

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE CLEVEDON TRIANGLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2016/17

Report to the Town Events & Amenities Committee of the meeting held on Thursday 15th December 2016 at 9.30am in the Clevedon Town Council Offices.

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester

Cllrs J Geldart, Mr J Fox – Triangle Traders, Mr S Harrison – DM Events,
Mrs I Johnson & Mrs S Howard – Clevedon Town Council.

CHL/16/122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Hatch, Cllr Watkins and K Gaydon – Clevedon Baptist Church had sent their apologies.

CHL/16/123 TO RECEIVE ANY FEEDBACK AND TO HAVE A DE-BRIEF OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON EVENT HELD ON SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2016

The Chairman of the Committee thanked the Committee for their help and support at the event and commented that we also had good weather!

1 Road Closure

A number of comments were received from Councillors and the public as to why the section of road around the Clock Tower was not closed for the switch on. Even temporarily for the actual switch on. A lot of residents advised that the switch on was not safe as road was not closed. This was because of the length of closure required and the difficulty in re-routing vehicles.

AGREED: Cllr Francis-Pester and Cllr Geldart to speak to Colin Medus of North Somerset Council to obtain a resolute answer as to whether we could close Old Street and Kenn Road for the whole of the 2017 Christmas lights switch-on. Also, the idea of moving the event to a Sunday if this improved the likelihood of a road closure would be investigated.

2 Stalls in the Queens Square/Station Road/Old Church Road

Comments from some stall holders that they did not receive the footfall due to the location of their stalls in Station Road.

Residents tended to stay in the Queens Square and did not venture around to Old Street area which upset those Traders who had remained open for the event.

No stalls were erected in Old Church Road, so some Traders questioned why the road closure was in place. More Traders stalls had been expected in that area. For 2017, traders expressing an interest in a street stall will be asked for commitment, with a cut-off date for confirmation and payment.

It was reported that some stall holders who were interested in the event did not know who was organising the event. For 2017 proper paperwork identifying the Town Council will be used.

3 Monies collected at Switch-On

All monies collected will be given to Clevedon Town Council with receipts given and accounts audited and published.

4 Budget Expenditure

So far Clevedon Town Council has spent £11,000 on the Christmas lights display in the Triangle and Hill Road which does not include any allocation of funding for staff time.

Following the event, Sam Harrison confirmed that there had been pledges of support from residents totalling £700.00 that could be put towards new lights in 2017. The pledges were made on a Facebook page.

ACTION: Full details of the pledges to be provided by Sam Harrison at the next Sub Committee meeting for verification and follow up from the Council if collected in its name.

Sam Harrison stated he would approach the Lions to ask for a grant of £300.00 from the Dream Scheme project. The Chairman instructed Sam Harrison to make it clear on what basis he was approaching them. If a grant is awarded, it was confirmed that the monies would go towards new lights for the Town.

It was agreed that anyone contacting businesses or individuals on behalf of the Town Council regarding the 2017 Christmas lights switch-on must have prior authorisation to do so.

CHL/16/124 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no Chairman's items for information

CHL16/125 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 26th January 2017 at 9.30am.

The meeting finished at 10.35 am

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:..... DATE: