

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

AND BURIAL AUTHORITY

14th September 2023

MINUTES OF THE CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023, COUNCIL OFFICES, 6:30 pm.

Councillors Present:

Cllr Joshua Robertson (Chairman)

Cllr Kay Selwyn

Cllr Sara Hulburt

Also Present:

Neil Sapsed, Steve Brown, Charlie Reynolds (Officers of the Council)

2 Members of the Public

1. Two note apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Juli Escritt, Cllr Julia Gooch and Cllr Alan Hedley.

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

No declarations of interest were given.

3. To approve expenditures for the Christmas Tree to come from the Christmas Lights budget heading 500-4905.

The Committee approved by unanimous decision the expenditure of up to a total of £400 for the 2023 Christmas Tree.

4. Update on the current display and approve expenditure on replacement lights.

The Committee resolved by unanimous decision to investigate costs to repair the large light for the front of the Market House, replace the large light like for like and to replace the pair. The Committee also agreed to not replace the start light on Bombay Kitchen.

5. To consider and approve a contribution to GW 4 by 4.

The Committee resolved by unanimous decision to contact Police Cadets to support GW 4x4 and defer the discussion of 4x4 contribution to the next meeting.

6. To discuss Video.

The Committee discussed a video and decided to investigate concepts and costs.

7. To discuss the Market.

The Committee resolved by unanimous decision to confirm Greentops as Market Operators and for Cllr Escritt and Cllr Selwyn to gauge interest for local produce holders to also attend the market.

8. To discuss Precession.

The Committee resolved by unanimous decision to invite community groups to join the procession with handmade lanterns and floats.

9. To discuss and agree on a Theme for the event.

The Committee resolved by unanimous decision for no specific theme at the event but to focus on Community Christmas.

10. To discuss Road Closure.

The Committee resolved by unanimous decision to defer item until next meeting.

11. To discuss Entertainment.

The Committee decided to investigate the process of brass bands and to decide on a budget for entertainment for the 2023 event.

12. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 28th September 2023 at 6 pm to be held at Manna House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:25 pm.

Signed:  _____ Dated: 2nd NOV. 23