

# BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

## BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Working Group Meeting)

9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Present:** Councillor Duncan Jack (Chair), Councillor Ann Willis, Joy Jack from Christmas Lights Appeal Group, Bill Rice and Geoff Sygrove (Beverley Lions), Judy Sagar (Westwood Lions) and Graham Tait (Flemingate), Peter Jacobson (East Riding of Yorkshire Council)

**In attendance:** Carol Oliver, Deputy Town Clerk

### 124 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Dodsworth and Prue Blake.

### 125 To note the minutes of the meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were noted.

### 126 Matters arising not on the Agenda

No matters arising.

Councillor Jack together with members of the Christmas Lights meeting noted the passing of Harry Burton who will be sadly missed and who has made a large contribution to the Christmas lighting over the years. A letter is to be written to Mrs Burton by the Deputy Town Clerk for approval by Cllr Jack.

### 127 To receive the statement of finances

The Town Council account stands at £8760.67 but invoices are awaited for payment and there will be approximately £2,000/£3,000 left.

The Christmas Lights Appeal account stands at £3756.92 – which includes a sum of £808 from the very successful tombola and £100 from Tommy Coles for the roundabouts that were at the Switch on event.

Three events are planned this year, Quarto with Pie and Pea supper on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Quiz Night date to be notified and Fashion Show in October at the Memorial Hall.

Mrs Jack said that she still awaited the De-Lacy cheque from their raffle.

Councillor Jack reported the Town Council had precept £10,000 for the infrastructure of the lights.

Any moneys raised by the Appeal Group can be used to purchase new lights. The plan for 2018 and 2019 is to purchase little blizzards to go on the shops with Christmas tree brackets on Toll Gavel and Butcher Row.

### 128 To discuss the event on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

The Deputy Town Clerk read the comments received from Councillor Dodsworth who was unable to attend the meeting. He felt that an event should be done separately to Flemingate as the crowds dispersed quickly which cleared Saturday Market quickly and traders were affected. Flemingate Centre are able to offer fireworks, free drinks and have professional PR Company to do their advertising which attract the public to Flemingate. If one event is held then either Saturday Market or Flemingate traders are affected. Councillor Dodsworth did say that on future events the Town Council and Flemingate should work together.

The Deputy Town Clerk read the comments received Mrs Blake who was who was unable to attend the meeting. She thinks the switch on needs to be revamped or do nothing at all. She reported Ben Shires was brilliant, The Westwood Lions Father Christmas and sleigh together with Beverley FM were a great success. There was a sound problem with the Market Cross service. She was concerned that the businesses are asked for raffle prizes and may have been disappointed with the turn out for late night shopping. It was disappointing that events were going on at Flemingate at the same time as the switch on but this seems to be what the public wanted.

Mrs Blake asked that her thanks be passed to Mr Jacobson and his team for getting up the lights on time. She said the Market Cross looked excellent as did the little blizzards but more need to be purchased for Toll Gavel and Butcher Row. The County Hall trees are not switched on but part of the funding agreement was that they would be lit from October to March. The Cross Street lamp posts did not have their snowflakes on them. Some of the snowflakes were not lit or only half lit and the vandalism on the two cone trees needs to be addressed.

### **Lights:**

Mr Jacobson reported that:

- (i) There are 4 snowflakes out and have been identified as needing repair. Mr Jacobson will let the Deputy Town Clerk know.
- (ii) The Hugh Rice Little Blizzard was on all the time as the timer is inside the shop. Mr Jacobson is to speak to Hugh Rice.
- (iii) The Caveman Little Blizzard was not lit as the cable had been cut in the refurbishment. Mr Jacobson to organise repair before the erection is needed for 2018.
- (iv) Cross Street Snowflakes – following replacement of the columns in Cross Street, one is awaiting electricity and the other two had faulty timers. These snowflakes were put into North Bar. The snowflakes will go up in Cross Street in 2018.
- (v) Cross Street Christmas tree – new lights need to be purchased to be strung inside. A box is to be made to go over the cruciform which the tree sits on to make it difficult for the tree to be climbed up.
- (vi) Wednesday Market Christmas tree – new strings of lights need to be purchased and put on the tree.
- (vii) County Hall Tree lights have tripped out and Mr Jacobson would arrange for this to be sorted.

Members felt that the town looked great with the lighting.

Councillor Jack asked if all the lights were put up this year. Mr Jacobson reported the icicles did not go up as it is very difficult to attach the icicles to the buildings and permissions would be required. Mr Jacobson is to provide dimensions to the Deputy Town Clerk as it is thought these could be put up in Dyer Lane near the second hand book shop. The electricity supply would need to be located.

### **Market Cross**

Members felt the service went very well but the public address system did not work well. Mr Sygrove is to find out about the public address system. Mr Jacobson apologised for not being in the right place at the end of the first countdown.

Mr Sygrove reported the Lions Christmas Tree is down but the electrical box is still in situ. Mr Jacobson will remove this and this will be sorted in the Town Council unit. In the future the lights could be checked in the unit.

Councillor Jack reported that the Town Council had a new unit which would house all the items owned by the Town Council including the lights and they would be making enquiries to return the unit. Mr Jacobson requested the Deputy Town Clerk enquire if the container would be available for sale.

### **Flemingate**

Mr Tait said he felt the event went well at Flemingate with about 2000 people attending. The lights on the Parkway and the lights down the main mall were great. A new contractor is in place in 2018 and there will be a ceiling of lights down the main mall. The fireworks, choir and music all were successful.

Mr Tait said that he would like the event to remain as one as it is the town of Beverley Light Switch on. Since inception Flemingate development has always wanted to be part of the town, work with the town and is keen for this to continue. Flemingate want the focus to be Beverley and its people and has always respected the traditions of Beverley.

### **129 To consider the event in 2018**

The date agreed was Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November with the Market Cross Service at 3.30pm, Switch on of Lights at 4pm and the Presentation of the Children's competition to be 4.05pm. Mr Tait said Flemingate event would commence their event at 5pm.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that some security/first aid would be needed for the Market Cross Service as the access and egress from Saturday Market are past the Market Cross. As the event is being held on Sunday

information needs to be obtained regarding the parking as it is free on a Sunday which may cause an issue in removing vehicles. The Deputy Town Clerk is to make enquiries of East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding what security/first aid required for health and safety reasons and also enquire re: parking.

Date of next meeting: to be notified.

The meeting closed at 1450

Signed .....Date.....

Action Plan  
 Christmas Lights 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Letter to be written to Mrs Burton	The Deputy Town Clerk/Councillor Jack	As soon as possible
<p><b>Min 128:</b>            Identify the 4 snowflakes for repair needing repair and notify Deputy Town Clerk</p> <p>Speak to Hugh Rice re: timer</p> <p>Speak to Caveman to organise repair of cable</p> <p>Cross Street Snowflakes – ensure electricity problems are sorted</p> <p>Cross Street Christmas tree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify the Deputy Town Clerk of lights that need to be purchased to be strung inside</li> <li>• Make a box is to be made to go over the cruciform which the tree sits on to make it difficult for the tree to be climbed up.</li> </ul> <p>Wednesday Market Christmas tree – Notify the Deputy Town Clerk of lights that need to be purchased to be strung inside</p> <p>Organise repair of County Hall Tree lights that have tripped out</p> <p>Icicle dimensions to be notified Deputy to Town Clerk</p> <p>Find out about the loud speaker problems at the Market Cross</p> <p>Enquire of East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding what security/first aid required for health and safety reasons and also enquire re: parking</p> <p>Call a meeting when information available</p>	<p>Peter Jacobson</p> <p>Geoff Sygrove</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk</p> <p>Councillor Jack/The Deputy Town Clerk</p>	