

# WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Christmas Lights Sub Committee held in the Pannett Art Gallery, Pannett Park, Whitby on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 5.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors R Dalrymple, Ms R Pearson, Mrs H Sumner, Mrs S Turner, Mrs L Wild and C Winspear.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs P Dobson, Town Clerk and 2 representatives of Whitby in Bloom

**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**

## **CL303/19 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Nominations were invited for Chairman for 2019/2020

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

**RESOLVED** That Councillor Ms R Pearson is elected as Chairman for 2019/2020

## **CL304/19 APOLOGIES**

No apologies for inability to attend were received.

## **CL305/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **CL306/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman of Whitby in Bloom had already sent a report on what they could assist with to the Clerk as she did not think she would be able to attend. At the last minute this had changed so the Clerk read out the report.

## **CL307/19 MINUTES**

Members had previously been circulated with the Minutes of the meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs L Wild, seconded by Councillor C Winspear and unanimously

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Christmas Lights Sub Committee held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman

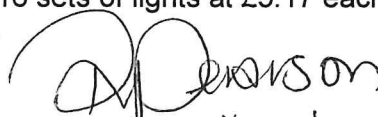
## **CL308/19 2019 XMAS LIGHTS**

The Clerk reported that the specification agreed in February had not gone out until recently due to this years increased workload. As a result there were limited options (LITE being the biggest supplier who had let us down previously was not contacted) and a one year contract for 2019 had been offered with a view to extending if satisfactory service is received from our Powercare. The proposed designs were shown but would be supplied in blue and white, the items were on order from the manufacturers. Councillor Sumner asked if the contractors could connect the Grape Lane festoon lighting into our electric supply. The Clerk will ask the contractors if this could be co-ordinated with our system but billed separately, it is anticipated installation will be starting 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Proposed by Councillor C Winspear, seconded by Councillor Mrs H Sumner and unanimously **RESOLVED** : That this information is noted.

The Clerk had received a report from Whitby in Bloom, they have approximately 10 Christmas light hanging baskets ordered by businesses mostly on Flowergate and Skinner Street. WIB are happy to repeat last years hanging baskets on the SBC trees at Church Street Car Park, Market Place and New Quay Road. For those they would need 2x box of batteries at £30 each, 2 sets of replacement lights at £5.17 each, 2 replacement yews at £3.90 each. Total £78.14. They are also happy to extend the scheme to West Cliff sunken gardens where they have 16 barrels. This would cost another box of batteries £30, 16 sets of lights at £5.17 each. Total £112.72.

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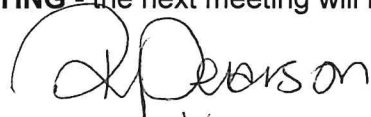
  
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Councillor Sumner asked if the Christmas hanging baskets scheme could be promoted to the Grape Lane, Church Street and Sandgate area, Whitby in Bloom will send the information on.

WIB have bought in some red, orange and yellow hue winter flowering plants for both the hanging baskets and the barrels so a donation towards those would be welcome – the plugs cost £90 and they estimate about another £40 for growing on costs.

Proposed by Councillor R Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor C Winspear and unanimously **RESOLVED** : That the funding for the Xmas lights hanging baskets and barrels is approved from the budget. The request for funding towards the winter flowering plants will be sent to the Finance Committee.

**CL309/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - the next meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 5.30 p.m.

  
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