



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee meeting which took place in the Public Hall on Tuesday 1st November 2022 commencing at 3.30pm

419 PRESENT - Cllr Corbett (Chairman), Cllr Biggs, Cllr Goode, Cllr Turner; also Stefan Nikolov (Head Groundsman) and Mrs C Bright (Town Clerk)

420 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Langridge and Mrs P Tuffs.

421 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Goode declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 – Christmas Cards

422 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Having previously been circulated the minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee meeting held on 4th October 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as true record.

423 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2022

- (a) The Town Clerk advised an installation date was awaited from Torbay Display. **NOTED** the lights on one branch of the Kitson & Trotman tree were not working.

424 SMALL CHRISTMAS TREES

NOTED an additional 5 brackets had been ordered at a cost of £145, Cllr Biggs agreed to make contact with Top Sparks with regard to testing the lights in advance of putting them up.

425 2022 'SWITCH ON' EVENT

- **Snow machine** – the Town Clerk advised we had taken delivery of the snow machine, Cllr Biggs questioned whether an allergen notice should be on display.
- **Santa's Grotto** – two representatives from Beaminster Pre-school were present at the meeting however it was unlikely the pre-school would be able to find the volunteers, confirmation or otherwise was awaited.
- **Road Closure** – the Town Clerk advised initial discussions with Dorset Council were looking promising for the closure of the A3066, a quotation awaited for signage costs, **NOTED** application fee of £295.
- **Market** – Cllr Goode advised a meeting had been scheduled for Friday 4th December with the market promotor, local stalls confirmed to date were Beaminster Cricket Club, Beaminster WI (on behalf of Prout Bridge) and Beaminster Pre-school. **AGREED** to make enquiries with Little Groves and Wobbly Cottage.

426 BEAMINSTER SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS FAIR

In the absence of a representative no information was received.

427 CHRISTIMAS CARDS

The Town Clerk advised members of the production costs for the Christmas Cards, following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to charge £7.00 per pack for the pack of 6 snow scene cards and £6.00 for the pack of 5 lino print cards.

428 CHILDREN’S COMPTITION

The Town Clerk put forward the suggestion of a children’s colouring competition, entries to be displayed in the Skyrm Room windows and a nominal sum to be spent on prizes.

Following discussion it was **AGREED** to organize a ‘Design your Christmas Jumper Competition, winning entries to be announced on 8th December (Christmas Jumper Day). Enquiries to be made with regard to printing the winning design on a sweatshirt.

429 PUBLICITY

Cllr Goode agreed to design posters, banner etc.

430 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was set as Friday 11th November 2022 commencing at 9.00am in the Public Hall.

431 MEETING

The meeting started at 3.30pm and closed at 5.00pm

Chairman