Minutes of a Meeting of the

 Christmas Lights/Festivities Sub-Committee

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Wednesday, 16th November, 2016 at 2:15 pm

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor C. A. Sharp)

Councillors: A. W. Eden (Chairman) E. R. Harries

Mr. M. H. George QGM and PCSO P. Mayhew were also in attendance.

154. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Gray, A. H. Miles and Mrs. Y. G. Southwell. Apologies for absence were not received from Councillor Mrs. C. Stevens.

155. UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES 2016:

(a) Christmas Lights:

 (i) Charles Street:

 The Chairman, Councillor A. W. Eden, advised that the Council’s Electrician was progressing well with the installation of Christmas lights, and there was very little left to sort out.

 The Electrician had overhauled and renewed the light fixtures in the Memorial Gardens, inside the Town Hall and the catenary cable in Charles Street during the last 12 months.

 The Chairman said the festoon lighting across Charles Street is multi coloured this year, instead of white as in previous years.

 Some traders have asked whether there would be more lights erected in Charles Street.

 The Chairman explained that the festoon lights ended at the Astoria because there were no buildings opposite to attach the cables. The Electrician would be adding festoon lighting to two lamp-posts on the Market Square. There were short lamp-posts outside the Astoria that could be illuminated at a cost of approximately £300 each, but because of the height of the lamp-posts, there were safety concerns as the lighting would be at arm’s length.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT the information

 be received.

 (ii) Memorial Gardens:

 The Chairman advised that the crib will be illuminated. The

 tree by the crib will have festoon lighting. Some of the trees opposite the Town Hall will have multi coloured lights.

 (iii) Road Closure and Lantern Parade:

 The Chairman stated that the Council had applied for a road closure from the Welsh Trunk Road Agent between Sandhurst Road and The Rath between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Saturday, 3rd December.

 PCSO P. Mayhew said that he would let the Clerk know as soon as possible as to how many officers would be available to assist with policing the event. PCSO Mayhew asked for all marshals to wear hi vis jackets and the Chairman confirmed that the marshals always did this.

 The Chairman said that he would ask Councillor M. P. Rickard, who had carried out the duties over the past few years, to continue to oversee the Lantern Parade.

 The Chairman stated that the local schools had been contacted and 898 requests had been received for lanterns, which he would be delivering shortly.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT the information

 be received.

 (iv) Programme:

 The Chairman thanked Mr. M. H. George QGM for providing a comprehensive timeline.

 The Chairman advised that he would be asking for assistance from other Members of the Council to ensure the smooth running of this event.

 The Mayor agreed to ask for volunteers at the next Full Council meeting.

 Mr. M. H. George QGM confirmed that once the Councillors’ names were known, he would amend the timeline to show the names and duties of each Councillor.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT the information

 be received.

 (v) Christmas Trees:

 The Chairman confirmed that two large Christmas trees had been ordered from Hubberston Dairy – one to be erected in Steynton and the other outside the Town Hall.

 At a previous meeting of the Christmas Lights/Festivities Sub- Committee, it was agreed to write to the Hubberston Community Association and the Waterloo Club, Hakin, offering a donation of £200 each towards the supply, erection and decoration of a Christmas Tree in their areas.

 The Waterloo Club had investigated this matter and found that the cost of public liability insurance was too prohibitive and it had been agreed not to proceed with the Council’s offer.

 Councillor E. R. Harries declared a personal interest as he is

 President of the Waterloo Club.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT the information be

 received.

 (vi) Raffle Draw:

 The Mayor stated that the Milford Haven Town Team Regeneration Group is organising a Christmas Shopping Challenge Prize. The Mayor asked whether it would be possible for him to draw the raffle and present the prize to the winner of the Shopping Challenge at the Town Hall during the afternoon’s entertainment.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT the Mayor draws the

 raffle and present the prize to the winner of the

 Shopping Challenge during the visit of Father Christmas to the Town Hall on Saturday, 3rd

 December.

 (vii) Value Independence:

 The Mayor said that Value Independence has offered to organise craft classes next year so children could make their own lanterns.

 It was RECOMMENDED THAT this be discussed at a future meeting of the Christmas Lights/Festivities

 Sub-Committee.

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