



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 27TH MARCH 2017 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr I Lindsay Cllr R Hobbs Cllr A Arnold Cllr D Warman Cllr J Yates
Mr M Chinery-Colyer *Mr J Dennick* *Mr I Newstead* *Mr P Eden* *Miss L Newstead*

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Every.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee meeting held on the 30th January 2017, were agreed and signed as a true record after Cllr Every's name had been removed from the apologies, CL 146 & 147 refer.

There were no matters arising.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 20th March 2017. There were no significant variances. Any additional income and underspend of expenditure will be carried forward to next year's budget. The Deputy Clerk reported that income is still due from Waitrose and also Star Radio in respect of the Royal Standard's sponsorship. Mr Newstead reported that he is chasing both these.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

There were no health and safety issues to report.

6. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM SWITCH ON GROUP

Mr Newstead advised the group will meet on the 20th April 2017, to discuss this year's event.

7. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM LIGHTING GROUP

Mr Chinery-Colyer reported the visit to the Spring Fayre at Birmingham had been successful and lights had been ordered, which will be delivered in September. He advised the lamp posts on the Market Place have sockets and timers, for which he needs instructions on how to set them. The Deputy Clerk will try to obtain this information. The lamp posts on Market Street do not yet contain sockets. The Deputy Clerk advised this matter is still being pursued with Balfour Beatty.

A meeting with ECDC's Markets will take place on 31st March to discuss the logistics of how the lights will be erected on Market days.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Deputy Clerk reported the bench in memory of the late Nigel Clarke will be delivered and installed shortly. Cllr Hobbs questioned the need for a meeting of this committee in March due to the lack of business being discussed. It was agreed that any future meetings at this time of year will be scheduled and cancelled if not required.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6th June at 6.30pm. Additional meetings will be arranged if they are required.