



Christmas Lights Working Group

9th September 2020

1:30pm via Zoom

(Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was not possible for the Working Group to meet in person)

Present: Councillor A Willis (Chair), Councillor D Jack, Councillor D Horsley and Mrs Joy Jack (Christmas Lights Appeal Committee).

In Attendance: Matthew Snowden (Deputy Town Clerk) and Libby Woodhouse (Administrative Assistant)

11/20: To receive apologies for absence

Apologies of absence were received from Geoff Sygrove (Beverley Lions), Peter Jacobson (ERYC) and Prue Blake

12/20: To note the minutes of the last meeting held on the 24th June 2020 – see attached:

Resolved: To note the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2020.

13/20: To receive the statement of finances and update on fund raising.

The balances had not changed since the last meeting.

14/20: Electrical Infrastructure: To receive an update from Peter Jacobson (ERYC) regarding upgrades and other work required to the electrical infrastructure.

Councillor Jack reported that there had not been any feedback from Peter Jacobson (ERYC) with regard to infrastructure requirements following the meeting they had earlier in the year. Councillor Jack will try to contact him again to progress the any work required which includes:

- Setting the timers – the timers will be set so that lights will come on between 5-10 minutes of each other
- Checking the lighting and installations and repairing units and installations as required.
- Determining and checking electric points on the Memorial Hall

15/20: Blachere Meeting Feedback: To receive feedback from Working Group Members who met with a representative from Blachere earlier in the year.

A meeting had taken place with Blachere and a quote had been received which did not include storage for Beverley's for lighting and the Group felt it would not be in the best interests to pursue this.

16/20: Lights Infrastructure: To consider new purchases and upgrades to the Christmas lights infrastructure.

The Working Group considered that lighting the town would be what the town needs during the current pandemic, and new lighting would be fairly easy to achieve at the following locations dependent on budget, electrical installations and infrastructure:

- Landress Lane from Toll Gavel – new feature lighting where there are existing electrical boxes.
- Well Lane – a curtain of lighting over the entrance to create a tunnel effect where there are existing electrical boxes.
- Swaby's Yard – there is one bracket already and another is needed. A box is already there.
- Front of Memorial Hall – to decorate the pillars to provide a lighting display on entry to Beverley dependent on the electrics which would need liaison between the Hall and ERYC.
- Trinity Square – the Masons have given an indication they would help with lighting here possibly by lighting three lamp standards
- The face of North Bar

The Working Group considered potential areas:

- Coronation Gardens – however the cost may be prohibitive at £3-£4k to get the infrastructure in and solar power would not provide enough power.
- Lord Roberts Road – was not considered an option by ERYC
- Trees outside Courthouse
- Lighting the Market Cross all year
- Lighting the tree in Champney Road – the Deputy Clerk will ask the ERYC Ward Councillors to look at this again.
- Dyer Lane Plaque – this has been made by the previous Handyman and just needs installing.

17/20: Switch-on Event: To discuss the potential Switch-on Event (taking the Covid-19 pandemic into consideration).

In the light of recent Government guidance for the Covid-19 pandemic, there will not be a switch on event this year organised by the Town Council.

18/20: Any other issues regarding Christmas Lights not otherwise on the agenda.

The Deputy Town Clerk will ask Christmas Plus for quotes for new lighting (feature for Landress Lane and curtain lighting for Well Lane) and send a link to the online brochure for the Working Group to consider.

Councillor Jack will liaise with Peter Jacobson and another meeting will be called within the next two weeks to resolve outstanding infrastructure needs and new purchases.

Signed: _____



Date: 19-10-20