

Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Christmas Decorations Sub-Committee was held at 6.30 p.m. on Monday 10th June in Room 4, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

118/19 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The current Chairman Cllr A Wood opened the meeting and requested nominations for Chairman of the Sub-Committee for 2019/20.

It was PROPOSED that Cllr. Wood be elected as Chairman.

There being no further nominations, Cllr. Wood indicated his willingness to be elected as Chairman of the Christmas Decoration Sub-Committee for 2019/20

119/19 Attendance Register

The Mayor, Cllr.S Jones-Roberts

Cllrs: A.Hunter; B. C. Roberts; A. Wood;

Mrs L Whalley (Deputy-Clerk)

120/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: M. Bond; D A MacRae;

121/19 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. None Declared

122/19 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Christmas Decorations Sub-Committee, held on 1st April 2019 were APPROVED and **SIGNED**.

123/19 Matters Arising

- i) A new scheme for the town centre Christmas light display for 2020 was CONSIDERED. 2019 will be the final year of the current lease but there is an option to lease for a 4th year at the end of which the Council will own the motifs. It was felt that taking ownership of the motifs, storing and maintaining them was viable and probably more cost effective than annual lease costs. It was **RESOLVED** to opt for a 4th year of the current lease whereby the Town Council takes ownership of the motifs from 2020 forward.

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. (Minute No: 122/19 ii) – 122/19 iv) and 123/19 i) – iv)

Christmas Competitions

Design a Light Competition

- ii) Quotations for the 2019 motif were **RECEIVED**. It was **PROPOSED** that option 3, of three versions submitted by LITE, at a cost of £1112 be **APPROVED** for manufacture. Members also NOTED the gradual increase in costs over the years and that they would also be considering the refurbishment of 4 older motifs in the next item. Members **CONSIDERED** that, as the roundabout at Market St was now fully populated by motifs with

4 surplus motifs, the original objectives for holding the competition had been achieved and that the competition was now time expired. It was **RESOLVED** to discontinue the 'Design a Light' competition.

- iii) A quotation of £1063.39 for the refurbishment of 4 older motifs submitted by GWP Electrical was **RECEIVED** and **APPROVED**.

Christmas Card Competition
Design the Mayor's Christmas Card

- iv) Quotations for the 2019 Mayor's Christmas card were received. It was **RESOLVED** to accept a quote of £10 for 50 cards from CCBC Print Services. The Mayor requested that her name is added to the greeting inside the card and that a cost be sought for an extra 100 cards the extra cost of which could be met by the Mayor's allowance.

124/19 **2019 Christmas Scheme**

- i) Quotations for artificial & bespoke Christmas trees for 2019 were **CONSIDERED**. Members felt that the cost of the artificial trees could not be justified for this year but agreed that they should remain on the Agenda for consideration in 2020.
- ii) Quotations for real Christmas trees were **RECEIVED** and **the quote from Cambrian Woodland Services for £3895** for eight real trees was **APPROVED**.
- iii) Quotations for new strings of LED tree lights were **RECEIVED**. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase cool white lights from LITE at £480 for 16 strings. The trees nominated for white light dressing were Belgrano and Bodtegwel.
- iv) A quotation for a replacement enclosure box for the carpark tree lights in preparation for the St Kentigerns 'Tree of Lights' service in November was **NOTED**. The existing enclosure box was recommended for replacement due to rust appearing on the screws inside.
- v) A quote for a plunge switch and commando socket as an alternative option to 123/19 iv) which includes a free enclosure box was **RECEIVED**. As an option, the plunge switch and commando socket with a free enclosure box was the preferred option but Members were divided as to who should fund the installation. The Deputy Clerk informed members that as the responsibility for providing safe facilities for external users/hirers is with the Town Council the Town Council should meet the cost. **It was RESOLVED to DEFER the matter to allow the Deputy Clerk to contact GWP for more information.**

125/19 A copy of the financial summary as at 30th April was **NOTED**.

Meeting Closed at: 19:50

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(Chairman)