



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee meeting held in the Cowie Room, Public Hall on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 2.30pm.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Bartelings for her interest and welcomed her to the Committee.

284 PRESENT - Cllr Mrs Page (Chairman), Cllr. Cheeseman, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Langridge, Cllr Turner, Mrs Bartling and Miss Wallbridge; also Mrs C Bright (Town Clerk).

285 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
No apologies were received.

286 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS
No declarations were received.

287 MINUTES OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2019
The minutes of the Christmas Lights committee meeting held on 4th December 2019 having previously been circulated were **AGREED** and signed as a correct record.

288 FINANCIAL POSITION 2019
Having previously been circulated with a copy of the budget comparison for the Christmas Lights Festival members **NOTED** the 2019 event had been underwritten by the Town Council to the sum of £4,408. Cllr Cheeseman highlighted the sum did not take into account costs incurred in staff time.

289 ENTERTAINMENT
Members **RESOLVED** a financial donation to Racous Chorus in the sum of £50.

290 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
At this point in the meeting Cllr Cheeseman advised he intended to step down from the Christmas Lights Committee but remained happy to assist with preparation.

RESOLVED Miss Wallbridge appointed to the Committee representing Beaminster School PTA.

Members were concerned the majority of Committee were council members. Following discussion members **AGREED** to invite a representative from the Prout Bridge Project, Business sector, Church and Racous Chorus, all of which had an involvement with the event.

291 FUNDING
Cllr Corbett believed an approach to local businesses for sponsorship should be made earlier in the year before their budgets were expended.

The Town Clerk expressed her view that a smaller fundraising sub-committee would be a better way forward to consider fundraising with assistance from Committee members at events organized. **AGREED** members delegated were Cllr Corbett, Cllr Mrs Page and Miss Wallbridge.

'Tins at Tills' were also discussed, the Town Clerk to explore what would be required.

292 DATE OF 2020 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FESTIVAL

The date set for the 2020 Christmas Lights Festival being Friday 4th December 2020

293 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 2.30pm.

294 MEETING – The meeting which started at 2.30pm closed at 3.40pm.

CHAIRMAN
18th March 2020