



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2012 AT 7.15 PM

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr J Yates	Cllr W Burton	Cllr J Chaplin	Cllr S Overall
Cllr A Arnold	Cllr N Clarke	Cllr P Eden	Mr M Chinery-Colyer
Mr J Dennick	Mr P Sindall	Mr T Overall	

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr R Hobbs.

2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM

– (as per standing order 83 b)

There were no intentions.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2011, were agreed and signed as a true record.

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There were no matters arising

4. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON BUDGET UPDATE FROM FINANCE GROUP

The Assistant Clerk reported that the Finance meeting had met prior to this meeting and that there were no significant variances within the budget.

5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LIGHTING GROUP

Mr Chinery-Colyer said that the 2011 lighting had been the best show the Light Brigade have done. There had been no failures and he was very pleased with how well everything had gone. He said that someone has come forward who is interested in volunteering and has access to a teleporter.

6. TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR 2012.

Mr Chinery-Colyer advised that the Light Brigade have ideas for 2012, these include a new string of lights for Market Street, icicle lights on the buildings around the Market Place and on St Mary's Street. These plans will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

The Assistant Clerk was requested to write to the Town House and the Hereward to ask for formal approval for powering some Christmas Lights from their buildings.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE SWITCH ON GROUP

Cllr Eden reported that the 2011 switch on evening had been an extremely successful evening and had made a small profit. The switch on evening for 2012 will be on 30th November.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Sindall commented that this is the first year that no modifications were needed. This shows that all the preparatory work over the last few years has paid off. He said that the volunteers are a strong team that need to be kept together.

Cllr Overall said it was difficult putting the lights up on Saturdays with cars being parked on the High Street. The Mayor said that the road closure signs need to be checked to see if they inform people about moving their cars. He will then raise the matter through the Neighbourhood Panel Meeting.

Cllr Overall informed members she had been approached by a member of the public suggesting that fundraising could be carried out in aid of the Christmas lights and suggested a cake stall.

Cllr Clarke requested thank you letters be sent to the sponsors of the Christmas lights. Cllr Clarke will provide a list of these to the Assistant Clerk.

Mr Chinery-Colyer advised that the pull test will need to be carried out in May for which a hoist will be required.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

5th March 7.15pm, Tuesday 15th May at 7.15pm.