



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SUB COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD AT SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD ELY
ON THE 13TH JUNE 2023 AT 6.00 pm

PRESENT:

Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk Cllr S Austen Cllr M A Robinson Mr M Chinery-Colyer
Mr N Jones Mrs E Every

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Bennett.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH MARCH 2023 AND MATTERS ARISING

Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th March 2023, these were then signed by the Chairman as a true record. Page CLS 16 refers. There were no matters arising.

4. BUDGET UPDATE DATED 7TH JUNE 2023

Members noted the budget update dated 7th June 2023 There were no significant variances.

5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING THE LIGHTS INSTALLATION

Mr Chinery-Colyer advised that the team would be checking the lights soon. He plans to reinstate the rows of lights that run either side of the High Street, these will complement the icicle lights. The purchase of some catenary wire will be necessary to achieve this.

6. TO DISCUSS EVENT FOR 2023

Mrs Jay circulated the report of the meeting that Mrs Bennett had attended with ECDC Markets. Members are in favour of a collaboration of switching the lights on to coincide with the Festive Markets on the 24th November. However, they would like to see a community element with some charity stalls. Concerns were raised that the recognition that the City of Ely Council provides the lights will be lost and therefore members would like to see any advertising for the event includes acknowledgement of the council's contribution. Concerns were also raised with regards to the community being included in decorating the tree. There is a very small window, when the tree is decorated and this requires a hoist and trained operatives, therefore this would not be a feasible idea. Also experience of putting items other than lights on the tree leads to theft and vandalism. It was agreed Mr Chinery-Colyer should be included in further discussions with ECDC regarding these ideas.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12th September 2023 @ 6pm

The meeting ended at 6.45pm