

FESTIVE LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 29th July 2019 at 7.00pm in Committee Room A, County Hall.

Present: Cllr S Deeks-D'Silva, K Evans, H Primmer, L Ward

Co-opted Members: M Williams, L Horne, E Husson, M Morgan

Apologies: Cllr A Curtis, C Carroll, J Evans

FL 01/19

Welcome

The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting.

FL 02/19

Middleton Street Lighting

4 quotes for lighting supplied by Blachere Illuminations had been obtained for evaluation and discussion.

The current budget with monies carried forward from 2018/19 is £25,684, however the annual budget stands at £14,000 to cover all purchases and costs.

Resolved: to purchase Octoplus LED lighting from Blachere Illuminations at a cost of £6528 to decorate Middleton Street.

Cllr Ward felt that the group should approach local businesses with regard to sponsorship. This had been tried previously, however, members agreed to this.

Resolved: Cllr Ward to approach businesses.

FL 03/19

Other Lighting

The following lighting will be displayed as in previous years:

a) HSBC Artificial Trees – LD1 5EU

6 Artificial Trees to be affixed into brackets
Supply Box located on Bradleys

b) Post Office Artificial Trees – LD1 5AA

6 Artificial Trees to be affixed into brackets
Supply Box located on right hand side of building. Please note this is a shared supply with Town CCTV and the CCTV must not be disconnected. Supply should now be isolated.

c) Temple Gardens – Colour Changing Festoons – LD1 5DL

Festoons suspended from catenary wires and powered from 2 separate boxes.

Box 1 – on right of gardens, under fir tree which had ship lap fencing around the bottom. – 143m

Box 2 – on left of green, opposite the Manor

d) Fir Tree – Neon Lights (New Equipment) Self Install.

This will need to feed into the electricity supply below the base of the tree.

e) Wellingtonia Tree.

These lights were installed last year.

Cllr Ward felt it would be nice to light the outside of the shops along Park Crescent and other areas. It was agreed that this could be looked into and festoon lighting could be used. The Clerk will check out the lamp posts to see if there is a time clock which could supply Park Crescent.

FL 04/19

Installation Quote

A quote for full installation had been received from Highline Electrics of Oswestry who were recommended by Blachere Illuminations for £8100 plus VAT. This will include bolt testing, replacement catenary wires in Middleton Street and 2 men for the Switch On.

Resolved: to accept this quotation for 2019.

FL 05/19

Parade & Switch On

a) Date & Time

After some discussion it was agreed to run this event on Saturday 30th November 2019.

Resolved: Clerk to approach the Silver Band to play on the Bandstand for an hour.

b) Parade

It was agreed to have an open fancy dress theme for the parade with lanterns. The parade will start at the Railway Station Car Park, time to be arranged at the next meeting.

Resolved: Clerk to approach Round Table with regard to the Santa & Sleigh leading the parade. Clerk to speak with Traders Group regarding Late Night Opening.

c) Switch On Event

Cllr Ward will approach “The ?” to see if he would perform the Switch On. It was agreed to make this into a “real event” with characters in costume including a Storm Trooper (KE) , Olaf (Clerk) , Dr Who (MM) and others. Also a photo booth. Members were asked to explore their contacts to see if there are other costumes available for the event and bring other ideas and leads to the next meeting.

The Chair also suggested Fire Jugglers along with other street entertainment.

Resolved: the Chair to research Fire Jugglers. All members to bring ideas to the next meeting.

Clerk to contact Instascran, Jacquita Phillips (Koocando) and others.

d) First Responders

The Clerk will approach Tony Dudley to attend the event.

e) Poster

Lisa will draft a poster for discussion at the next meeting.

FL 06/19 Shop Window Competition

The Clerk had drafted some information for member's discussion.

This was agreed with an amendment. The Mayors of Rhayader, Builth Wells and Presteigne or Knighton will be approached to judge the Shops Window entries between 2nd & 6th December.

Marina suggested that Certificates should be presented as soon as possible so that traders can display these in their windows. A possible Presentation Event will be discussed at the next meeting.

FL 07/19 Grotto

Date for Installation of Memory Tree, Lights & Decorations. This was deferred to the next meeting.

FL 08/19 Other Matters

Marcia agreed to join the Committee as a co-opted member.

Cllr Primmer felt she would be happy to facilitate a Lantern Making Workshop and would look at materials etc for discussion at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th September 2019.