

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Christmas Lights Sub Committee held in the Pannett Art Gallery, Pannett Park, Whitby on Monday 28th January 2019 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Ms R Pearson (chairman), R Dalrymple, Mrs A Smith, S Smith and Mrs. L Wild.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs P Dobson, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972

CL496/19 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN in the absence of Councillor T Jennison.
Proposed by Councillor R Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Smith and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor Ms R Pearson takes the Chair.

CL497/19 APOLOGIES
Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor T Jennison.

CL498/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
Councillor Mrs A Smith and Councillor S Smith declared a non pecuniary interest in CL503/19.

CL499/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
There were no members of the public present.

CL500/19 MINUTES
Members had previously been circulated with the Minutes of the meeting held 22nd October 2018.
Proposed by Councillor S Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Smith and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Christmas Lights Sub Committee held on the 22nd October 2018 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman

CL501/19 2018 XMAS LIGHTS
Councillors discussed the disappointment with this years display, the Clerk read out emails regarding her unsatisfactory contact with LITE and that the former account manager had confirmed that the reduction in costs requested by the Clerk would be actioned. The Clerk confirmed the account would not be paid until a revised invoice is received.
Proposed by Councillor S Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Wild and unanimously **RESOLVED** : That the information is received and the Clerk does not pay the account until satisfied that the reduction has been applied.

CL502/19 2019 XMAS LIGHTS
Members discussed the requirements for tendering for a future contract for Xmas lighting, the Clerk suggested that members may wish to consider a one year contract for 2019 with a view to extending if satisfactory service is received. Members discussed requirements and agreed that the Clerk should prepare a tender specification with the following elements, based on blue and white with some flickering or moving lights, upgrade of all timeclocks preferably to include computer relay, the lights for Xmas trees and comparison of 1 to 3 year duration with break clause if there is unsatisfactory service or equipment. In addition the Clerk will consult with NYCC on the cost of installation of double pole isolators in the street lighting columns.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs A Smith, seconded by Councillor R Dalrymple and unanimously **RESOLVED** : That the actions specified are taken.

T. JENNISON
25/2/2019.

CL503/19 SUGGESTIONS FOR WAYS OF INCREASING THE LIGHTING AND WORKING WITH WHITBY IN BLOOM IN FUTURE YEARS

The hanging basket lights had been well received and a letter of thanks to Whitby in Bloom was agreed. Members discussed several ideas for using lights in tubs on tripod frames and extending the lighting onto West Cliff at the sunken gardens. There was also potential for using tubs at St Hilda's Church and St Johns Church. The extension of the hanging basket scheme to include businesses will be discussed.

Proposed by Councillor R Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Wild and unanimously

RESOLVED : That the ideas for extending the lighting are discussed with Whitby in Bloom in more detail.

CL504/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - the next meeting will be held on 25th February 2019.

T. Newkison
25/2/2019