

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee meeting held on Friday 3rd May 2024 in the council chambers 49 High Street, Polegate East Sussex BN26 6AL at 10:00am

Present: Cllrs M Piper, D Dunbar, M Cunningham, J Heward, C Berry, W Alexander (6)

Not Present: -

No member of the public present

NB Cllr W Alexander attended remotely due to ill health but did not vote.

Minute Number	Resolution
13540	Opportunity for Public None
13541	Apologies for absence
13542	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda None
13543	Motion to have new “Merry Christmas” motif on 49 High Street office wall facing the railway allotment <u>It was resolved to have the “Merry Christmas” motif on 49 High Street office wall facing the railway allotment as per background papers. VOTE All in favour</u> The committee asked that a meeting with the current contractor be held to discuss options on Christmas lighting that would suit the town. The clerk stated that she would arrange this. The committee discussed various Christmas lights options.

The meeting closed at 10:09am

Signed by _____ Chair of Christmas Lights Committee _____ Dated _____

5. Motion to have new icicle lights to be connected to the council energy supply/socket and placed along the side/ frontage of Hart Reade & Tanning Shop (verbal permission granted). Total cost estimated to be around £500.would come within the current budget for Christmas lights.

Following informal discussions, I spoke to Hart Reade and The Tanning shop and asked if we could provide icicle lights and connect to our energy supply would they be happy having them hung around their frontage. They both came back and have said yes.

It was suggested that if these shops did the lights, then others may follow suit which would enhance the town appearance over the Christmas period.

The Christmas lights contractor is happy to do this and states that it wouldn't affect the current ones and would be easily connected to the current supply. They are low voltage/low energy. These also run on a timer going off around midnight and on again around 4pm for the Christmas period.

NB I have been notified that the Christmas event may be a week earlier this year. Both the tree donation and the contractor should be able to accommodate this. I will speak to the organisers in due course. It's unlikely that the council would need to do anything further. (A provisional swift plan was drafted in the event that the volunteers did not come forward to do a Christmas event this year, as a backup plan).

Also, we have now been gifted a plunger, so this will be decorated for the event and stored at the office.

Recommendation to have new icicle lights to be connected to the council energy supply/socket and placed along the side/ frontage of Hart Reade & Tanning Shop (verbal permission granted). Total cost estimated to be around £500 and would fall within the current budget for Christmas lights.