

**Minutes of “remote” Christmas Lights Committee held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.00p.m.**

**PRESENT: Cllrs G. Bevan (Chair), E. Williams, S. Thomas, J Slate, P Totterdale**

**Prior to dealing with the Agenda items Cllr Geraint Bevan was unanimously re-elected as Chair for the ensuing year.(Minute 1021 CT)**

**1, Apologies – None**

**2. Declaration of interest – None**

**3.The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were unanimously approved (Minute 1021 – CT3).**

**4. Matters for consideration from Christmas Lights feedback meeting 13.1.21**

**a) Clerk advised that he contact two electricians namely Charles Sams, and Garry Griffiths to inspect the electricity connection at the Tywi Bridge site, also to incorporate the remedial works highlighted by Wyn Davies in his report and to provide an estimate for the works which he would then report back with. It is clearly evident that this work needs to be undertaken this year to ensure ongoing safety, and efficiency of the electrical connection via the pillar. Actions confirmed (Minute – 1021 – 4a)**

**b) As placing another decorative light on the nearby lamp post would require permission from the Carms CC it was felt given time constraints for this Christmas, that we investigate this option for next year. Clerk advises that Carms Town C had inspected the Christmas decorations and had found one of the decorations that sit on the streetlamps had broken and was beyond repair. It was unanimously agreed that the clerk purchase a replacement, and that we defer the decision on an additional lamp light until next year. (Minute 1021 – CT 4b)**

**Addendum 6.10.21 Carmarthen Town Council have now advised that they have got the light to work.**

**c) Clerk advised that the Park Committee had recently held a meeting with Arwel Price Lighting Engineer CC, where he had advised that drawing power to the park entrance would be extremely costly as it would have to cross the main road, and there were additional problems with high voltage cables already running through this area. However, an alternate site opposite Brynmeurig Stores on the triangular grass verge had merit, and he was going to return with costings to get power to this location.**

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to have a site visit for all Councillors early in 2022 to view this site, along with other suggested sites adjacent to Alun West's house in Tregynnr, and down by the Aelwyd (**Minute 1021 – CT 4c**)

**d)** After a discussion it was agreed to order two 18ft trees being the same as last year at an indicative cost of £240 + VAT each. It was felt that the cost of a 25ft tree at £520 being more than double was prohibitive, would require additional decorations and may well dwarf the location. (**Minute 1021 – CT 4d**)

**e)** Clerk advised that he had discussed the sloping sleeve issue at Nantycaws, with Adrian Lloyd of Carmarthen Town Council who advised that the sleeve required sureing up with further concrete. It is evident that the layer of concrete at the base is proving insufficient to support the tree. All agreed that the clerk proceed to instruct Carmarthen Town Council to carry out this remedial work, to sure up the sleeve, thereby addressing this health and safety issue caused by a leaning tree. If the Council cannot undertake this work, then the clerk be authorised to get a local builder to carry out this work prior to the erection of this year's tree. (**Minute 1021 – CT 4e**)

**5)** It was unanimously agreed that the recommendations contained within Wyn Davies's report be passed onto the electricians for their information and comment. (**Minute 1021 CT 5**)

#### **6. Any other business:**

Cllr Sandra Thomas advised that Santa's Grotto was again available.

Cllr Slate advised that the Christmas decorations formerly stored by Dafydd Williams was now stored in her garage.

With Carmarthen Town's lights being switched on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November, a switch on date for Llangunnor Christmas lights was agreed for Wednesday night 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Given the ongoing Pandemic the Committee felt that we needed still to be cautious, and it was best to replicate arrangements for last year. If restriction eased before our switching on ceremony, then we could add to the programme. In the interim the following draft format would be adopted.

-Father Christmas to attend.

-Cllr Sandra Thomas would approach the Vicar of Llangunnor Church to make an address, and if she could not attend in person then consideration be given to providing of an apt recording.

-Head Teacher and Chair of School Council be invited to attend with Chair of School Council to switch on the lights. An invitation to be extended to the parents of the Chair of the School's Council to also attend.

-Chair to purchase boxes of sweets for each class at Llangunnor School as had been done by the Chair last year which had been well received.

- Switch on and arrangements to be communicated to residents via our newly launched Facebook page.

**Action points :**

Clerk to make initial enquiries with the headmaster to see if he and the Chair of the School Council can attend on the proposed date.

Clerk also to ascertain from Carmarthen Town Council if they could provide safety barriers and to speak with Nicola Walters local PCSO if we could get a police presence there on the night to ensure public safety.

Clerk to phone around Committee members the first of November to see if any changes required to made to the draft arrangements.

**7. Next meeting** – to be convened by Chair / Clerk

Meeting closed 7.45 p.m.

Signed as true record:

Date:

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