

**NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL  
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of an **Extraordinary Meeting of the Communities Committee** held on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Newent Town Council Offices, rear of Newent Community Centre, Ross Road. Newent at 6.00 pm (meeting commenced 6.10pm).**

Present: Councillors Mrs W Odhiambo (Chairman), Mr D Tinson and Mrs C Howley

Also present – The Clerk and 1 member of the public

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**Public Participation Session**

There were no public speakers.

**A G E N D A**

1. To note apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mr R Beard and Mrs K Draper.

2. Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the Minutes of the **Extraordinary Communities Committee held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

The Communities Committee by unanimous decision resolved that the **Extraordinary Minutes held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022** were a true and accurate summary of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

The Communities Committee noted that the meeting scheduled for 10.10.22 did not proceed due to being inquorate.

4. Clerk's Report
  - 4.1 To note the Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was noted

5. **Christmas Lights Sub-Committee**

5.1 To approve that the Communities Committee forms a sub-committee, to be called Christmas Lights Sub-Committee to be set up, with up to 5 councillors, from across the council.

The committee by unanimous decision resolved that a Christmas Lights Sub-Committee is set up, with up to 5 councillors, from across the council.

5.2 That the Christmas Lights Sub-Committee costs for the event are taken from the Christmas lights budget, up to the value of £5000.00

The committee by unanimous decision resolved that costs for the event are taken from the Christmas lights budget, up to the value of £5,000.00.

5.3 Subject to agreement with the Chairman of the meeting, that members of the public wishing to assist with this event may join the group but will not have voting rights regarding expenditure, as per Christmas Lights Sub-Committee requirements.

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5.4 That the Communities Committee approve the following spending from the Christmas Lights Working Group suggestions.

Marshalling 4x4 team	£ 200.00
Cherry Picker	£ 1,005.00
Christmas Tree	£ 400.00
Consumables	£ 400.00
Snow Machine	£ 305.00
Food for helpers	£ 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2,410.00</b>

The committee by unanimous decision approved the spending from the Christmas Lights Working Group suggestions for £2,410.00.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.16pm**