

BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the meeting of the Christmas Committee held in the Mayor's Parlour,
College House, Bridgnorth on Monday 5th March 2018 at 5.30pm**

Present: Councillors Mrs C Baines MBE, Mrs S Barlow, D Cooper and
R Whittle OBE

Co-opted Member: B Davies

In Attendance: Acting Town Clerk, Mr B Ince
Councillor Mrs J Onions
Minutes Secretary and transcribed by Mrs P Russell

Councillor Mrs C Baines MBE, Vice Chairman, assumed the Chair.

0711/1718 FIRE SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

The meeting commenced with a fire safety announcement by the Chairman

0712/718 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The Chairman read out a statement informing Members that recording, including filming, audio recording, taking photographs, blogging, tweeting and using other social media websites is permitted at Council meetings which are open to the public - however, anyone wishing to do is requested to speak to the Town Council staff prior to the meeting as there are rules which must be followed.

0713/1718 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(i) **RESOLVED:** to receive the apologies as listed below

Co-opted Members: Mrs P Harris, Mrs S Themans and
Dr M Tipping.

(ii) No formal approval of the reasons for absence for the purposes of
S85 Local Government Act 1972 was required

0714/1718 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

0715/1718 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was agreed that the election of chairman be postponed until after the
Events meeting on Tuesday 13th March 2018.

0716/1718 **MINUTES**

RECOMMENDED: that the minutes of the Christmas Committee meeting held on the 29th January 2018, having previously been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

0717/1718 **NOTE FOR DISCUSSION**

The Chairman read out the following statement.

*“Motion from Cllr R Whittle OBE
Town Council Meeting Tuesday 06 February 2018 Minute number 0655/1718*

After a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED: that the Town Council suggest to the Events Committee that they become a Council Committee with co-opted members and that it is also combined with the Christmas Committee which could continue to accept funding.”

This motion was noted and a decision will be made at the Events meeting on Tuesday 13th March 2018.

0718/1718 **LIGHTING OF BUILDINGS AND CHRISTMAS TREES**

Councillor Mrs J Onions had spoken to Neil Jovic a lighting expert regarding ideas for lighting and requested that he be invited to the next meeting of the Christmas Committee.

The idea for putting Christmas trees on buildings was thrown out as it would be too costly, also many of the shops are corporate owned.

It was requested that we look at companies that provide lighting projection onto buildings for the next meeting.

0719/1718 **FREE STANDING AND BUILDING LIGHTS SPONSORS**

The following suggestions were made:

- Look into companies that do storage and refurbish lights for the cross street features.
- That we ask sponsors for donations this year to maintain and refurbish the lights which will also enhance the Quayside.
- Look at the possibility of replacing the bulbs with more modern LED lights.
- Produce a schedule of where the lights should be placed on the Quayside.

- Removing the lights from the two smaller trees by the main Tree of Reflection also some of Lavington Gardens and rearrange the lights more artistically in these areas.
- That the banners for the Quayside should be displayed on the Town Hall rather than on Fox Corner.
- This year instead of having any more banners could we put an advert in the Bridgnorth Journal thanking all our sponsors.
- It was requested that this year's Christmas trees should be slightly bigger than the ones last year.
- Look at flood lights to light up the Cliff Face on the Castle Walk (Richard Stoker to be contacted to see what can be done.)

0720/1718 UPDATE ON FUND RAISING

Members were updated on the remaining sponsorship money to be received which is £226.00. Reminder letters have been sent out.

0721/1718 THE QUAYSIDE LIGHTS

It was decided that the Quayside Lighting Up Event be incorporated with the main Christmas light up night on Friday 23rd November 2018 and sponsors will be invited to College House for mulled wine and mince pies before the event starts.

0722/1718 THE WAY FORWARD

The date for the next meeting will be decided after the Events meeting on Tuesday 13th March 2018.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm