

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Christmas Decorations Sub-Committee was held at 6.30pm on Monday 1st April 2019 in Room 4, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

779/18 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, Cllr. M D Bird,

Cllrs: M. Bond; A. Hunter; S. Jones-Roberts; R.M. Medicott; B. C. Roberts;
A. Wood (Chair)

In attendance: Mr. Geraint Williams, GWP Electrical
Mrs M. J. Evans (Clerk) Mrs L Whalley (Deputy-Clerk)

780/18 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: P Heap-Williams; D A MacRae;

781/18 **Absent without Apology**

None

782/18 **Declaration of Interest**

Members were reminded that they must declare the nature and existence of any personal and/or prejudicial interests, using the form provided for this purpose. The following declarations were made:

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| a) | Cllr A Wood | Min No: 787/18 |
| b) | Cllr A Hunter | Min No: 787/18 |

783/18 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the last meeting of the Christmas Decorations Sub-Committee held on 28th February 2019.

Standing Orders were suspended

- 784/18 Mr Geraint Williams was welcomed to the meeting. Members were then invited to consider the competition entries from the schools with guidance on the feasibility of design for the motif from Mr Williams.

785/18 **School Competitions**

i. **Design a light Competition**

- The entries for the 2019 competition were **RECEIVED** and **CONSIDERED**.
- Winners from the 3 schools were **SELECTED**
- An overall winner for the Light Competition was **SELECTED**

ii. **Design the Mayor's Christmas Card Competition**

- The entries for the 2019 competition **RECEIVED** and **CONSIDERED**
- Winners from the 3 schools were **SELECTED**
- An overall winner for the Card Competition was **SELECTED**

Mr Williams was thanked for his input and left the meeting

Standing Orders were reinstated

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and with Standing Order no.68, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was advised in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw.

786/18 To receive quotations as follows:

- a) for new strings of lights required for the tree scheme 2019 **NOTED**
- b) for Christmas trees **NOTED**
- c) for a bespoke metal crafted tree and to consider an alternative design **NOTED.**

Members discussed the Christmas tree scheme at length noting the information held in the quotes. Members felt that trying a different scheme for the town's Christmas enhancement was important and wanted to explore the scope of the design and cost of commercially available trees or tailor made in metal. A decision on the scheme was **DEFERRED** to the next meeting.

787/18 The approx. cost for storage of Council owned motifs and other Christmas Decorations was **RECEIVED**. Members were reminded that the current lighting scheme was in its final year and that an option to own the motifs was available to them at the end of 2020. Storage would be required if ownership was the preferred option. The cost of storage was then considered with ongoing maintenance costs of the motifs. The Clerk reminded members that a decision on the future schemes would require consideration in the immediate term in order to budget appropriately. A resolution on the scheme was **DEFERRED** to the next meeting.

As Cllrs Wood and Hunter had declared an interest in the next item Cllr Brian Roberts agreed to take the Chair.

Cllrs Wood and Hunter left the meeting for the next item.

788/18 A request for a donation for the provision of mini Christmas trees and lights in the town from the Round Table was **RECEIVED**. It was clarified that the mini tree scheme is a Round Table initiative and not part of the Town Council's annual scheme. It was **RESOLVED** to make a donation to the Round Table of £500 on the condition that a formal request on letterhead is submitted to satisfy audit procedure.

Meeting Closed: 20.20

Signed: (Chairman)