



Fleetwood Town Council

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THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FLEETWOOD FESTIVE LIGHTS COMMITTEE

HELD ON 29TH APRIL 2019 AT THE NORTH
EUSTON HOTEL FLEETWOOD

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Present: Chairperson Christine Smith, Secretary Julie Dalton, Robert Brown, Anne Brown, Mary Stirzaker Jacqui Victor-Corrie, Cheryl Raynor, Emma Anderton, Lorraine Beavers, Craig Armstrong,

Item 650. Apologies for absence were accepted from Dawn McCord, Marge Anderton, Michael Conn.

Item 651. To accept the Minutes of the Meeting 27th March 2019
Minutes accepted and signed.

Item 652. 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 653. 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 654. To receive nominations and decide on the appointment of Festive Lights Committee officers in the following order:

1. The Chairperson

Christine Smith was duly elected

2. The Secretary

Julie Dalton was duly elected



655. The Committee Chairperson reminds all members to take notice of the standing guidance.

The Committee duly noted.

Item 656. To note the current Festive Lights Budget statement now including predicted expenditure. Balance £29,987.35

The Committee were pleased to note that we have a healthy budget. Discussions will take place about how to utilise the monies in the budget for any additional lighting up of the town at Christmas

Item 657. To discuss/decide on trees. Lights and various items in the Blachere brochure for 2020

Prices are required for the next meeting to discuss items of interest in the Blachere brochure. **Action Point – Mary Stirzaker**

Item 658. To receive updates on the following:

Race Night

8 races have been sponsored. £5 is required from each Committee member to sponsor our race "All Lit Up"

Ticket payments need to be taken to the office. Any tickets unsold to be posted to Jacqui.

Horses can be purchased on the night for £5. A prize will be given to the owner of a winning horse.

Mary is kindly collecting a Thank You Card and Thank You Wine from me for Chris at HESKETH PRESS on Thursday, 9th May. Mary is also collecting the Float of £200 and the cash form from the Office on Thursday, 9th May. Robert Brown will be kindly changing up £200 into some £5, £10 but mostly £1 coins and bringing these along with him on the night.

Mary is then collecting the Programmes on Friday and dropping them off with Jacqui.

All monies raised on the night to be taken to the Council Office by Mary.

Buffet from Sue's Buffets £4 a head for 70 people £280 less £50 deposit already held by Sue Stafford. Total balance required £230. Sandwich choices: Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo, cheese and pickle. To be served in the interval at 8.30.



(Message from Sue's Buffets received after the meeting: Sue confirmed that all plates etc. are provided and it will be delivered for 7-30 and set up. The balance of £230 is required by Friday 3rd May. Debra has been advised and will arrange bank transfer)

The raffle will be drawn with the winning tickets attached to the prizes, winners to go up and collect. All committee members please donate a raffle prize. A total of 12 prizes should be sufficient.

Committee volunteers to help Jacqui Victor Corrie set up at 3pm. **Lorraine Beavers, Christine Smith, Cheryl Raynor, Emma Anderton**

Collecting admission tickets, directing guests to tables selling horses:

- Raffle ticket sellers **Action Point –Mary Stirzaker and Dawn McCord**
- Totes for the races 1-4 **Action Point – Christine Smith and Lorraine Beavers.**
- Totes for the races 5-8 **Action Point – Robert and Anne Brown**

Update from Terry Rogers regarding a response from Blachere relating to the two lamp posts that Lancashire County Council Highways identified as having shrinkage of sealant at the commando socket

The Committee asked for confirmation as to whether Blachere have been contacted with regards to their responsibility in this instance. This is the last year of the contract with Blachere and failure to act on this situation will impact on whether the Committee will be willing to take out any further contract with Blachere.

(Email update from Dawn Spooner received after the meeting: I have again been in touch with Danfo via Telephone and an online contacts form - unfortunately I can't seem to speak with someone directly. When phoning the local number I am continually invited to leave a message - done this three times now. The only online contact is via an enquiry form which I have now submitted twice.... I will keep my fingers crossed that I get a response soon. Failing that a few 20p pieces and a couple of door wedges may be the way forward! With regards Blachere, I have spoken to Mr J Williams (National Sales Manager) who said that he thinks the damaged sockets were repaired when the lights were taken down, he has assured me that they will be re-checked during the installation this year and if any further work needs to be carried out, this will be done free of charge)

Lighting quotes for the tree at Fisherman's Walk

Gillian Campbell Deputy Leader of Blackpool Council to be approached for the following:

- Quote to illuminate the 17 trees at Fisherman's Walk, if this is not feasible because our requirements would be too small an order to be considered by Blackpool Council can they please confirm. It should be stressed to Gillian that the Fleetwood Festive Lights Committee want to spend our money locally and to have easy access to a local company should any issues arise. **Action Point – Lorraine Beavers**



- Ask Gillian for any surplus Christmas themed illuminations that our Festive Lights Committee can utilise to light up Fleetwood in 2020 when our current contract with Blachere expires. **Action Point – Lorraine Beavers**
- Where did they source the Christmas tree in Blackpool and what did Blackpool Council pay for it.
- **Action Point – Lorraine Beavers**

It was suggested that the infrastructure for 4 lamp posts at Fisherman's Walk should be actioned by Lancashire Highways. **Action Point – Lorraine Beavers**

Richard Williams at Blackpool Illuminations has not submitted a quote for the 17 trees to be illuminated at Fisherman's Walk. A further email will be sent requesting a quote. **Action Point – Mary Stirzaker**

A feasibility study is required by Lancashire County Council to move flags to accommodate the Christmas Tree at Fisherman's Walk **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

The Committee require confirmation as to whether there is a contract with Barton Grange to supply the 5 Large trees and if so when does the contract expire.

It was suggested that if the Committee are considering replacing real trees with artificial trees that we conduct a poll on social media to gauge whether there is support from the public. **Action Point – Julie Dalton**

If the idea is supported then the Committee will require a quote from Barton Grange to provide 5 living trees with lights. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

Dave Ellison at Dock side Car Wash was advised as a potential contact for also providing Christmas Trees his telephone number: 07454-7320277

An architecture's plan has been obtained for the Mount Pavilion. The plan is required by Lorraine Beavers to liaise with Mark Billington as preparation for the Mount Pavilion restoration. **Action Point – Julie Dalton**

Item 659. AOB

Christmas Ball

The Committee decided on the date for the Ball as 7th December
Venue to be decided Parkside Suite or North Euston Hotel.

Quiz Night decision and participation in other Committees Quiz nights

The Committee agreed that they would like to have our annual fundraiser quiz night.
Suggested date is Thursday 19th September. A decision is required as to whether it should



be held at the North Euston Hotel or the Bowling Club. The Manager has previously mentioned about asking for a donation. This needs confirming. **Action Point – Julie Dalton**

Marge Anderton Mayor of Wyre is holding a Thanksgiving service St David's Church Hall Sunday 5th May at 3pm. Tea/coffee and cakes provided

Item 660. Items for discussion at the next meeting

- Feedback from the Race Night
- Decision required as to where to hold Quiz Night. North Euston Hotel or Bowling Club
- Decision required on Christmas Ball venue North Euston Hotel or Parkside Hotel
- DJ's to be approached for quotes
- Prices for trees both living and artificial.
- Update on social media poll regarding artificial trees
- Update from Barton Grange
- Update from Gillian at Blackpool Council
- Update from Richard Williams Blackpool Illuminations
- Decision regarding the Catering Trolley for Switch On Night. Whether to relocate the trolley outside the front doors, or not offer this at all?

Item 661. To agree date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday 3rd June 7pm in the Residents Lounge at the North Euston Hotel