



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SUB COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD AT SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD ELY
ON THE 28TH JUNE 2022 AT 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk Mrs A Bennett – Tourism & Town Centre Manager
Cllr I Lindsay Mr M Chinery-Colyer Mr J Dennick
Cllr E Every (Chair) arrived 7.40 pm

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr N Jones. Cllr Every advised that she would be arriving late to the meeting. In her absence Cllr Lindsay chaired the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH JANUARY 2022 AND MATTERS ARISING

Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th January 2022, these were then signed by the Chairman as a true record. Page CLS 11 & 12 refer. There were no matters arising.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update dated 20th June 2022, there were no significant variances.

5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM LIGHTING GROUP

Mr Chinery-Colyer reported that he had devised a scheme that would have white and warm white lights which will give a gold effect. He requested that 700m of warm white lights be purchased along with 8 new features. Mrs Jay will look into ordering these. New cabling will be required, Mr Chinery-Colyer will advise Mrs Jay regarding this. The new lights that were purchased last year will be made available for use in the Cloisters.

Mr Chinery-Colyer requested that Mr T DesChane and Mr C Lockwood be co-opted on to the committee. Mrs Jay advised she would add this to the next Assets committee meeting agenda for approval.

Mrs Jay will check if the electrical testing needs to be carried out. The dates for when the lights will be put up, is as follows and support from Councillors would be very much appreciated by the volunteers.

Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd October 2022

Saturday and Sunday 29th and 30th October 2022

Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th November 2022

Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th November and Monday 21st November 2022

Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th January and Monday 9th January 2023

6. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE MANAGER.

Mrs Bennett advised she would like to have a 'countdown' for the lights to be switched on, on Sunday 27th November. This will include stalls on St Marys Green and in Oliver Cromwell's House. The event will then focus on the Market place around 4.30pm where there will be choirs singing and food trucks ready for a countdown for the lights to be switched on at 6pm. The committee welcomed this idea. Mr Chinery-Colyer advised that more volunteers may be required and therefore Mrs Bennett will put a request for these on social media. Cllr Every advised that the late Cllr Rouse had always wanted to see St Marys Church lit up. Mrs Bennett agreed to look into this.

Members agreed that it will be cost effective for the bunting to be taken down when the lights are put up.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th October 2022 at 6pm (additional meetings will be arranged if required)

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm