



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SUB COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF A MEETING  
HELD AT SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD ELY  
ON THE 11TH OCTOBER 2022 AT 6.00 pm

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**PRESENT:**

Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk      Mrs A Bennett – Tourism & Town Centre Manager  
Cllr E Every (Chair)          The Mayor, Cllr R Morgan      Mr M Chinery-Colyer

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr N Jones, Mr J Dennick and Cllr I Lindsay.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 AND MATTERS ARISING**

Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022, these were then signed by the Chairman as a true record. Page CLS 12 & 13 refer. There were no matters arising.

**4. BUDGET UPDATE AND TO SET BUDGET FOR 2023/24**

Members noted the budget update dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and agreed the budget as detailed in the report for 2023/24, There were no significant variances.

**5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM LIGHTING GROUP**

Mr Chinery-Colyer reported that most of the new lights had been received. He hoped that the USAF volunteers will be available as the number of regular volunteers is declining, especially those that are IPAF trained. Most of the lights are connectable which will eliminate the need for plugs and sockets. The Deputy Clerk reported that she had emailed all Councillors requesting that they show their support when the lights are being put up.

A thank you letter will be sent to Mr I Arnold who is no longer able to help.

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

Mrs Bennett advised she had received a call from ECDC Markets advising that a Sunday event on the Market Place was not acceptable to them and that they intended to have a festive market on the Friday evening due to concerns regarding health and safety and the numbers that may attend. With this in mind it was decided that the lights will go on in conjunction with the City of Ely Council's VisitEly Sunday event, therefore on the 27<sup>th</sup> November. There will be no publicity to that effect, the lights will be timed to come on ready for the afternoon. All publicity will be directed towards the community event at St Mary's Green/OCH not the switching on of the lights. The tree will arrive on the 14<sup>th</sup> November and be decorated on the 21st November 2022

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6 pm

The meeting ended at 7.10 pm