



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SUB COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD AT SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD ELY
ON THE 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 6.00 pm

PRESENT:

Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk	Cllr S Austen	Mr M Chinery-Colyer
Mr N Jones	Mr T DesChane	Mrs A Arnold

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Bennett, Mrs Every & Mr Burrell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH JUNE 2023 AND MATTERS ARISING

Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th June 2023, these were then signed by the Chairman as a true record. Page CLS 17 refers. There were no matters arising.

4. BUDGET UPDATE DATED 4TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Members noted the budget update dated 4th September 2023 There were no significant variances.

5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING THE LIGHTS INSTALLATION.

Mr Chinery-Colyer reported a 30ft tree has been ordered from Welford Christmas Trees at a cost of £2050 and that the plans are all in place for this year's installation of lights. All the catenary cable etc has been received. An additional 100m of white lights are required which the Deputy Clerk will order. Thanks were given to Mr DesChane for his help in organising the USAF volunteers. Mrs Jay will arrange the electrical socket testing.

6. TO DISCUSS EVENT FOR 2023

Mrs Jay updated members on Mrs Bennett's meeting with Ely Markets. The Festive Market will start at midday on the 24th November and close at 7pm. There will be a mix of community/craft and some food stalls. There will be a possible programme of choirs followed by 4D dance as a finale after the lights go on. This is yet to be confirmed. The event will be low key and not a 'switch-on'.

The previous idea of decorations on the tree will not go ahead but Re-Imagine will be doing an 'ECO Grotto' to cover the sustainability/community element with schools.

City of Ely Council attributions will be part of the event 'with thanks to' etc. Narrative and promotion to be discussed when the artwork is confirmed.

Members agreed these plans are excellent as the volunteers will be involved in overseeing the lights, the community will be involved, and the City of Ely Council will receive recognition for supplying the lights.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14th November 2023 @ 6pm

The meeting ended at 6.30pm