



Fleetwood Town Council

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THE MINUTES OF THE FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL FESTIVE LIGHTS COMMITTEE
HELD ON 13th February 2017

AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL 7.00pm.

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Present: Christine Smith (Chairperson), Julie Dalton (Clerk), Dawn Spooner CDO. Emma Anderton, Mike Barrowclough, Lorraine Beavers, Marge Anderton, Robert Brown, Anne Brown, Cheryl Raynor, Paul Tilling, Mary Stirzaker,

- 328.** Apologies for absence: Jennie Bywater, Dawn McCord, accepted.
- 329.** To approve the minutes of the meeting on the 22nd November 2016.
Duly approved and signed.
- 330.** To review/amend if required and approve the Festive Lights Terms of Reference.
Point 8 Cllr. Terry Rogers has resigned from the Festive Lights Committee and should be removed from the list. Members to be added: Cllr. Cheryl Raynor, Cllr Paul Tilling and Dawn McCord.
Point 9 should be removed from the Terms of Reference.
Point 14 a) 3 Quotes for each purpose to be amended to Fleetwood Town Council Clerk/CDO
Point 14 j) Project Manager: amend to the Chair of the Fleetwood Festive Lights Committee plus CDO.
- 331.** Presentation by Lee Clothier from Blachere on options for a new delivery for the Town Centre in 2017.
The Committee discussed having metered electric through the lamp posts which has been approved by Lancashire County Council and Ingress protected. The Company will install, remove and store said lights, with a 24 hour call out from their HQ at Huddersfield. Options considered, alternate lamp posts decorated with wrap around lights and motifs in red and white on Lord Street, North Albert Street, Poulton Street, decorating the street furniture, Pocket Park and the Mount Pavilion. Quotes will be required to both hire and purchase the said lights. Individual quotes for Parade route, Poulton Street, street furniture/Pocket Park and the Mount Pavilion.
Total of 3 quotes required from companies on a like for like basis. Quotes need to be received by the week prior to the next meeting on 13th March for a decision to be made by the Committee. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**



332. To discuss the meeting with Fleetwood Town Football Club.

The meeting was attended by Terry Rogers, Dawn Spooner and Mary Stirzaker. The Committee were advised that the Fleetwood Town Football Club would like to be very much involved in the Parade and the Switch On and asked that the Committee consider having a mid-week event where the school children would be met at Fisherman's Walk after school and escorted by the team along the Parade route. The Committee was split on this suggestion. 7 voted against, 3 for and 2 abstained. Concerns raised were that most of the Committee were working and would not be available to attend. School children would be required to get to Fisherman's Walk after school and then walk the length of the Parade making it a very lengthy day for the children, particularly the very young ones. Parents could also be working and unable to attend and so potentially drastically reducing the number of people who could take part in the Lantern Parade. There was also a query as to whether the illuminated tram would be available mid-week.

Bryan Lindop from Blackpool Transport would need to be approached to ask whether the illuminated tram would only be available on the Saturday 18th November **Action Point – Dawn Spooner.**

If Blackpool Transport do confirm that the tram is only available on the Saturday then it was suggested that a poll should be set up on the Fleetwood Festive Lights Facebook Page for members to vote on having a mid-week switch on after school with Fleetwood Town Football Club participating but no illuminated Tram/ or a Saturday early evening Switch on with illuminated tram but no participation by Fleetwood Town Football Club.

Action Point – Julie Dalton

It was also suggested that the Christmas Tree could be moved from the Marine Gardens to the Euston Park for the Switch On. The Committee confirmed that this had been tried previously with a concert at the North Euston Hotel which due to the huge numbers who turned up was a Health and Safety issue. The Committee agreed that the idea was not feasible.

Fleetwood Town Football also suggested that they could hold 2 fundraising events for the Festive Lights. A Dinner where businesses will be invited to attend and a concert at the Football Club with a headline act performance.

The Committee discussed having a Ball at the North Euston. The Manager of the North Euston will be approached with regard to making the Ballroom available to hold an event and Martin at the Football Club would be contacted to advise that The Committee will support such an event. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner.**

333. To make a decision on the start and finish point of the Lantern Parade.

The Committee discussed reverting the starting point back to Fisherman's Walk with the Switch On at the Marine Gardens, using their PA system. An approach will be made to the management at the Marine Hall to confirm availability as soon as it is confirmed whether the Switch On is to be a mid-week or Saturday event. **Action Point – Robert Brown**



334. To discuss various suggestions for enhancement of the event

Victorian theme at the Museum. The Museum will need to be approached as to their volunteers participating in such an event which was suggested could take place from 12pm on the day of the Switch On. **Action Point – Terry Rogers**

Snow Queen and Jack Frost. The Committee discussed whether this would detract from Santa and the sleigh and no Committee member volunteered so this idea was voted out. Fleetwood Elf on the Shelf competition. The Committee thought this was a good idea but were unsure whether the shops would be willing to participate and so this was voted out.

Paul Tilling as Santa. The Committee felt that as we already had a volunteer from the Rotary Club to be Santa then it was agreed that this would remain unchanged.

Santa Dash Trinity Hospice. Trinity Hospice will be contacted to confirm that they already have such a fundraiser in place. A suggestion was raised with regard to liaising with RNLI to have a Santa Dash on the Mount with Adam Discoman to oversee the event. Proceeds to be split between the RNLI and Festive Lights. **Action Point – Mike Barrowclough**

Schools involved in creating Christmas scenes down Lord Street.

The Committee deferred this discussion pending the outcome of decorations down the parade route by the 3 company quotes.

Any other Business

End of Year accounts to be prepared in time for the Annual General Meeting **Action Point – Debra Thornton**

Asda Bucket Collection dates application for Saturday 30th September and Saturday 25th November.

Agenda Items for the next meeting

- To appoint Festive Lights Committee officers in the following order;
 1. The Chairperson
 2. The Secretary
- To agree the accounts for 2017
- To discuss whether a Grant is available to the Festive Lights Committee from the “Together We Make A Difference” network.
- To discuss the 3 quotes to decorate the Town Centre
- To discuss the results of the poll regarding the date of the Switch On
- To discuss Santa’s Grotto on Tram Sunday with Paul Tilling as Santa.



- To discuss Fundraiser Ball at the North Euston Hotel
- To discuss Santa Dash with RNLi and date to be agreed.
- To discuss contacting Associated British Ports (ABP) as a potential donor to the Fleetwood Festive Lights

335. To confirm the dates and venue of the next meeting of the FTC Festive Lights Committee

The next Fleetwood Festive Lights Meeting will be the AGM Monday 13th March 2017 in the North Euston Hotel at 7pm

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