



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD ON 25TH JULY 2011 AT 7.15 PM

PRESENT:

Cllr J Chaplin	Cllr S Overall	Cllr N Clarke	Cllr R Wood
Cllr A Arnold	Mr J Dennick	Mr M Chinery-Colyer	Mr P Sindall
Mr T Overall	Mr T French		

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from The Mayor, Cllr J Yates.

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 31st January 2011, were agreed and signed as a true record.

Pages CL 91 & 92 refer. Cllr Clarke proposed Mr French be co-opted on to the committee. This was seconded by Cllr Chaplin and unanimously agreed by members.

4. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON BUDGET UPDATE FROM FINANCE GROUP

Cllr Chaplin reported that the Finance meeting had met prior to this meeting and that there were no significant variances within the budget.

5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM ELVEDEN FARMS

The Assistant Clerk reported the questionnaire had been received. This required basic information at this stage regarding the position of the tree and the type of event held on switch on night. She is waiting for a response from Elveden to see if Ely will be considered for sponsorship. However if this is not received within the next 6 weeks, then plans will need to be put into place for the provision of a Christmas tree.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LIGHTING GROUP

Mr Chinery-Colyer said that plans were in place for the lighting for this year and that all the remedial work had been done and the lights had been tested. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that an order had been placed with Festive Lights for lighting which totals £2869.50

7. TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF NUMBERS REQUIRED FOR HI VIS VESTS ORDER

It was agreed and order be placed for 22 Hi Vis vests. Mr French offered to sponsor these, which was gratefully received.

8. TO DISCUSS ORDER FOR HOISTS.

Members agreed to place an order for hoists with Height for Hire at a cost of £3420.00, for 4 weekends. Another quote had been received however this was more expensive and a third company had been approached but declined to provide a quotation.

9. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE SWITCH ON GROUP

There were no members present from the switch on group at the meeting so an update was not received.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Chinery-Colyer agreed to contact Festive Lights regarding collection of the artificial tree.

Mr Sindall requested two certificates be produced in order to thank two members of the Light Brigade, who are emigrating, for their contribution towards erecting the Christmas Lights

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The following meeting dates are set for: **Monday 17th October*** at 7.15pm, Monday 16th January 2012 at 7.15pm, 5th March 7.15pm, Tuesday 15th May at 7.15pm.

**Please note change of date*