



Christmas Lights Working Group

12th November 2019

6.30pm at 12 Well Lane, Beverley

Present: Councillor Ann Willis (Chair), Councillor Chloe Hopkins, Councillor David Horsley, Councillors Duncan Jack, Joy Jack (Christmas Lights Appeal Group), Geoffrey Sygrove (Beverley Lions), Peter Jacobson (ERYC).

In Attendance: Matthew Snowden (Deputy Town Clerk)

8/19: To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Prue Blake

9/19: To note minutes of the last meeting held on the 19th June 2019

The minutes were noted as a correct record.

10/19: Matters arising not on the agenda.

It was reported that The White Company is now unable to decorate the conical tree outside their shop, as they do not have the correct sort of decorations to dress it.

11/19: Finances

11.1: To receive a statement of finances: The Deputy Town Clerk reported that £15,555.88 was currently in the Christmas Lights account held by the Town Council, but that a significant proportion of this would be used to cover costs incurred by the lights purchased for 2019. In addition, it was reported that the Christmas Lights Appeal Group currently have £7,285 in their account.

11.2: Fundraising updates: It was reported that the recent Quiz raised £600, which will be split between the Christmas Lights Appeal and the Beverley Branch of the Motor Neuron Disease Association. In addition, £1,100 was raised by a fashion show, which will all go toward Christmas Lights Appeal. The Chair thanked the Appeal Group for their hard work.

12/19: To discuss the lighting for 2019

12.1: Dyer Lane tree and mini-ceremony: Peter Jacobson confirmed that the work could take place once some technical issues had been addressed. It was reported that Prue Blake was in liaison with the Masons, who are sponsoring the Dyer Lane lights, to arrange a small commemoration ceremony (date TBC).

12.2: Finalise any last minute lighting issues:

- a) It was reported that the large cross street displays had been delayed due to delivery issues. Christmas Plus Limited has said they will arrive the week prior to the switch on ceremony.

Resolved: *As the ceremony will be focused around Market Cross, the cross street displays can be installed after that date, especially due to the high levels of work Peter Jacobson and his team currently have to get through.*

- b) All the globes and spheres have arrived and are being installed and the large snowflake designs have already been erected in Market Place, etc.
- c) It was reported that Beverley Building Society will be installing lights similar to Guest and Phillips and they will therefore add to the switch on ceremony.
- d) Peter Jacobson reported that the items from Christmas Plus Limited had arrived with 2-pin European plugs as opposed the UK 3-pins. As such, he is resolving this issue to ensure the lights can be installed.

Resolved: That Cllr Duncan Jack will liaise with Boyes to see if they can donate equipment to enable the lights to be plugged in and chains to secure the spheres in place. It was also agreed that the Deputy Town Clerk should write to Christmas Plus Limited requesting a price reduction, due to the issues of late deliveries and non-UK compliant fittings.

- e) It was reported that directly after the meeting, Joy Jack and Peter Jacobson would arrange final light installation logistics.
- f) The Committee thanked Peter Jacobson and his team for all their hard work.

12.3: Cllr Chloe Hopkins explained that at a recent conference she had spoken to festive lighting companies that provide displays for roundabouts, in the hope this could be a feature in Beverley in future years

Resolved: Cllr Hopkins to forward details to the Deputy Town Clerk.

13/19: Switch-on Ceremony – Sunday 24th November 2019

Mr Sygrove and Peter Jacobson discussed some issues regarding Market Cross lighting, which will hopefully be resolved by the date of the ceremony. It was explained that planning for the event was going well, with pupils from Molescroft School scheduled to attend to sing carols and that the Mayor will be in attendance wearing full regalia.

The meeting concluded at 2:00pm

Signed: _____

RUD Jack

Date: _____

25th Nov 2019