



Fleetwood Town Council

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

AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL 7.00pm.

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

Guest: Terry Rogers

336. Accepted Apologies for absence

Jennie Bywater

337. To approve the minutes of the meetings on the 13th February 2017.

Duly approved and signed.

338. To appoint Festive Lights Committee Officers:

The Chairperson – Cllr. Christine Smith duly appointed

The Secretary – Julie Dalton duly appointed

339. To agree the accounts for 2016/17

Revision to accounts included 5 Large Christmas Trees.

Rossall Labour Group paid £100 sponsorship banner and receipt issued. Balance revised from £4047.44 to £4147.44

Confirmation has been sent to Wyre Council that all Grant money has been spent.

Committee duly agreed the Balance as at 2016.

340. To discuss whether funding will still be available from Wyre Council to the Festive Lights Budget.

No definitive confirmation received to date but it was considered that funding would be made available. A point was raised that in 2016, the grant was received in December. Fleetwood Town Council regulations stipulate that no orders are to be placed without having funds available. Wyre Council have said consideration will be given to supplying the grant in August to allow Fleetwood Festive Lights to place orders necessary for the event. Application to Wyre Council for a grant should be submitted by Fleetwood Festive Lights earlier in the year to enable said grant to be received by August.

341. To discuss the 3 quotes to illuminate the Town Centre and Mount Pavilion.



Blackpool Illuminations have been continually approached to provide a quote but to date no response has been received.

Christmas Plus – declined to provide a quote as they are unable to provide a like for like quote

Blachere - – Quote to purchase £8428

Festive Lighting Company – Quote to purchase – Option 1 £6784. like for like.

The option was considered that we hire the lighting so that we can change the design after 3 years.

Festive Lighting Company – Quote to hire – setting up costs etc. First year -£9917.30 and £5753.30 for the following 2 years.

Blachere - Quote to hire – First year - £13,797.55 including infrastructure and £5747 + VAT for the following 2 years. The difference is due to the quality of the product and the amount of electric used. They design their own LED's. There was no quote provided for street furniture because there would be difficulty in getting electricity for the trees.

The Committee decided that Community Payback Team should no longer be requested to install lights on the Mount as they do not have the required equipment to safely install the lights. The Committee agreed that we go back to Blachere and advise that they are looking at being our preferred supplier to hire the lighting but before a final decision is reached, we require individual quotes including set up costs for each of the following areas. Lord Street, North Albert Street and Poulton Street, and ask that as well as installing their lights on The Mount Pavilion balustrade would they be willing to install our lights up to the top of the Mount. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

342. To discuss the results of the poll regarding the date of the Switch On.

The poll has been posted on social media and will be advertised in the Fleetwood Weekly News up to the end of March. At the time of the meeting, the result was slightly in favour of a weekday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 20th - 22nd November with Fleetwood Town Football Club participation rather than Saturday 18th November without Fleetwood Town Football Club participation. Julie Dalton had a conversation with the Chairman of the Old Boys Band who advised that due to some band members work commitments they would be unable to attend midweek before 7pm. The meet on Wednesday and will consult their members.

Blackpool Transport confirmed that the tram is available on whichever date is decided for the Lantern Parade.

The Committee confirmed that if the poll went in favour of a midweek event then due to their work commitments the majority will not be able to attend. The public to be advised that because the Committee are required to marshal, an executive decision has been taken to hold the event on the Saturday. **Action Point – Julie Dalton**

It was suggested that Fleetwood Town Football Club will be informed of the Committee decision but as we would still welcome their involvement, it was suggested that if he is available on the Saturday that Andy Pilley could join the school raffle ticket winner in switching on the tree lights and that Fleetwood Town Football Club may also like to get involved in helping the schools with a lantern workshop **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

343. To discuss Santa's Grotto on Tram Sunday with Paul Tilling as Santa.



Paul confirmed that he does not want to go ahead with a Tram Sunday Grotto and the idea should be abandoned. The Committee confirmed that we will again have the Golden Balls Bandit as a fundraiser on Tram Sunday. We will also hold the Festive Lights Grand Quiz at the North Euston at the end of September. Date to be confirmed

344. To discuss Fundraiser Ball at the North Euston Hotel.

The manager has advised that the Festive Lights Committee could have the ballroom free of charge. Cost of the meal £10.50 a head, we charge £25 a ticket, use their DJ. Fleetwood Town Football Club quote was £15 for the meal in the Parkside Suite. CDO will meet with Andy Pilley to discuss and report back to the Committee to make a decision. It was suggested to host a Christmas Ball at the end of November and to invite local businesses. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

345. To discuss Santa Dash with RNLI.

Mike Barrowclough advised that he had not contacted the RNLI due to possible Santa Dash involvement with the Trinity Hospice.

Paul Tilling advised the Committee that Trinity Hospice would like to have a meeting with the Festive Lights Committee to discuss their involvement. They advertise, deal with registrations, provide Santa Suits and charge £10 a head. They asked that the Committee will help on the day with marshalling. Paul will invite them to attend the next Festive Lights Committee Meeting and advise a suitable date to hold the event. **Action Point –Paul Tilling**
It was agreed that all funds raised will be donated to Brian House.

346. To discuss contacting Associated British Ports (ABP) for a potential donation.

Carl Bevan is to be approached to consider making a donation to the Fleetwood Festive Lights. Robert Brown to send contact details to the CDO **Action Point – Robert Brown**

347. Any other Business

Fleetwood Town Council has agreed an Agenda item for an additional £20,000 fund for the Festive Lights if required.

It was also suggested that the Santa's Grotto should take place in the Mount Pavilion on the day of the Santa Dash and funds raised will go the Fleetwood Festive Lights Committee. This was agreed and will be discussed fully at a later meeting.

348. To agree a date and time of the next meeting.

The next Fleetwood Festive Lights Meeting will be the Wednesday 19th April 2017 in the North Euston Hotel at 7pm



Agenda Items for the next meeting:

- To discuss Santa Dash with Trinity Hospice
- Update required from Blachere
- Update required regarding Wyre Council Grant
- Update required on poll results regarding the date of the Switch On
- Update on Fundraiser Christmas Ball
- Update from Associated British Ports (ABP) potential donor to the Fleetwood Festive Lights
- Discuss a Summer Barbecue
- Discuss date for the Festive Lights Grand Quiz
- Asda Bucket Collection application dates

Signed.....Dated.....