



Christmas Lights Working Group

23rd 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 T Astell, Councillor D Horsley, Mrs Joy Jack and Mrs Prue Blake (Christmas Lights Appeal Committee)

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

19/20: To receive apologies for absence

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

20/20: To note the minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th September 2020 – see attached.

Resolved: To note the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2020.

21/20 Electrical Infrastructure

To receive an update following a meeting between Duncan Jack and Peter Jacobson (ERYC) regarding upgrades and other work required to the electrical infrastructure.

Councillor Jack reported:

- There are 7 triangular displays at the office and 3 or 4 more are needed. Peter Jacobson had indicated he would then be able to repair the current ones.
 - The Deputy Clerk will liaise with the company from which they were purchased.
- More bulbs are needed (metal not plastic)
 - The Deputy Clerk will purchase 50.
- Councillor Jack had met with Peter Jacobson regarding infrastructure required particularly with regard to Landress Lane and Well Lane. Permission is being sought from the owners of the buildings either side for bolts for catenary wires.
- Butcher Row – A discussion was held about icicle lights.

22/20 Blachere Meeting Feedback

To receive feedback from Working Group Members who met with a representative from Blachere earlier in the year.

Councillor Astell reported on a walkabout held with Blachere and a quote had been received for a wish list costing £21,000 although not all items could be achieved. It was agreed that Coronation Gardens could not be achieved because of the cost and time taken for electrical installation work. The work potentially would cost £14,500.

The Group discussed the following:

- Memorial Hall – permission required and potential infrastructure. Council Jack had spoken to representatives who were agreeable. A private electrician at the Council's expense would be required. The existing floodlights were on timers and could provide electric points.
- Wednesday Market – outside Mirage (liaise with owner/manager), reindeer and sleigh for the public to sit in, Peter Jacobson would look at lighting up the two birch trees. Funding for some may come from Solicitors in the future.



- North Bar – permission would be required from the owners, ERYC, Civic Society, listed building consent.
- Toll Gavel Methodist Church – could be easy as there are electric boxes, needs permission (Councillor Astell to liaise with Cllr L Johnson who is a member of the Church).
- Station Square – cannot light the trees but could light lamp standards with fairy lights round them. The Masons would be willing to help but not this year as funding needs to be raised
- Well Lane, Landress Lane – building owner permission required, Peter Jacobson can do infrastructure required for overhead curtain.
- Dyer Lane – more lights for the rear of the tree and put up the plaque.
- Swaby's Yard – blizzard lighting and light up 2 lamp standards.

23/20 Lights Infrastructure

To consider new purchases and upgrades to the lights infrastructure.

Cost, budget and timing were considered.

The Deputy Clerk will find out where the reindeer and sleigh would fit in with the Council's health and safety procedures and insurance due to members of the public being able to sit in it. The Deputy Clerk will contact Blachere to query pricing, length of time taken to receive ordered goods and liaise with the Police if it goes ahead in Wednesday Market and find out electrical installation points.

The quote from Blachere was discussed and the Deputy Clerk reported that in the 2020-2021 budget there was £7,500 for installing, dismantling and maintaining, £12,500 for infrastructure and £8,452 left in the account. It would be unlikely to ask the Council for more funds. The funds in the Christmas Lights Appeal account is additional to this and will purchase lighting blizzards this year.

24/20 Switch-on Event

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

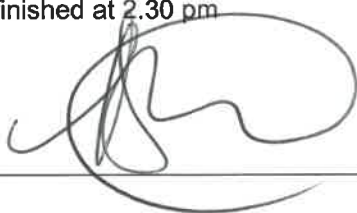
There would not be a switch-on event although the potential for a virtual one was discussed. This could incorporate the Lions, Jonathan Levy, Ben Shires via video-link

25/20 Any other issues regarding Christmas Lights not otherwise on the agenda.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 1.30 pm

Meeting finished at 2.30 pm

Signed: _____



Date: 19-10-2020