

BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Christmas Committee held in the Mayor's Parlour,
College House, Bridgnorth on Tuesday 3rd October 2016 at 6.00pm**

Present: Councillors D Cooper, J Gittins, Councillor Mrs C Baines MBE
and Councillor Mrs S Barlow

Co-opted Members: Mrs P Harris, Mrs S Themans and B
Davies

Minutes Secretary and transcribed by Mrs P Russell
Minutes Secretary and transcribed by Mrs A Anderson

0312/1718 **FIRE SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The meeting commenced with a fire safety announcement by the
Councillor David Cooper

0313/1718 **APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED: to receive the apology as listed below

Councillor R Whittle OBE - alternative commitment
Dr M Tipping - alternative commitment

0314/1718 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Baines MBE and seconded by
Councillor D Cooper that Councillor J Gittins be elected Chairman of the
Christmas Committee.

RESOLVED: that Councillor J Gittins be elected Chairman of the Christmas
Committee for the ensuing year.

Councillor J Gittins took the chair.

0315/1718 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Disclosable Pecuniary interests:

None

0316/1718 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor J Gittins took the chair.

It was proposed by Councillor J Gittins and seconded by Councillor D Cooper that Councillor Mrs C Baines MBE be elected Vice Chairman of the Christmas Committee.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Mrs C Baines MBE be elected Vice Chairman of the Christmas Committee for the ensuing year.

0317/1718 **MINUTES**

RECOMMENDED: that the minutes of the Christmas Committee meeting held on 07 November 2016, having previously been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

0318/1718 **UPDATE ON FUND RAISING**

Members were updated on sponsorship money received.

Mrs P Harris updated the Committee on the pledges so far £1650.00.

It was discussed that Bandon Island is seen as the gateway to Bridgnorth and it was suggested that this could not be seen as a feature as there is no power supply to the island. The Electrician who is erecting the Christmas lights will be doing checks on the Kidderminster Island to check for the electricity supply to erect a Christmas Tree, also lights for Mill Street, Cann Hall and an area by Bandon Island and Blue Ginger. Also to light up Lavington Gardens.

To check with the Co-op regarding Pollarding of their trees.

0319/1718 **QUAYSIDE LIGHT UP**

Members were asked to consider the suggestions for new projects 2018 and the way forward for this year. It was noted that the Christmas Committee must start earlier next year.

1) Lighting up the Town Hall

It was suggested again that we look into a number of possibilities such as a projector can be beamed onto the Town Hall from a lamp post and project colours and images around the High Street. Also back lighting in the Town Hall. Blachere have already been contacted regarding projection of lights hopefully this can be brought back to the next meeting.

2) The Bandon Island and Low Town Approach to Bridgnorth

After a lengthy discussion it was suggested perhaps some other trees have lights erected on them along the approach road to Low Town that can be left up all year.

The Quayside event will also take place again on Saturday 18th November 2017 4pm to 6pm. Tom Barras will be playing and hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies will be available. There will be face painting, glow sticks and a poem from Patrick O'Shea.

The banner from 2015 will be erected again this year also a new banner will be purchased.

The Town Council would purchase the mulled wine to give away at the event. The Town Council would arrange for gazebos and tables as well as barriers along the riverside to be put out for the event.

Next year it was suggested that we could look at St Mary's Street and Castle Walk. Also the High Street Christmas lights and involving the businesses in the High Street.

It was discussed that we should ask Rupert Beckett to do the switch on.

A request was made that Richard Stoker switch on all the Christmas Lights on Sunday 19th November 2017 at 12 noon.

The next meeting of the Christmas Committee was arranged for Monday 16th October 2017 at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.05pm