



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2013 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT:

The Mayor – Cllr E Griffin-Singh
Cllr S Overall
Mr M Chinery-Colyer
Mr S Pittock

Cllr J Chaplin
Cllr A Arnold
Mr T Overall

Cllr R Hobbs
Mr I Newstead
Mr John Dennick

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Every.

2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM – (*as per standing order 83 b*)

There were no requests of intentions to speak.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee meeting held on the 16th September 2013, were agreed and signed as a true record. CL 111 and 112 refer.

Matters arising:

Page CL 112 - Item 6: Cllr Chaplin reported that two people had come forward at the Council's drop in stall to volunteer with the Christmas Lights.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update dated 11th November 2013. There were no significant variances.

5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LAMPPOSTS

The Assistant Clerk reported that a Section 106 application had been submitted to ECDC to provide funding for the installation of external sockets. Once confirmation that funding has been approved, an order will be placed with Balfour Beatty.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LIGHTING GROUP

Mr Chinery-Colyer advise that this year the group had been very short on experienced volunteers. Members agreed to discuss recruitment in January. Posters will be displayed requesting volunteers on the Council's Switch on stall. The American volunteers have again been very willing and helpful.

He also reported there had been problems with scaffolding on Forehill.

Mr Chinery-Colyer requested barriers for the Christmas tree, red plastic to surround the tree and a cherry picker to carry out some essential electrical work. The Assistant Clerk will arrange these.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE SWITCH ON GROUP

Mr Newstead reported that the number of sponsors has risen to nineteen. Mr Newstead has also fundraised with his family at the Apple Festival and bag packing at Tesco. All the stalls have been booked, the road closures are in place, there are various acts performing and a large LED TV screen will show the live performances. He will be attending ECDC's Safety Advisory Group meeting on 20th November 2013.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Pittock advised that the City of Ely Perspective group are organising a 'best shop window' competition. Any businesses can currently get a 10% discount from Wilkinsons when purchasing Christmas lights. Shops will be able to borrow a Council owned feature in return for a donation of £5.00 to the Christmas lights fund. Cllr Hobbs advised that erecting lights at the Riverside would need discussion at Full Council, as to whether the area is within the remit of where lights are to be displayed.

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 20th January 2014, at 6.30pm, Monday 31st March 2014, at 6.30pm and Monday 9th June 2014 at 6.30pm.