minutes of the meeting of the 1st March 2016

The minutes were noted.

44 Matters arising not on the Agenda.

This item was moved to after the presentations from Light Companies.

45 To receive presentations from Light Companies for the hire of cross pieces and snowflakes

The requirements of the Town Council are 4 cross pieces and 6 columns pieces in cool white together with the lighting of Toll Gavel for a 3 or 5 year hire agreement. Reasonable refurbishment costs would need to be included in the quotation. It was agreed that it would be easier for the large pieces to be provided in sections to enable easier erection.

A discussion was held and both representatives from the Light Companies said they would provide quotes within the next 3 weeks.

The representatives left at 1.50pm.

46 Matters arising not on the Agenda.

Mr Tait said that at Flemingate the event would be larger this year in order to maximise footfall to the centre. More units are being opened in June.

Cllr Astell said other ideas had been discussed outside of the meeting. The idea was having a procession of the nativity with the crowd having lighting equipment to light up Beverley as they walk through Beverley from Flemingate to Market Cross. Carols could be sung in parts of the town and school and community choirs would be needed.

Mr Tait said the above was not reflected in the minutes and asked if this had been discussion at Full Council. Cllr Astell said no but at the last Christmas Lights meeting it was agreed the procession was required. Cllr Astell said that Full Council did not want the large event as run by the Chamber of Trade as this was held on the licence and insurance of the Town Council and the Town Council were unhappy at being responsible for any potential claim. Councillors felt the Chamber of Trade's event of fairgrounds, bands and other activities detracted from the switch on. They felt it was not about Christmas. Councillors wanted the event to go back to what it was a small switch on event which was about Christmas.

Members agreed it was a good idea to start with the nativity at 4pm on the 27th November at Market Cross with Mary and Joseph and process down to Flemingate collecting angels, shepherds and wise men on the

way. This would end in the green area in front of Flemingate. Mr Tait said that Flemingate were having fireworks and a Santa's Grotto on this area and it would be a good place to finish the event with the nativity. This could coincide with the public going onto the Minster for their evening service.

Cllr Astell is going to speak to the churches in Beverley regarding the nativity and revert back to the meeting. Mr Burton said if any further information is received before the meeting, please can this be circulated so the group can have read this and be ready to make a decision.

Members discussed having a Cone Tree in Railway Square and Cllr Astell asked whether Wykeland would be prepared to assist with this purchase as Wykeland are doing some work in that area. Mr Tait asked Cllr Astell to provide a written request so he could take this to Wykeland.

Concerns were expressed at the work load of Mr Jacobson as we continue to purchase additional lights. Mr Jacobson is to be asked if any help is required and did he know of anyone we could ask for a quote for.

Date of next meeting – 3rd May 2016 at 130pm.

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