



# Fleetwood Town Council

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## THE MINUTES OF THE FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL FESTIVE LIGHTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL 7.00pm.

**Present:** Julie Dalton, Dawn Spooner CDO. Lorraine Beavers, Robert Brown, Anne Brown, Cheryl Raynor, Paul Tilling, Mary Stirzaker

**Item 349.** Accepted Apologies for absence Christine Smith, Emma Anderton, Mike Barrowclough, Jennie Bywater, Marge Anderton, Dawn McCord.

In Christine Smith's absence, Cheryl Raynor acted as Chairperson

**Item 350:** To approve the minutes of the meetings on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Duly approved and signed.

**Item 351.** To approve the final Income and Expenditure report due to additional invoice from Fishes Hardware for £27.52 paid on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The Committee approved the current budget report.

**Item 352.** To make a final decision on which streets to light up for this years' Festive Lights, to include the options for the Mount.

Quote Option 1. £28,710.01 for Year 1, including the infrastructure and £14617.51 Years 2 & 3.

Quote Option 2 to include Mount Pavilion Festoons. £29910.85 Year 1, £12910.85 Years 2 & 3.

After the three years we can opt for a different design. We can utilise the existing festoons, also use our colour changing bulbs. Blachere will put up new festoons from the 4 apexes but it is not feasible to reach the very top.

The Museum can use our festoons for their Dickensian Themed Christmas. It was suggested that unused lights should be offered to St Mary's Church for their outside trees. A meeting will take place with the Father on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

Lord Street, North Albert Street and Poulton Street to have alternate wrap arounds and motifs. There will be 24 on Lord Street, 4 on Poulton Street, 17 on North Albert Street.

The funds allocated to cover these costs: £20,000 from Fleetwood Town Council. £4,129.48 in the current Budget. £5,000 Wyre Council Grant. Total £29129.48. Monies could be made available from the Community Funds Budget if required. The Committee determined we should be able to manage without



Community Funds as monies will come in from fundraising events like Tram Sunday Golden Balls Bandit, Asda Bucket Collections, Grand Quiz and Christmas Ball.

**The Committee passed a motion to go with option 2. Blachere will be informed of the preferred option. Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

**Item 353.** To decide on venue for fundraising Ball. FTFC V North Euston Hotel:

*North Euston Hotel.* Soup, Turkey, Xmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce. Bottle of wine £9.50. The price varies between £24 -£26 DJ Scotty. £200 , Date 8<sup>th</sup> December.

*Parkside Suite 2 choices for menu.* Bottle of wine £13.00. Vegetable Soup, pan fried breast of chicken, apple and berry crumble or chicken liver parfait 40 hr cooked beef, sticky toffee pudding  
Dates Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. DJ £200.

A letter will be sent out to all business inviting them to celebrate their Christmas with the Fleetwood Festive Lights Committee. Cost per ticket £30.

**The Committee voted to have the Parkside Suite as preferred option. Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

**Item 354.** To discuss Santa Dash with Trinity Hospice.

Paul Tilling met with Emma at Trinity Hospice who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. She is already organising a Santa Dash for Blackpool so cannot do ours as well. It was suggested that we have a Reindeer Run around the Mount. Trinity will supply the reindeer antlers, they will do the promotion on social media, publicity advertisements, help with registration, provide medals, the ribbons will read Brian House. The Festive Lights Committee will be responsible for marshalling and providing refreshments. Cost to take part will be £5 which will include antlers, medal and a hot chocolate drink. The Committee agreed the date for the Reindeer Run as Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. Registrations on the day from 1pm at the Mount Hotel If not already registered with Trinity Hospice.

**Item 355.** To discuss update from Blachere. Action already taken as at 352.

**Item 356.** To discuss Wyre Council Grant. No decision given as yet but is looking positive.

**Item 357.** To discuss poll results regarding the date of the Switch On. The poll result was discussed at the last meeting and **the date agreed will be Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Item 358.** To discuss Associated British Ports (ABP) potential donor. Dawn Spooner emailed Carl Bevan 10<sup>th</sup> April. No response so far. A call will be made to him 24<sup>th</sup> April asking for support for the Fleetwood Festive Lights. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

**Item 359.** To discuss Summer Barbecue. Deferred until next meeting **Action Point – Robert Brown**  
A suggestion was put forward to have a Bubble Rush in the Memorial Park for 2018



**Item 360.** To discuss a date for the Festive Lights Grand Quiz. The Committee agreed Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September subject to being able to book the North Euston Hotel Ballroom and Quizmaster Martin Crane being available **Action Point – Julie Dalton**

**Item 361.** To discuss Asda Bucket Collection application dates. An email will be sent to Asda and dates confirmed next month **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

**Item 362. Any other Business**

The Marine Hall has advised that they will assist in any way regarding the Switch On in the Marine Gardens. A query was raised about the using Marine Hall's PA system. Last time we were charged £600. We need to know the cost to hire their PA system and ask if we can have a discount because this is a Community event. Also, will the bar be open on the night. . **Action Point – Robert Brown**

Suggestions were made to have local businesses selling food and drink at the Switch On in the Marine Gardens and making donations from proceeds to the Festive Lights. An appeal will be put in local media and Fleetwood Facebook pages. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

**Agenda Items for the next meeting**

- Update on Wyre Council Grant
- To discuss Reindeer Run and Santa's Grotto in the Mount Pavilion
- To discuss invite to Doreen Lofthouse to ride the illuminated Tram and present medals at the Reindeer Run
- Update required on Marine Hall PA system
- Update required on local food vans at the Marine Hall
- To discuss all schools choirs performing at the Switch On and joining in the Lantern Parade. Each individual school performing a song/carol followed by all schools singing one song/carol.
- Update from Associated British Ports (ABP) potential donor to the Fleetwood Festive Lights
- To discuss a Summer Barbecue and Venue
- Update required from St Mary's regarding surplus lights
- To discuss Fleetwood Town Football Clubs involvement for fundraising events for the Festive Lights
- Update on Grand Quiz Night
- Update on Fundraiser Christmas Ball
- Asda Bucket Collection application dates

**363. The next Fleetwood Festive Lights Meeting will be the Wednesday 17th May 2017 in the North Euston Hotel at 7pm**

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