



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SUB COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY
ON THE 5TH OCTOBER 2021 6.00 pm

PRESENT:

Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk Mrs A Bennett – Tourism & Town Centre Manager.
Cllr S Bellow (Chair) Cllr A Arnold Mr M Chinery-Colyer Mr J Dennick

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr E Every, Cllr I Lindsay, Mr I Newstead & Miss L Newstead

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH AUGUST 2021 AND MATTERS ARISING

Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th August 2021, these were then signed by the chairman as a true record. Pages CL 5, 6 & 7 refer. There were no matters arising.

4. BUDGET UPDATE AND TO SET BUDGET FOR 2022/23

Members noted the budget update dated 29th September 2021, there were no significant variances. Members agreed to set the light's budget at same level as for 2021/22. This will enable the continued renewal of deteriorating lights.

With regards to the Switch On budget, it was made clear by members at a recent Assets Committee meeting that the event is a City Council event and therefore the Tourism and Town Centre Committee will need to plan how it intends to deliver the event in future years and budget accordingly for this.

5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM LIGHTING GROUP

Mr Chinery-Colyer updated members on Mrs Jay's success in securing a new supply of lights to replace some of the ageing and failing stock. These include new features, icicle lights and programmable twinkly lights for the tree. The tree supplier had met with the Estates Manager and will be able to supply a tall slim tree. This will be installed on the 15th November 2021. The Estates team will build a new surround for the tree at a cost of £160.00.

Mr Chinery-Colyer is liaising with the USAF volunteers who will be able to help this year.

The Deputy Clerk will contact Ely Museum to see if they have an external power socket for the lights on Market Street.

All volunteers will be requested to complete a contact form in case of an emergency.

Mrs Bennet will promote the volunteers putting the lights up, over social media.

The Deputy Clerk reported the anchor bolts had been tested and that there had been no failures.

The solar powered lights will be put on the beacon.

Cllr Bellow will contact Ely Cathedral Business Group regarding possible sponsorship.

6. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE MANAGER REGARDING THE SHOPPING IN ELY EVENT

Mrs Bennett updated members regarding the shopping evening. This will be on the 28th November, from 11am to 4pm. Oliver Cromwell's House will be open with free entrance all day with stalls in the house and on St Mary's Green. The Rotary club will be doing mulled wine etc. Shoppers can collect a trail map of Ely businesses from Oliver Cromwell's House. St Mary's Green and the house will be decorated. It is hoped a brass band will be able to play. The lights will be turned on from the Friday evening, but this will not be advertised

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

There was no any other business.

8. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

November 9th, 2021 – Maltings Ely at 6.00 pm (changed from 10th November)

The meeting ended at 7.15 pm