



Fleetwood Town Council

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THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FLEETWOOD FESTIVE LIGHTS COMMITTEE

HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2019 AT THE NORTH EUSTON
HOTEL FLEETWOOD

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Present: Chairperson Christine Smith, Secretary Julie Dalton, Robert Brown, Mary Stirzaker, Lorraine Beavers, Craig Armstrong, Jacqui Victor-Corrie, Michael Conn, Cheryl Raynor, Dawn McCord

Item 614. Apologies for absence.

Accepted from Anne Brown, Emma Anderton, Marge Anderton.

Item 615. To accept the Minutes of the Meeting 20th November 2018

Amendment required to item 612 of the Minutes, Raffle prizes for the Christmas Ball were also sourced from the Christmas Market held at the Marine Hall accepted and signed

Item 616. To record Disclosable Pecuniary interests from Committee members (including their spouses, civil partners or partners) in any item to be discussed. Committee members **MUST NOT** make representations or vote on the matter therein

Committee duly noted

Item 617. To record other (Personal or Prejudicial) interests from Committee members in any item to be discussed. Members should state if they need to bar themselves from discussion and voting on any related matters.

Committee duly noted

Item 618. Standing Guidance for Committee Members.

The Committee Chairman reminds all members to take note of the standing guidance.

Committee duly noted



Item 619. To note the current Festive Lights Budget statement now including predicted expenditure. Balance £15606.69 To note that £200 raised from the Asda Green Token should be recorded in the next Budget statement.

The precept for the Budget from Fleetwood Town Council for 2019 has been agreed as £10,000 a reduction from last year which was £12,000.

The Committee were pleased that we have ended the year with a healthy budget.

Item 620. To consider 2 dates provisionally offered by the Asda community liaison for bucket collections and confirm which (one or both) are required. Fridays are not available this year.

The Committee would like both dates

12th October Christine Smith, Craig Armstrong, Michael Conn

21st December Mary Stirzaker, Julie Dalton

Item 621. To discuss/update on the following:

Christmas Ball Feedback

Some Committee members thought that the price of the meal £19.50 was too expensive and some aspects of the meal from Twelve was not as good as the year before, there was disappointment that sticky toffee pudding was not on the menu again.

The individual who bid for the bike in the auction has advised that the final bid for the bike in the auction was £75 and they was billed £200.

The bike was given for free and put up for auction. The Committee agreed that due to the misunderstanding, we should reimburse the bidder the £125. Mary Stirzaker will advise them of the Committees decision and obtain an address so that an apology and a bouquet of flowers to the value of £25 can be sent to her. **Action Points – Mary Stirzaker, Jacqui Victor Corrie and Christine Smith**

The Committee agreed that for any future auctions, a receipt is given with the agreed amount and signed. Also that the person in charge of the auction has an assistant to record all items and their final bid prices.

The Committee agreed that 120 Balloons should be purchased for the next Ball. Also, that no balloons should be sold until all ticket holders have arrived at the venue. There were a few guests unable to purchase balloons because they had all been sold by 7.15pm when not everyone had arrived.

The Committee gave favourable feedback for the flashing dance floor which we got for free and for the way that the room was set up

The Committee also decided that we should be responsible for booking the Ball and the DJ and to liaise with the co-ordinator at the Parkside Suite regarding seating arrangements.

Raffle prize presentation **Action Point - Lorraine Beavers**



The Committee agreed that the £200 remaining from the donation by Regenda to purchase a raffle prize, should be held over for the 2019 Ball to purchase a TV.

Large Christmas Trees order 2019. (as this is paid for by the main budget and within the remit of full council, only recommendations/suggestions can be put forward. NB. The precept allocation for trees for 2019 is £6000.00)

The Committee were unhappy about the quality of the trees this year. The Ash Street Tree in particular came in for a lot of criticism from the public.

Blackpool Council to be asked how much they paid Barton Grange for their trees. **Action Point- Lorraine Beavers**

It is hoped that the Ash Street tree could be moved back towards the Senior Citizens Hall to avoid the overhead tram lines. This involves taking up flag stones in that area and would require permission from WBC. **Action Point- Terry Rogers**

It was suggested that we purchase a living tree for Ash Street. To source from a nursery an already well established tree that could be planted in situ that has the potential over the year to grow up to 25 feet. Lights could be purchased and erected through Richard Ryan and KD Decoratives. Concern from a Committee member was raised that if something happened to the tree that we would have to replace it.

The Committee have requested that investigations are made to the possibility of purchasing a tree for Ash Street about 20 feet to then grow through the year to the required height and if successful then the other Large Trees can be replaced with living trees in the future and would result in a saving to the ring fenced amount from Fleetwood Town Council. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

Memory Tree

A suggestion put forward by a member on Facebook. The tree is decorated with lights and you pay an amount to have that light dedicated to a person who has passed. Their names are then displayed on a board in front of the tree.

The Committee confirmed that St Peters Church have such a tree for this purpose. The face book member will be advised that there is already a tree in Fleetwood dedicated for passed loved ones. **Action Point – Julie Dalton**

Marine Garden Tree issues

There is an issue with the wiring that needs to be addressed by Wyre Council. GB Lec has advised that the strips on the pathway need removing. The Marine Hall tree lights have been off since 19th December.

The Committee were also disappointed with the Mount Pavilion lights not being taking over the top as of the previous year. Also the electricians need improving under the Phase 2 of the Mount renovations. The Committee have asked for confirmation as to when Phase 2 is starting and when it is likely to be completed. **Action Point- Terry Rogers**

Also an issue with lamp posts on the left by St Peters Church and by Home Bakery. The seals have gone and water is getting in and blowing the electricians. There appears to be a dispute as to whether it is for Blachere or LCC as to which part of the lamp post is causing the problem. LCC to be asked to confirm whether it is for them to resolve. **Action Point- Lorraine Beavers**



If it is Blachere and not LCC's responsibility because of their infrastructure, there could be an impact on the amount to be paid to them in our final year of our contract with Blachere. Action to be taken will depend on the response from LCC.

Lamp post decorations 2019

There have been comments about the lamp post trees having very little impact, partly due to their size and appearance but also because there are some lamp posts we are not able to decorate which means there are large gaps between the lamp posts that are decorated. As this is the last year of our contract with Blachere we can look at other suppliers for bigger lamp post decorations providing they do not exceed the weight limit suitable for the lamp posts.

The Committee would like to have the bank of trees at Fisherman's Walk opposite the Legion to be lit up with different coloured lights which would make a great display for that entrance to the town. There are electricians there and we could ask KD Decoratives to put up the lights depending on the number of trees to be decorated. Committee member Craig Armstrong will count the trees and inform the Committee at the next meeting. **Action Point- Craig Armstrong**

Fund raising events 2019

Race Night at the Bowling Club is booked for Saturday 11th May. The Committee agreed that the catering to be supplied by Sue's Buffets. Sue Stafford is holding the £50 deposit that we paid her for the Summer Disco that was cancelled. Sue to be contacted to confirm the booking for the 11th May **Action Point- Julie Dalton**

A Summer Family Day

The Committee suggestions were either the Sea Cadet Base or the Memorial Park and weather permitting. Possibly Sunday 28th July. Donations of a couple of bouncy castles for free. Set up The Golden Balls Bandit, sack races, etc, Log Cabin will be available for refreshments.

Lantern Workshops were suggested for the schools to boost the number of Lanterns in the Parade for this year. It was suggested that we have a lantern competition in all the schools with Elaine Tilling showing them lanterns that could be made. All the children participating would receive a candy cane with the words "Thank you for your wonderful Lantern. Please bring your Lantern along to the Lantern Parade on (insert date)" The winners from each school would receive a sweetie explosion and a ride on the illuminated tram and the chance to switch on the Christmas Tree Lights in the Marine Gardens.

Switch on date for 2019

The Committee agreed Saturday 16th November. The Marine Hall will need to be informed that we require the outside stage for that date. Also to state that we need the barriers open and no catering trolley to be allowed on the stage. The foyer should be open for access to toilets. **Action Point- Dawn Spooner**



Flakefleet School Choir to join in the Lantern Parade in their Light Up T shirts and perform their song in the Finale on the stage in the Marine Gardens for Switch On Night. The Head teacher to be contacted to confirm that the children can be available on Saturday 16th November with their lanterns and wearing Santa Hats. **Action Point- Cheryl Raynor**

Festive Lights Facebook page

There are more than 800 members on the Festive Lights Facebook page but if you have more than 200 members then the Admins we are not advised by Facebook how many of our members are having access to the page. This needs sorting if we are to get publicity for our fundraiser events throughout the year. Committee members advised that you can pay a fee to ensure that all the members of the group are notified of messages being posted. The Committee has agreed that as it will be a nominal amount we can approve payment when details are confirmed. An email will be sent to Julie Dalton with details on how to request full access to the face book page and processing the payment. **Action Point- Cheryl Raynor**

Item 622. AOB

The plunger switch needs the following: memory foam, 4 submersible LED lights that change colours, PVA glue, glitter, varnish and polysterine ball. The total cost £31.26. The Committee agreed to reimburse this amount on presenting the invoice to the Clerk **Action Point-Mary Stirzaker**

It was noted that the Mount Pavilion lights are still on. Should the timer not have been switched off by Blachere?

Item 623. Items for discussion at the next meeting

- Update on Race Night and sourcing raffle prizes/ publicity/ catering, etc.
- Decision on date and location for Summer Family Day and activities to be included
- Update from LCC regarding responsibility for the lamp post issues on Lord Street
- Update from Wyre Council regarding Marine Hall Tree and re-siting of the Ash Street Tree
- Update on quotes for a living tree at Ash Street
- Update regarding Blackpool Councils purchase of trees from Barton Grange
- Decision on number of Trees to be decorated at Fisherman's Walk
- Update on renovations for the Mount Phase 2
- Marine Hall booking for Switch On Night
- Christmas Ball date and booking of DJ
- Reimbursement of £31.26 for Plunger switch
- Businesses and shops advertising on illuminated signs on the lamp posts

Item 624. To agree date and time of next meeting.

Wednesday 27th February 2019 7pm in the Residents Lounge at the North Euston Hotel