



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD ON 5TH MARCH 2012 AT 7.15 PM

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr J Yates	Cllr W Burton	Cllr J Chaplin	Cllr S Overall
Cllr A Arnold	Cllr N Clarke	Mr M Chinery-Colyer	Mr J Dennick
Mr P Sindall	Mr T Overall		

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr R Hobbs.

2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM
– (as per standing order 83 b)

There were no intentions.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2012, were agreed and signed as a true record.

Pages CL 96 and 97 refer.

There were no matters arising

4. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON BUDGET UPDATE FROM FINANCE GROUP

The Assistant Clerk reported that the Finance meeting had met prior to this meeting and that there were no significant variances within the budget. The anticipated carry forward to 2012/13 is £2700.

5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LIGHTING GROUP

Cllr Clarke reported that he, Mr Chinery-Colyer, Cllr Chaplin and Cllr Overall had visited the Lighting Show at the NEC. Orders have been place for new lights for the Christmas Tree, new set features for the High Street and an additional string for Market Street. He also reported that the Lighting Group are looking to change the features on the lamp posts to LED lights and it will be necessary to replace the cabling to accommodate these. It will also be necessary to carry out a pull test this year for which a hoist will be required.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE SWITCH ON GROUP

Nothing reported as no members of the Switch on Group were present at the meeting.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Arnold asked how much money had been made on the Council's Tombola stall as she had an idea to sell items that she had made from recyclable materials. These include a wine bottle with the Council's Crest on, a candle decorated with Union Jacks and a Christmas Tree made from ribbons. She suggested that these types of items could be sold at a stall at the Diamond Jubilee event in order to raise money and also later on at the Christmas Lights switch on night. Members thanked Cllr Arnold for showing the items she had made, the only concern would be the time it would take to make enough to sell.

Cllr Overall reported that she had heard there may be the possibility of an ice rink being situated on Cross Green, which could coincide with the Christmas Lights Switch on evening.

Cllr Clarke reported that it will be necessary to have a structural engineer to test the weight of the features that are being placed on the lamp posts. The Assistant Clerk reported that a response regarding this matter is still awaited from Balfour Beatty.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15th May at 7.15pm.