

Minutes of Christmas Lights Working Group

13th July 2021

6.30 pm via Zoom

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

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

In Attendance: Matthew Snowden (Acting Town Clerk) and Libby Woodhouse (Administrative Officer)

Delegation of Duties: From May 2020 to 6th May 2021, the Emergency Coronavirus Act allowed Councils to meet and make resolutions via remotely technology. However, the Government decided to discontinue this from 6th May 2021 onwards. Therefore, on 12th April 2021, Full Council resolved to delegated all decisions to the Acting Town Clerk (other than those that by law cannot be delegated). It was also resolved to continue holding meetings, but due to being unable to make direct resolutions remotely, all decisions made by Councillors will be recommendations to advise the Acting Town Clerk in their decision making.

8/21: Introduction

The Chair to explain that the meeting is being live-streamed on You Tube via Zoom, detail the meeting protocol in terms of using remote technology and make a rollcall of Councillors and Officers

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9/21: To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Councillors T Astell and P Astell and Peter Jacobson ERYC.

10/21: To note the minutes of the last meeting held on the 16th June 2021 (see attached)

The Working Group noted the minutes of the meeting of 16th June 2021.

11/21: Electrical Infrastructure

To review an update regarding the electrical infrastructure (which will dictate what can and cannot be achieved).

Councillor Jack reported that Mr Jacobson is returning to work on a phased basis and is aware that the Council has items to repair and new infrastructure and will fit this in when possible.

Councillor Jack reported that he had been in discussions about repairing the lighting at North Bar and the issue currently is to determine responsibility.

12/21: Purchases

To receive an update on purchases made following the previous meeting

Items that the Working Group had recommended for purchase at the previous meeting had been approved by the Planning, Property & Services Committee and the financial allocation and purchases had been made.

