



Fleetwood Town Council

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THE MINUTES OF THE FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL FESTIVE LIGHTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 MARCH 2018 AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL 7.00pm.

Present: Chairperson Christine Smith, Secretary Julie Dalton, Emma Anderton, Robert Brown, Cheryl Raynor, Mary Stirzaker, Jacqui Victor-Corrie, Dawn McCord, Lorraine Beavers.

The Committee welcomed new member Craig Armstrong.

Item 475. Apologies for absence were accepted from Dawn Spooner, Marge Anderton, Anne Brown, Paul Tilling

Rachel George has decided to step down from the Festive Lights Committee. Mike Barrowclough and Jennie Bywater have been removed from the Committee due to non-attendance.

Item 476. To approve the minutes of the meeting on the 16th January 2018.

The minutes were approved and signed

Item 477. Update on finances.

Balance from 2017 of £2926.77

Funds available for 2018 £26746.77

Projected expenditure required from Blachere for the next meeting **Action Point-Dawn Spooner**

A refund of £1227.60 was received from Blachere on 15th February 2018. This was due to an invoicing mix up. Blachere was contacted with regards to asking for 'a slight reduction on the bill. Blachere responded that although a reduction in cost is not something they can offer they will provide the best possible discounts on additional lighting moving forward, and Lee has also agreed to install our festoons to the Mount in addition at no extra charge.

1. The Committee expressed disappointment that Blachere were not willing to offer a reduction as they did not meet their 24 hour service promise.
2. The Committee advised that Blachere putting festoons on the Mount is not feasible at present because the fuse box would not accommodate them. There is a possibility of Lottery Heritage funds being available to renovate the Mount with work starting in September.
3. The Committee will look at requesting quotes in early 2019 from Blackpool Illuminations and Barton Grange for when the 3 year contract with Blachere comes to an end.



£299.90 has been credited from Wyre Council to the FTC main account and will be allocated to the Festive Lights Budget as income for 2018 for the paying out of back up lighting for the switch on at the Marine Hall.

£72 fee for the tram permit has been waived by Blackpool Transport.

Item 478. To decide on the date for a summer fundraiser Disco at the North Euston Hotel.

Friday 20th July is not available. Alternative dates offered; 6th July, 27th July or 3rd August.

The Committee agreed the 3rd August as the preferred date for the Summer Ball. 2nd choice 27th July and 3rd choice 6th July. **Action Point-Dawn Spooner**

Item 479. Items for discussion

Decision on Switch On Venue

There is a booking already on 17th November in the Marine Hall. Rehearsals for this event are taking place up to 6pm and evening performance starting at 7.30pm. An alternative venue of the Mount Pavilion was suggested for the Switch On concert but this was rejected due to renovation work taking place from September and a lack of lighting around the Mount.

The Committee made the decision to have the Switch On at the usual venue, the outside stage in the Marine Gardens. The foyer would not be required and toilets would be available by the Marine Hall seafront. The Committee pointed out that there is no other feasible venue for the switch on. Julia Robinson, Manager at the Marine Hall to be approached regarding having the outside performance area available for the Switch On for Saturday 17th November and to obtain license to use the grounds. We can also use our portable lights purchased last year. The owner of the kiosk could also open up for refreshments on the night and a burger van by the car park entrance. Kate Bird should be asked for the burger van owners details. Our publicity poster can advertise the refreshments availability for the night.

Action Point-Dawn Spooner

Shop Window Competition

A letter can be issued to all the businesses in September asking if they would like to take part. Entrant forms to be submitted to the Fleetwood Town Council Office. The competition could be judged by the Mayor Marge Anderton. The Football Club to be approached regarding Poolfoot donating a meal for 4 as a prize. **Action Point- Mary Stirzaker.**

Decision on Lantern Competition and venue.

The competition could be judged by the Mayor Marge Anderton at the Market at 12pm. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will get to ride on the illuminated tram or walk in the parade. The Market to be approached to hold the competition. Possible prize for the 3 winners and families would be an afternoon tea at Enchan-Tea'D Tea Room on Poulton Street. A decision on the prize to be taken at a later date. **Action Point-Robert Brown**



Paul Tilling, Mary Stirzaker and Julie Dalton to go into schools to discuss school raffle and to display the sweetie explosion prize.

The schools will be approached in September for these Committee members to attend the school assemblies to advertise the raffle, taking in a sweetie explosion and publicity poster and to explain that if they purchase a raffle ticket for 50p the winners will get a ride on the tram and potentially switch on the Christmas Tree lights.

The Committee agreed this action.

Lamp post projector at Albert Square

The Committee decided that their preferred projector to purchase is Item 3 on sale at £16.00. Will permission be required from L.C.C or Highways? **Action Point-Dawn Spooner**
A possible place for the projector, the roof of the Regenda building. To be decided at a later date.

Summer Disco organisation

Item 478 above refers. When the date for the Disco is confirmed, Dave Scrivener to be approached to host the Disco at the North Euston and what would he charge. Discussion required regarding food and ticket prices. Update required for the next meeting

Quiz Night

The date is agreed as Thursday 20th September. Martin Crane will be approached to be Quizmaster. The Bowling Club will let us have the room for free as one Committee member is a member there. The Manager of the North Euston Hotel said after last years' quiz that they would require a donation. The manager will be approached asking whether they will require a donation if we use them again this year. We are booking our Summer Disco with them so it is thought that he may waive a request for a donation. If the North Euston insist on a donation, then the Bowling Club will be approached to host the Quiz night. **Action Point-Robert Brown**

Asda Bucket Collection

No dates available to us so we are on a cancellation list for a date between 6th October and 10th November. The Committee would like to know much notice will we get if there is a cancellation. Booking a slot a year in advance is required in future to get a date for the bucket collection. **Action Point-Dawn Spooner**

Discussion requires on street furniture and Pocket Park

Advice required on what is possible for the 32 trees. Ideas and quote required (colour green if possible)
Robert Ryan at Blackpool Illuminations **Action Point- Mary Stirzaker.**
Barton Grange. **Action Point- Dawn Spooner**
Ask the Bookstore about an exterior socket box for the Pocket Park trees. **Action Point- Cheryl Raynor**



Christmas Ball

Dates Friday 30th November or Saturday 1st December. The date to be determined at Parkside Suite depending on football fixtures.

It was suggested that we have a live Band. 3 Minute Heroes was suggested and they will be approached to entertain for free. **Action Point- Emma Anderton**

Everything else should be the same as last year as we had good feedback. Caterers, balloons, table decorations etc. Good raffle prizes required. Keep the admission price the same as £25. A thank you card produced by Jacqui Victor-Corrie has been sent to Twelve Restaurant on behalf of the Committee in appreciation for the quality of the meal and the service provided at the 2017 Festive Lights Ball.

Photos with Santa

To be deferred to a later date

Julie Dalton has spoken to Farmer Parr about a deer in the Parade, he advised that due to health and Safety this would not be feasible but asked for an email nearer the time to discuss about making other animals available.

Race Night

Jacqui Victor-Corrie has provisionally booked for 18th May at the Bowling Club which seats 120 people. The fee to hire organiser will be £200 which includes PA system, projector, posters, race cards. There will be music between races. To be advertised as a social evening with races and either Hot Pot of Fish & Chip Supper to be served in the interval. Tickets will cost £10, to be purchased at Fleetwood Town Council Office and Bowling Club. Commence at 7.30pm.

Quotes required for 80 hotpots and 20 vegetarian from Taylors at Cleveleys. Quotes for 100 Chippy Suppers **Action Point-Christine Smith**

Festive Lights Committee to sponsor a race for £50. (name All Lit Up) Individuals own a horse for eg. £5. There will be 8 horses in a race. Winner gets a prize of bottle of wine and share of profit won on that horse. The amount raised in the race will be portioned out and a percentage will go to the Festive Lights Committee. Local business will be approached to come to the event and the Race Night will be advertised in the form of the publicity poster on social media, the Market and Bowling Club. 2 volunteers required at the tote table and Raffle table. Raffle prizes required. **Action Point-Jacqui Victor-Corrie**

Item 480. AOB

Committee members required to help marshalling on Tram Sunday from 8am to 10am.

Item 481. To submit items for discussion or decision at the next meeting

To appoint Festive Lights Committee officers in the following order:

1. The Chairperson
2. The Secretary

- Update on Race Night
- Update on Summer Disco
- Update on Quiz Night



- Update on Band for Christmas Ball
- Update required on quotes for Pocket Park and street furniture
- Update required on projected expenditure from Blachere

Item 482. To agree the date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting and AGM will be held on Monday 16th April 2018 at 7pm North Euston Hotel

Signed.....
Chairman of Festive Lights Committee
Date.....