

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL
BEVERLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
(Working Group Meeting)

18th November 2014

Present: Councillors Gray and Whitfield, Harry Burton (Beverley Lions), Prue Blake (Fund Raising Group), and Peter Jacobson (ERYC Street Lighting)

In attendance: Carol Oliver (Deputy Town Clerk)

436 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bottomley.

437 To note the minutes of the meeting of the 21st October 2014

The minutes of the meeting of the 21st October 2014 were noted.

438 Matters arising not on the Agenda.

No matters arising as all items on the agenda.

439 To receive the financial accounts

The Deputy Town Clerk reported there is £7874.97 in the Town Council bank account but there are some bills to be paid for Festive Lighting, First Aid, Crowd Security and the trees.

Mrs Blake reported that the Beverley Christmas Lights Appeal Group had been successful in their application to the High Street Fund in the sum of £5038. The balance in their account is £7472. As part of the application to the High Street Fund the Beverley Christmas Lights Appeal Group has to match fund the grant given. The High Street Fund had made suggestions:

- (i) That the Group work closer together with the Regeneration Department of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and
- (ii) Consider extending the Christmas lighting from Flemingate to Wednesday Market.

A discussion took place about the Station Square being lit as this would make this area more welcoming to the town.

440 To discuss the erection of the Christmas trees

The Deputy Town Clerk said that:

- (i) 67 trees had been ordered and were being delivered at 8.30am on Sunday 23rd November at Market Cross.
- (ii) The large tree for Wilkinsons is in Boyes' yard ready for installation by East Riding of Yorkshire Council.
- (iii) There are 60 sets of white lights and 5 sets of warm lights
- (iv) Two trees do not require lights.

Mrs Blake said that there were approximately 10 people who would assist with the dressing of the trees. The Deputy Town Clerk to ask the Town Council Handyman where the cherry picker should commence.

Mr Burton reported that the Beverley Lions are meeting on the Market Cross on the 25th November to erect their tree.

Mr Jacobson reported the cone trees will be erected and tested but would remain unlit until the lighting up event on the 30th November. The tree at Wilkinsons will also be erected.

441 To receive an update on fund raising events

Mrs Blake reported that:

- (i) The flower demo on the 25th November still has tickets available.
- (ii) Figaro are doing a quiz and have extended the closing date until after Christmas to enable this to be sold at the lighting up event on the 30th November.
- (iii) There is a "Pick a Date" from a diary at a cost of £1 per date. The winning date will be drawn in the new year with the winner receiving £150.
- (iv) At the lighting up event, the Beverley Christmas Lights Group will have a mulled wine stall, lucky dip and face painting.

442 To consider the 2014 event

Cllr Gray reported:

- (i) That there are two school choirs, one at the Market Cross with the Beverley Lions and one at Wednesday Market.
- (ii) The Pipe Band will attend from 3.15pm and lead the crowd after the switch on in Wednesday Market to the lighting of the new Blizzards in Saturday Market.
- (iii) Whilst passing the Angel Square, this tree will be lit.
- (iv) The Wilkinson tree would be lit by the Mayor of Beverley.
- (v) There would be a countdown for the lighting of the new Blizzards in Saturday Market.

Mrs Blake reported that QualityLockings Solicitors are sponsoring the PA system and have been asked to sponsor the platform. QualityLockings Solicitors are making enquiries with the Beverley Minster how the sponsorship of the platform can be achieved. If the sponsorship cannot be achieved, Mrs Jack will approach the Wednesday Market traders to see if they can assist.

Mr Burton is anxious that the times are maintained as near as possible and that there are no noisy activities whilst the Market Cross Service is taking place.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that there is no one available to be Bertie; Cllr Whitfield offered to do this if no one else can be found. Cllr Whitfield said he would be Bertie's escort if someone else could be found. Cllr Gray suggested Paul Downey.

Members asked that the Chamber of Trade are contacted to provide a programme of events, risk assessments and a site plan to the Deputy Town Clerk. The programme of events and site plan is to be forwarded to all members. The Deputy Town Clerk said that she needed the other documents as soon as possible to ensure that insurance cover could be put in place to cover the event.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm.