



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER 2012 AT 7.15 PM

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr W Burton
Cllr J Yates

Cllr J Chaplin
Cllr N Clarke

Cllr S Overall
Mr M Chinery-Colyer
Cllr A Arnold
Mr T Overall

Mr J Tanner (member of the public)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Eden.

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 July 2012, were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages CL 101 and CL102 refer.

4. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON BUDGET UPDATE FROM FINANCE GROUP

Cllr Chaplin reported that the Finance Committee had met prior to this meeting and that there were no significant variances within the budget. Members had unanimously agreed to set a budget of £7500 for 2012/13.

5. TO DISCUSS RING PULL TESTING ON BUILDINGS

Cllr Clarke reported that XS Platforms will carry out the test on the ring pulls on Saturday at a cost of £495.00 plus VAT. On completion of the tests, the Council will be issued with a certificated list of fixings. In order for this work to be done, it has been necessary to hire a hoist with a driver, at a cost of £230.00. Cllr Clarke and Mr Chinery-Colyer will assist with pedestrian safety.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LIGHTING GROUP

Mr Chinery-Colyer presented a report of the lighting scheme for this year, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes. He said there are a number of features which will not be used this year, which could be displayed in shop windows. He suggested that a competition could be held, where people state how many features are in shop windows across the city. A donation of £1.00 could be requested to enter the competition with the proceeds going to the Christmas Lights. All correct answers will be entered into a hat, with a prize been given to the winner. Cllr Griffin-Singh agreed to contact the Ely Traders Association to see if any shops will be willing to display features.

The Cloisters management company will be offered the hire of improved features.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE SWITCH ON GROUP

Cllr Yates represented the Perspective group, of which he is now the Chairman. He advised that the insurance for the evening had been paid for. He would find out the programme for the switch on evening and circulate this to members

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Assistant Clerk advised an email from Balfour Beatty had been received, advising they will be carrying out a TR22 visual inspection of the lighting columns and require the exact column numbers and street names of the ones that are used for Christmas Lights and Hanging Baskets. Cllr Clarke will supply this.

Members postponed the meeting to allow Mr Tanner to speak. He explained that he was from RAF Mildenhall and is currently taking a political and legal systems class, which requires him to attend a local government meeting. He said that he has the resources to offer volunteers to help with community events such as Christmas Lights. Cllr Clarke will liaise with him with regard to the switch on evening.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 19th November at 7.15pm, Monday 22nd January 2013 at 7.15pm, 18th March 7.15pm and Tuesday 17th June at 7.15pm.