

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee Meeting held on Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Market House, Newent.

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Draper (Chair), Mrs Davies, Mrs Duncan, Mrs Howley, Heathfield and Vesma.

1. **Apologies** – None.
2. **Declarations of interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 1st November and 20th November**
Resolved: The minutes of the meetings held on 1st November and 20th November 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Howley, Seconded by Cllr Heathfield and agreed by those who had been present at the meetings.

4. **Reflection on this year's event**

The procession had proved difficult due to traffic control. Cllr Draper had spoken to GW 4X4 and it had been suggested the procession next year should start from the Black Dog end of town. Probably more barriers would be needed and to consider extending the road closure to further up Gloucester Street. Marshalls to be placed in other locations.

Nicks Burgers donated his profits to the Air Ambulance.

Danters gave £60 (£50 last year), even though the Teacups did not work as their generator was broken.

The tree lights had stopped working, therefore it would be necessary to hire a cherry picker. **Resolved:** Moat Contracting's offer for use of a cherry picker free of charge, in exchange for placing an advertising banner by the Christmas tree is accepted. **Record of Voting:** All in favour.

A banner from Gouldings, advertising Christmas trees had appeared by the Council's Christmas tree. As they had not supplied the tree this year, it was agreed their advertisement should be removed.

It had been ascertained that the fault was not a fuse and the repairs would cost approximately £90. Cllr Vesma said that he and his wife would be very happy to sponsor the repair to the tune of £90, which was very gratefully accepted.

Two snow fluid bottles did not arrive with the snow machines, so there was a credit of £25 for next year.

Replacement bulbs would be required but were costly as they have to be of a special quality. Cllr Vesma wondered if LED replacements would be a possibility, replacing one rope at a time. This would be something the new Council would have to decide next year.

5. Accounts Update

The accounts could not be approved as they had not yet been finalised.

6. To appoint two members to complete the Lottery Returns Forms.

Resolved: Cllrs Mrs Draper and Mrs Howley would complete the lottery returns forms. **Record of Voting:** Proposed by Cllr Mrs Davies, Seconded Cllr Vesma, All in favour.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

(The minutes were prepared by Cllr Mrs Davies)