



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7.15 PM**

**PRESENT:**

The Mayor, Cllr B Ashton	Cllr R J Hobbs	Cllr J Chaplin	Cllr P Eden	Cllr N Covell
Cllr J Yates	Cllr S Overall	Cllr Pearson	<i>Mr P Sindall</i>	<i>Mr T Overall</i>
<i>Mr M Chinery-Colyer</i>	<i>Mr J Dennick</i>	<i>Mr I Newstead</i>	<i>Mr N Clarke</i>	

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM – (as per standing order 60 b)**

There were no intentions.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010, were agreed and signed as a true record. Page CL 87 refers. There were no matters arising.

**4. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON BUDGET UPDATE FROM FINANCE GROUP**

Cllr Hobbs reported that the Finance meeting had met prior to this meeting and that there were no significant variances within the budget. Any surplus money within the budget will be carried forward to 2011/12. Cllr Hobbs thanked all members of the committee for keeping the budget in order.

**5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON ARTIFICIAL TREE**

Members were updated on the artificial tree. Mr Chinery-Colyer explained that it had been erected to test its suitability before being erected on the Market Place. Unfortunately tests had proved that the tree to be of an unsatisfactory standard and therefore it will not be possible for it to be used this year. The Council will be speaking to the supplier regarding the future of the tree. A press release will be issued and East Cambs District Council will be kept informed of developments. A real tree had been sourced and will be collected from Woodbridge.

**6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LIGHTING GROUP**

Mr Chinery-Colyer advised the group had started erecting the lights and due to advanced planning this had gone very well. There is still more work to be done over the coming weekends. The real tree will be erected on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

**7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE SWITCH ON GROUP**

Cllr Eden reported that he had attended East Cambridgeshire District Councils Safety Advisory Group. He also advised that the road closures have been advertised, the Churches Together in Ely will not be doing a Nativity scene this year and the stage has been booked. There are still stalls available which are expected to be booked in due course.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Overall advised that the Council will be running a Tombola Raffle with all proceeds going to the Christmas Lights.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be advised.