



Fleetwood Town Council

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THE MINUTES OF THE FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL FESTIVE LIGHTS COMMITTEE
HELD ON 17th May 2017

AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL 7.00pm.

Present: Chairperson Christine Smith, Secretary Julie Dalton, Dawn Spooner CDO. Lorraine Beavers, Emma Anderton, Robert Brown, Anne Brown, Cheryl Raynor, Paul Tilling, Mary Stirzaker

Item 364. Accepted Apologies for absence Mike Barrowclough, Jennie Bywater, Marge Anderton, Dawn McCord.

The Committee welcomed new member Rachel George.

Item 365. To approve the minutes of the meetings on the 19th April 2017.

Duly approved and signed. Chairperson Christine Smith expressed thanks to Cheryl Raynor for chairing the meeting of 19th April in her absence.

Item 366. Update/discussion on Fundraiser Christmas Ball venue and presentation by FTC Head of Commercial.

Martin from Fleetwood Town Football Club was supposed to be attending the meeting but had to send his apologies

Following the clarification as to the menu being offered by the Parkside Suite Fleetwood Town Football Club, a number of emails were exchanged between some Committee members who expressed a preference for the North Euston Hotel. However, as the venue, had previously been agreed as the Parkside Suite Fleetwood Town Football Club and had been entered into the minutes to Fleetwood Town Council, due to the legalities, the issue had to be brought back to the Committee.

FTFC would advertise the event and invite businesses to the fundraiser Ball and to donate raffle prizes. We would like to request a turkey dinner and a vegetarian option for the event to take place Friday 24th November. Meal cost £18.50 and tickets to be sold at £25. DJ cost would be £200. A vote was taken for Parkside Suite with the proviso of a turkey dinner. The vote was carried with 2 abstentions. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**
Dawn Spooner had met up with Martin from Fleetwood Town Football Club who advised that they could not commit to any fundraiser event to be held in the summer.

Item 367. Update on Wyre Council Grant

The Grant is available and will take the same format as last year. A maximum of £5,000 available. Applications to be submitted and monies paid out by August 2017.

Item 368. To discuss Reindeer Run and Santa's Grotto in the Mount Pavilion.

Trinity will supply the reindeer antlers, they will do the promotion on social media, publicity advertisements, help with registration, provide medals, ribbons will read Brian House. The Festive Lights Committee will be responsible for marshalling and providing refreshments. Cost to take part will be £5 which will include antlers, medal and a



hot chocolate drink.

The Committee agreed the date for the Reindeer Run as Sunday 19th November at 1pm. Registrations on the day from 12pm at the Mount Hotel If not already registered with Trinity Hospice.

The switching on of the Mount Pavilion lights will not take place as renovations are taking place at the Mount Pavilion and may not be finished in time. Santa's Grotto could take place in a gazebo. Adam Discoman will be asked to comper the event and a written quote for him to comper at the Switch On. **Action Point – Paul Tilling**

Item 369. To discuss invite to Doreen Lofthouse to ride the illuminated Tram and present medals at the Reindeer Run.

The Committee agreed that the medals will be given out by the Comper.

Doreen Lofthouse will be invited to ride on the illuminated tram together with the other VIP's; The Mayor, Cat Smith MP and Clive Grunshaw Police Commissioner. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

Item 370. Update on Marine Hall PA system

The Committee felt that as we provide a Christmas Tree at the cost of £1000 and we bring the public to the Marine Gardens to attend this Community Event, we should not be charged for using their PA system. The Leader of Wyre Council Peter Gibson will be approached about the issue with a view to having the cost waived to hire the Marine Hall's PA system also the Land Fee for use of grounds should also be waived **Action Point – Lorraine Beavers**

Item 371. Update on local food vans at the Marine Hall.

The Marine Hall would have their own food outlet available in the Colonades and we would be requesting a donation from food vendors parked on the Esplanade, so the Committee decided that was not a viable option for food vendors and that all requests for vendors should be removed from social media **Action Point – Julie Dalton**

Item 372. To discuss all schools choirs performing at the Switch On and joining in the Lantern Parade. Each individual school performing a song/carol followed by all schools singing one song/carol.

At last months' meeting it was advised that some schools had complained they were being excluded from performing at the switch on so it was suggested that we have an All Schools Choirs Concert

The Committee decided that to have All Schools Choirs joining in the Parade and performing on stage at the Marine Gardens would be too difficult to marshal and could be an issue for Health and Safety.

The Committee agreed that we keep with the original format that a different school performs each year. A letter will be sent to all schools at the relevant time, reiterating that in the two previous years this was an agreed rota system and to inform them of the two schools that had already performed at the Marine Gardens. An invite will be issued for all schools to take part in the Lantern Parade and to hold a raffle to select a winner who will switch on the Christmas Tree Lights at the Marine Gardens

Item 373. Update from Associated British Ports (ABP)

Carl at ABP is very willing to contribute towards funding of the Fleetwood Festive Lights and a meeting will be taking place with him next week. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

Item 374. To discuss a Summer Barbecue and Venue

The Committee decided not to go ahead with this event for this year but we will consider incorporating it with a Bubble Run for Summer 2018

Item 375. Update from St Mary's regarding surplus lights

A letter will be issued to Churches in Fleetwood offering them the surplus lights **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**



Item 376. Update on Grand Quiz Night

The Committee was advised that Wyre Councillors would be unable to attend on 7th September so a new date of Thursday 14th September to be ratified at next months meeting

Item 377. Asda Bucket Collection application dates

We have not been able to confirm the dates for the Bucket Collection and further approaches will be made with Asda. **Action Point – Dawn Spooner**

Item 378. Any other Business

David Southwell from the Old Boys Band has requested the time for starting the Lantern Parade as they have another engagement booked for the evening of the Switch On.

The Committee agreed that the parade will leave from Fisherman’s Walk at 5pm.

Tram Sunday requirements. Pitch request at the Pocket Park. PA system tables, chairs, gazebo, plunger and rewording of prize board. Wine and Water game was suggested. 70 bottles. (40 bottles of water and 30 bottles of wine) in Christmas wrapping paper. 30 Sweet Explosions and 2 buckets of lollies. Committee members were asked to donate bottles of wine.

Name labels required for sweets for raffle ticket winners

Agenda Items for the next meeting

Discuss Public Liability Insurance

Discuss Road Closure and Policing

Update on Tram Sunday

Update required on Marine Hall PA system

Update on DJ participation for weekend 19th/20th November

Update on Reindeer Run

Update from Associated British Ports (ABP) potential donor to the Fleetwood Festive Lights

Update on date for Grand Quiz Night

Update required Fleetwood Churches regarding surplus lights

Wyre Warblers/Fylde Ukelele Networks

Item 379. The next Fleetwood Festive Lights Meeting will be the Monday 26th June 2017 in the North Euston Hotel at 7pm

Signed.....Dated.....

