



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF A MEETING  
HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2011 AT 7.15 PM

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr J Yates	Cllr J Chaplin	Cllr R J Hobbs	Cllr S Overall
Cllr R Wood	Mr M Chinery-Colyer	Mr P Sindall	Mr N Clarke
Mr T Overall	Mr J Dennick		

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. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Mayor requested nominations for a Committee Chairman. Cllr Chaplin was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Cllr Overall. This was unanimously agreed by members. Cllr Chaplin then chaired the meeting.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Chaplin requested nominations for Vice Chairman. Cllr Overall was proposed by Cllr Chaplin and seconded by the Mayor. This was unanimously agreed by members.

5. CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS

Cllr Chaplin proposed Mr N Clarke, Mr J Dennick, Mr M Chinery-Colyer, Mr P Sindall, Mr T Overall and Mr I Newstead be co-opted as members. This was seconded by Cllr Overall and unanimously agreed by members.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011, were agreed and signed as a true record.  
Pages CL 89 & 90 refer. There were no matters arising.

4. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON BUDGET UPDATE FROM FINANCE GROUP

Cllr Chaplin reported that the Finance meeting had met prior to this meeting and that there were no significant variances within the budget. Cllr Hobbs reported that there had been a significant carry forward of £3566 for which the Committee's efforts were appreciated.

5. TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM ELVEDEN FARMS

The Assistant Clerk reported that an offer of the sponsorship of a Christmas Tree had been made by Elvedon Farms, on behalf of a national company. However details of the sponsorship are still in the preliminary stages. Members agreed that further details of how much commitment would be given from the sponsor be clarified and the level of commitment required by the Council, should it wish to proceed further.

#### 6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LIGHTING GROUP

Mr Chinery-Colyer said that plans were in place for the lighting for this year. This includes: more emphasis on Market Place which will include icicle lights and lighting within some trees, High Street Passage will have brighter lights, there will be 12 new features for lampposts, there will be icicle lights near Tea for Two and the blue and white lights will be refurbished.

The Mayor thanks the Lighting Group for their help with erecting the bunting for the Royal Wedding Community event.

#### 7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE SWITCH ON GROUP

There were no members present from the switch on group at the meeting so an update was not received.

#### 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Overall requested that 30 new Hi Vis Jackets be purchased. This was agreed by members. The words 'Volunteer' will be clearly detailed along with the City of Ely Council and the Light Brigade's names.

#### 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The following meeting dates were agreed by members: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.15pm, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15pm, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.15pm, 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm.