

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL – EXTERNAL COMMITTEE

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SUB-COMMITTEE

NOTES OF A MEETING ON 31.07.2017

Present: Cllrs Carter, Mrs Ferguson, Knowles and Sugden. Mike Bartlett of TDCC and Phil Burgess.

1. **Election of Chairman.** Cllr Knowles was elected chair
2. **Co-option of Members.** Mike Bartlett was co-opted onto the committee.
3. **Apologies for Absence.** None
4. **Changes to Lighting Arrangements this year.** Cllr Carter suggested we investigate the possibility of connecting direct into UK Power Supply metered connections rather than the KCC unmetered supply off the street lamps. This would allow a higher output capacity and would serve market stalls and events better. This could be checked by supplying a grid reference for UKPS to work from. *Town Clerk to check feasibility, output difference and cost with Scott Mitchell.*
Current quotations for connections to KCC lighting totalled £16,500 including tree surgeon fee.
5. **TDCC request letter**
 - a) The Fairings and Coombe Lane. Members had no objections to taking over responsibility of these lights.
 - b) Individual Christmas Trees The town council would need to be involved in health and safety checks and listed building consents for all buildings concerned, so there was no appetite amongst TTC members for this transfer of responsibility. TTC would however co-ordinate the installation of lights by Scott Mitchell and request that this coincided with TDCCs instruction over the individual Christmas trees.
6. **Funding.** The ABC grant of £4,000, currently payable to TDCC would be split 50/50 with TTC to assist with the responsibilities transferred.
7. **AOB**
 - a) Mike Hill should be approached to assist with extra expenses caused by KCC insistence that no catenary cables be attached to lamp standards. (*Action Town Clerk*)
 - b) The Town Clerk should investigate the installation of an underground power supply at the Fairings as well as 3 new Christmas Trees from Hole Park, positioned at the Fat Ox Green, the Fairings and West Cross (west side of Smallhythe Rd).*Action*
 - c) Cllrs suggested that the Fairings should be absorbed into the Recreation Ground Focus Group (This was also suggested by the Architects at the recent shortlist interviews for the Recreation Ground).
8. **Next Meeting** To be arranged after contact with Scott Mitchell.

Meeting Closed at 6.15p.m.