



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2017 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr I Lindsay Cllr A Arnold Cllr Every
Mr M Chinery-Colyer *Mr J Dennick* *Mr I Newstead* *Mr P Eden*

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hobbs and Warman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee meeting held on the 21st November 2016, were agreed and signed as a true record, CL 144 & 145 refer.

CL 145 – Item 9, The Mayor reported that the presentation of certificates to the USAF volunteers, will take place on 17th February.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 30th January 2017 and attached report. There were no significant variances. Any additional income and underspend of expenditure will be carried forward to next years budget.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

There were no health and safety issues to report. Cllr Arnold requested that barrier tape should be obtained for cordoning off the public, when the lights are being put up.

6. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM SWITCH ON GROUP

Mr Newstead advised the Switch On evening had gone well. There were a few issues, which were addressed on the night. The stalls and events on Forehill, were successful and members agreed this area will now be organised by the Switch on Group. Plans are progressing for 2017, with Star Radio being on board again. More help from volunteers is required on the night. The lights will be switched on this year, on the 1st December 2017. Members discussed the need for a collaborative calendar advising of events etcetera, happening in the City in the run up to Christmas. Cllr Every advised the City Centre Forum had been tasked with looking into this.

7. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM LIGHTING GROUP

Mr Chinery-Colyer reported that the Working Party will meet at 8am on 20th May and 24th June to sort the lights out. He advised he had received a new contact for the USAF volunteers. He requested a press release be sent out advising when the lights will be put up. The Deputy Clerk will arrange this nearer the time.

Mr Chinery-Colyer suggested that his group could put the lights up in the Cloisters in conjunction with them being electrically tested and certificated privately. The Deputy Clerk advised there could be insurance implications with this and further details of cost of certification will need to be obtained before a decision is made. Members were concerned that by taking this on, the volunteers workload could be stretched too far.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr Newstead asked if there had been any progression with the bench for the late Nigel Clarke. The Deputy Clerk reported this was in hand and will be ordered shortly.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Perspective Group had kindly offered to run a best dressed shop window competition in 2016 but unfortunately, this had not happened. Members agreed the City of Ely Council will administer this for 2017.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 27th March at 6.30pm, Tuesday 6th June at 6.30pm. Additional meetings will be arranged if they are required.