

Kendal Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Christmas Lights and Festivals held on Monday, 14th February 2022 at 7.00pm at the Town Hall

Cllr A Edwards	Present		Cllr T Perkins	Present
Cllr S Evans (chair)	Present		Cllr K Simpson	Apologies
Cllr H Ladhams	Present		Cllr R Sutton	Present

In attendance: Council Services Officer (Janine Holt) and Administrative Officer (Flo McMahon).

C35/21/22 Apologies

Councillor Simpson apologies were submitted and accepted.

C36/21/22 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

C37/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

None

C38/21/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2021

Resolved: To accept them as a true record.

C39/21/22 Christmas Lights Display

The Council Services Officer provided an update. It was agreed that we should purchase a similar sized tree for 2022 as the replacement one we obtained for Christmas 2021 as this looked very good and had resulted in many positive comments. The review meeting with Christmas Plus will be arranged soon.

Resolved: To note the update

C40/21/22 Christmas 2022

The Council Services Officer explained that in order to forward plan, it would be helpful if the Committee would decide on a date for the Switch on Event 2022. The Committee agreed that the event should be organised in the same format as the previous year. The Committee also discussed the production of the Christmas film, it was agreed to widen its brief to include a look back on the year with clips from key events.

Resolved: To hold the switch on event on 19th November 2022.

Resolved: To seek 3 quotes for the production of the end of year film.

C41/21/22 Queens Platinum Jubilee

The Committee acknowledged that the timescale was tight to organise an event and that they would like to keep it simple and various options were discussed. The Committee agreed

to organise the beacon lighting at the Castle with the Mayor lighting the beacon. The Committee agreed to:

- Participate and register in the Beacon Lighting event at the Castle in Kendal on June 2nd. We would look into how to incorporate all the elements suggested by the official guidance ie Town Crier proclamation at 2pm., pipes at 9.35pm, bugle call at 9.40pm and Beacon lighting at 9.45pm. to be immediately followed by the singing of the official 'Song for the Commonwealth'. The Council Services Officer will follow up on the Town Crier and Cllr. Sutton offered to talk to the various choirs in Kendal.
- Participate and register in the Jubilee Trail.
- Explore the purchase a platinum jubilee design for projector so the Town Hall could be lit up during the 4 day holiday weekend.
- Explore the possibility of purchasing bunting in the jubilee colours and provide costing for next meeting
- Contact Kendal BID, Kendal Futures and Torchlight to see what plans they may have for the Jubilee weekend.
- Contact the Lions to partner up with any event they may be holding and to provide possible funding
- The Chairman to seek confirmation from the County Council of the waiver of charges for the road closures
- If appropriate to provide funding support for community street parties
- Promote Town Council and local jubilee activities via the Facebook page.
- Creation of a perennial bed which would act as lasting tribute to the event. It was noted that a disused bed on Aynam Road would be ideal. The Council Services Officer will ascertain ownership of the bed, work with partners to create a planting plan and have precise costings available at next meeting.
- To put forward the proposal that the new Gooseholme footbridge be named the Jubilee Bridge. (This has now been progressed to the appropriate level with the CCC and we await their feedback. The bridge would have to be named the 'Platinum Jubilee Bridge' to avoid confusion with the existing Jubilee Bridge.)

The Committee discussed hosting a civic reception before the event. It was agreed to refer this to the Mayoralty and Arts Committee for them to discuss and pursue if they felt appropriate. The Committee would provide support funding if required.

The Committee set a date of 31st March to follow up on the preparations for the Platinum Jubilee. The Council Services Officer will progress the above ideas and provide an update report next meeting

Resolved: To meet on the 31st March in the Council chamber to finalise preparations for the Platinum Jubilee. The Council Services Officer will provide and update report.

Resolved: To refer the hosting of a civic reception before or after to the Mayoralty and Arts Committee.

C42/21/22 Grant Applications

The Committee considered one grant application from Cumbria Festival Chorus. The Chairman also noted that she was awaiting the imminent arrival of the Unity Festival application form.

Resolved: To make a grant of £1,000 for the 2022 Cumbria Festival Chorus.

Resolved: To consider the Unity Festival grant next meeting.

C43/21/22 Budget Monitor

The Committee received the Christmas Lights & Festivals Budget.

Resolved: To note the report.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm