



Coleford Town Council

Events & Marketing Committee Tuesday 6 March 2018 Minutes

Attendees: Cllrs Kay, Lusty, Baird, Penny and Holloway

Joe Downie (Coleford Christmas lights also attended)

1. Apologies were noted from Cllrs Thompson, Ball, C & E Elsmore and Drury
2. There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda
3. There were no dispensations requests
4. The minutes of 6 February were noted and signed.
5. **To hear presentation from and make recommendation re Coleford Christmas Lights 2018**

Cllr Baird congratulated Mr Downie and the committee for the 2017 Christmas Lights.

Mr Joe Downie outlined the plans for 2018 which included slight alterations to the clock tower, additional large artificial tree, mini trees and icicles and more lamppost fittings to include Newland Street, Bank Street and Lords Hill / Gloucester Road. The total cost of the additional items would be around £17,000 plus VAT.

Members discussed the plans with Mr Downie and requested that consideration be given to include Pyart Court within their plans.

Recommendation

To allocate £5,000 from the 2018/19 events budget to assist with the purchasing of the new lights. If appropriate the lights be purchased directly by the council and gifted to the community.

6. **To make recommendation re Coleford Grand Prix 2018**

Recommendation

That the event goes ahead for the planned date of 24th June and that additional sponsorship is sought to meet the funding gap.

7. **To make recommendation re Coleford Community Awards 2018**

Recommendation

- That the 'Pride of Coleford Community Awards' be held on the 27th October which is the national volunteer Make a Difference Day
- That the awards recognise volunteers in the parish
- That the awards are publically nominated with justification rather than against fixed categories
- That a panel is formed to evaluate the applications, short list and identify the recipients
- That a lunch time event with buffer be held at The Main Place for the awards ceremony