

# Kendal Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of the Christmas Lights and Festivals held on Monday, 31 March 2022 at 7.00pm at the Town Hall

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

**In attendance:** Council Services Officer (Janine Holt).

### **C44/21/22 Apologies**

Councillors Perkins and Simpson apologies were submitted and accepted.

### **C45/21/22 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Sutton drew the Committee's attention to his existing registered interest in item 7, relating to the Kendal Community Theatre grant application.

### **C46/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

None

### **C47/21/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Resolved:** To accept them as a true record.

### **C48/21/22 Christmas 2022**

The Council Services Officer provided an update on the 2022 season and reported that there are some repairs needed at a cost of £1,100 (ex vat). The Committee agreed to undertake the repairs to the display.

The Council Services Officer reported on feedback received from lighting contractor. The display is in need of a complete overhaul and update. A brief discussion followed relating to future management of the lights. The Committee noted the discussion but no budget has been allocated to cover the cost of any major change such as moving from owning to hiring the lights. Also, the committee felt uncomfortable making a decision that a new council has to take forward.

The Council Services Officer has produced a film brief which has been circulated to the Chairman and Town Clerk. The Committee asked that the Council Services Officer seek clarification on the allocation of a budget for the film.

**Resolved:** To note the update and approve the repairs.

**Resolved:** To discuss the future management of the Christmas lights display next meeting.

**Resolved:** To identify a budget for the proposed end of year film.

### **C49/21/22 Queens Platinum Jubilee**

The Council Services Officer provided an update report:

- The beacon lighting event can be registered once we have the confirmed names of the Bugler and Piper.
- The co-ordinator of the midday concert has agreed to provide a choir/s for the event
- The beacon will be lit on the castle by Townscape Officer and we will have a uniformed fireman present.
- For health and safety reasons, it is suggested that the participants of the event are not present during the lighting of the beacon but at an alternative location where the beacon can be easily viewed. New Road and the Nether Field football ground have been suggested as possible venues.
- Committee members agreed that the proclamation should be undertaken on the stone outside the Town Hall and not at the Market Place.
- The Committee didn't feel it was appropriate for Drum Nation to perform after the proclamation.
- The Committee requested that representation from the NHS and foodbank were included in those invited to the afternoon tea in the Town Hall.
- The Committee agreed that using a media company to professionally record the event would be beneficial and costs would be circulated to members for a final decision.
- The Committee identified 7 locations to be used as part of the Jubilee trail
- The Committee agreed in principle with purchasing a generic projector image for use on the Town Hall. This will be subject to image approval by members.
- The Committee agreed to purchase multi-purpose bunting in the colours of red, white and blue.
- The Committee agreed to part funding the development of a commemorative bed on Aynam Road.
- The Chairman has forwarded the request to director level at the County Council for the change of name of the new bridge. The Chairman is awaiting a response.

**Resolved:** To note the update report.

**Resolved:** To agree to professionally record the event, subject to approval of costs.

**Resolved:** To purchase an appropriate projector image for use on the Town Hall, subject to image approval by members.

**Resolved:** To purchase bunting in the colours of red, white and blue.

**Resolved:** To provide funding in partnership with Kendal in Bloom for the development of a commemorative bed on Aynam Road.

### **C50/21/22 Grant Applications**

The Committee considered four grant applications. The Committee requested that Lakes International Comic Art Festival provides data on the number of primary schools participating and feedback on the bus service. It was also suggested that independent feedback was sought from participating schools on the event.

**Resolved:** To make a grant of £2,500 for the Lakes International Comic Art Festival.

**Resolved:** To make a grant of £1,700 for the Unity Festival.

**Resolved:** To make a grant of £3,700 for the Kendal Poetry Festival.

**Resolved:** To make a grant of £1,000 for the Kendal Community Theatre.

**C51/21/22 Budget Monitor**

The Committee received the Christmas Lights & Festivals Budget report.

**Resolved:** To note the report.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm