



Fleetwood Town Council

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THE MINUTES OF THE FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL FESTIVE LIGHTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2018 AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL 7.00pm.

Present: Secretary Julie Dalton, CDO Dawn Spooner, Emma Anderton, Robert Brown, Cheryl Raynor, Mary Stirzaker, Marge Anderton, Jacqui Victor-Corrie, Dawn McCord.

Item 462. Apologies for absence accepted from: Chairperson Christine Smith, Rachel George, Anne Brown, Paul Tilling, Mike Barrowclough, Jennie Bywater

In the absence of Christine Smith, Emma Anderton chaired the meeting

Item 463. To approve the minutes of the meeting on the 20th November 2017.

The minutes were approved and signed

Item 464 To approve retrospectively the payment of invoices:

Blachere invoice 2 received 16/11/17 £4602.000 (inc. VAT of £767.00 which will be reclaimed)

Blachere invoice 3 received 27/11/17 19,824.00 (inc. VAT of £3304.00 which will be reclaimed)

GBLEC – Marine Hall Tree Installation £90.00. Fleetwood Town Council has emailed Wyre Council Operations manager requesting a reimbursement for lack of lighting.

GBLEC – installation charges/post the Christmas removal for 4 other trees £570.00

Twelve Catering for Parkside fundraiser event £2197.80 (inc. VAT of £366.30 which will be reclaimed) **(Not Yet Paid)**

All the above invoices were retrospectively approved for payment by the Committee.

A thank you card will be sent to Twelve on behalf of the Committee for the quality of the meal and the service provided at the event. **Action Point- Jacqui Victor-Corrie**

Item 465 To note the current budget position and projected income for 2018 and to inform decisions on expenditure.

The Committee were pleased to note that the budget is in credit by £1576.49

The Committee have been approached by Blackpool illuminations regarding taking out a contract with them for the Festive Lights requirements. We now have a contact for future consultation.

Item 466 To provide feedback on the service provided by Blachere.

The CDO Dawn Spooner is meeting with a representative from Blachere on 25th January to discuss some issues that arose. There should have been a 24hr turnaround regarding a sealant that was cracked. Wrap around lights by St Mary's Church was out several times and outside Grimes Butchers The Committee thought that a slight reduction on the bill from Blachere should be requested. On the whole the Committee were pleased with the lights provided by Blachere and this was reflected in positive feedback from the public.

Item 467 To make a decision on Euston Gardens as the venue for the 2018 Switch On Event

Some Committee members expressed concern about crowd control in the Euston Park area and the number of people that would be likely to access the North Euston Hotel to use their facilities. Also because of the



landscaping of the Park, the post from the Tree had been sunk into the ground and would have to be retraced. It was thought that Wyre Council would need to be approached as to whether it would be feasible. There was a discussion about reverting back to the Marine Hall and it was felt that a meeting should take place to request that no charges be applied by Wyre Council for the use of the foyer in the Marine Hall and Gardens for this Community Event and that we should be allowed to have our own street vendors providing food and drink and not Wyre Councils approved list of vendors. **Action Point-Dawn Spooner**
A meeting with Julie Robinson of the Marine Hall to discuss the lighting issue on the outside stage and having the Marine Hall facilities open to the public on the night **Action Point-Robert Brown**

The Committee agreed to defer a decision on the venue until these meetings have taken place.

Item 468 To make a decision on a proposal to request a reindeer from Farmer Parrs for the 2018 Switch On Event.

Would there be a charge, what is the feasibility of having a reindeer in the parade and at the Switch On. Decision deferred pending enquiries. **Action Point-Robert Brown**

Item 469 To make a decision in principle on whether to purchase Festive projectors.

It was suggested that a projector with Christmas theme slides and colour changing slides could be used at the Rowntree Clock at Albert Square. 3 quotes will be obtained for the Committee to consider and whether permission would be required. **Action Point-Dawn Spooner**

Item 470 To make a decision on approach to the North Euston Hotel to provide food and mulled wine (If Euston Gardens agreed as the venue)

See 467 above deferred.

Item 471 To make a decision on the purchase and placement of banners to advertise the Lantern Parade and switch On.

Banners need planning permission and would be more expensive. A vote was taken not to have banners as it was felt that posters in shops and advertising on social media had the required effect. There was one abstention.

Item 472 items for discussion only.

Fundraiser ideas for 2018:

- Race Night at the Bowling Club. 8 races, 6-8 horses in each race, £5 a horse, tote table staffed by 2 volunteers, sponsored horses, compere auctions the last race and have a raffle. Tickets £15 or cheaper to include a meal (hotpot). Friday 18th May (to be advised) **Action Point- Jacqui Victor-Corrie**
- The Committee made the decision not to have a fundraiser stall on Tram Sunday (this year) so that members could enjoy the event.
- Summer Disco and buffet at the Euston with Dave Scriv, Friday 20th July. **Action Point-Dawn Spooner**
- Quiz Night at the Bowling Club Thursday 20th September. **Action Point-Julie Dalton**
- Asda Bucket Collection (one only) on a Saturday in October **Action Point--Dawn Spooner**
- Christmas Ball Parkside Suite Saturday 1st December **Action Point--Dawn Spooner**

To discuss a Calendar of Events 2018 and to liaise with other organisations regarding their event dates.



The Committee thought that this should be arranged and published on Fleetwood Town Councils website and feed in from social media (Facebook) in order to avoid the clashing of Community events in the town. **Action Point--Dawn Spooner**

It was mentioned about the availability of Shakespeare School Choir for the switch On. They are currently waiting for confirmation of the date of a Music Festival which usually clashes with our switch on date. We will provisionally book them for our switch on 17th November. If they are unavailable another school will be requested to perform.

To consider a request from Nicola Hayton to sing at this year's switch on event.

The Committee would be happy for Nicola to perform as we no longer have the Wyre Warblers being available for the event.

To discuss photos. with Santa in the sleigh.

This could be a possibility for just prior to the Lantern Parade with a suggestion that local photographer Grenville Child be approached to take the photographs. The Committee decided that bucket collections on the night should be at the venue rather than during the period and marshals designated collection points after the switch on concert. Deferred for a more in depth discussion at a later date.

To discuss Business Sponsored Lamp posts.

Julie Dalton showed the Committee photos of Christmas type signs attached to lamp posts with businesses advertising their products. It was thought that laminated signs could be attached to lamp posts along the Parade route (these would be in addition to the wraparound and motif decorated lampposts) Panther Press could be approached to create the signs and local businesses approached to purchase.

To discuss a Lantern Competition at Senior Citizens Hall prior to the Lantern Parade.

Another venue mentioned was at the Market. The Mayor to judge the competition and a Sweetie Explosion to be presented together with a rosette for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Further discussion required as to venue.

Item 473 To submit items for the next Agenda

- Decision on Switch On venue
- Shop Window Competition
- Decision on Lantern Competition and venue
- Paul Tilling, Mary Stirzaker and Julie Dalton to go into the schools to discuss the School raffle and to display the sweetie explosion prize
- Decision on fundraisers ie>
- Race Night
- Summer Disco
- Quiz Night
- Asda Bucket Collection
- Christmas Ball
- Photos. with Santa
- New member request for Lorraine Beavers to be voted on to the Festive Lights Committee.

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Julie Dalton asked to be excused from marshalling the Lantern Parade to be an elf on Santa's sleigh if Santa is agreeable. The Committee granted permission pending Santa's response.

The following members of the Committee Julie Dalton, Emma Anderton, Terry Rogers, Christine Smith, Robert and Anne Brown are taking part in the Marie Curie Fundraiser Quiz at the Euston Hotel Thursday 25th January 8pm.



The Committee have requested that in future, the First meeting of the Festive Lights Committee should take place no earlier than March.

Item 474 To agree the date and time of the next meeting
Thursday 15th March 2018 at 7pm in the North Euston Hotel

Signed.....
Chairman of Festive Lights Committee
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