

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE FESTIVALS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER AT 7PM

PRESENT

Councillors Ferriby, Lynch, Speksnyder & Scott. C Stabler

FES/7/2021 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

S Keaveney, D Davison & B Campbell

FES/8/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

FES/9/2021 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

F&P/10/2021 EVENTS FOR 2021

10.1 CHRISTMAS 2021

The Clerk advised of the budget for 2021/22 and reported that the quotes for new Christmas lights were to be presented at the next full council meeting. Johnathan Higgins had confirmed he was confident he could arrange a large scale event as in previous years, but there was the risk of financial loss to the council if the event were to be cancelled. After some discussion it was agreed not to hold a major event this year in view of time restraints and financial risks should the event need to be cancelled.

The committee AGREED to run a competition for the best festive decorated house, and best festive decorated shop window. In addition, they AGREED to offer financial support to community groups/estates etc. where their own events are being arranged. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will formally switch on the lights.

The committee are to request that the underspend on the budget be carried forward to next year in order to organise two spectacular events – Christmas Extravaganza and celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

It was AGREED that the Clerk prepare a statement regarding the lights and invite groups etc. to apply to the council for funding.

10.2 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Clerk reported that two quotes had been received to live stream the concert from Buckingham Palace on Saturday 4th June 2022 at Barton Laws for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. It was AGREED that discussions take place to see what extras could be provided and what additional activities could be added to the celebrations.

The Clerk is to publicise the Christmas funding and invite interested parties to the next meeting

Meeting Closed at 8.pm

Date of Next Meeting **Monday 18th October at 7pm**