



Christmas in Crediton Sub-Committee Minutes
Tuesday, 26 April 2022 at 10.30 at The Bungalow, North Street, Crediton

Present: Cllrs Huxtable, Ross and Brookes-Hocking, Jack Robson, Paul Fallon (Rotary), Alan Quick and Lisa Blake (Projects Officer)

70. To elect a Sub-Committee Chairman for position until April 2023

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Brookes-Hocking as Chairman until April 2023 (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable).

71. To elect a Sub-Committee Vice-Chairman for position until April 2023

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Ross as Vice-Chairman until April 2023 (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

72. To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Cairney (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable).

73. Declarations of Interest – To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI's) in respect of items on this agenda Cllr Cairney declared that as a member of more than one authority, any views or opinions expressed at the meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority

There were no Declarations of Interest.

74. Christmas in Crediton Committee Minutes

It was **resolved** to agree and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2021 (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

75. To note that decisions will be made with the climate emergency at the forefront of decision and policy making

This was **noted**. Cllr Brookes-Hocking emphasised the need for the event to be sustainable.

76. To discuss the report summarising Christmas 2021 and agree any actions)

In addition to the points in the report, it was agreed that the earlier start time was not beneficial and the event should remain with a starting time of between 14.30 and 15.00. It was agreed that Christmas in Crediton 2022 needed to be revitalised.

77. To receive an update on the finances of Christmas in Crediton 2021 and the budget going forward for 2022

The Projects Officer advised that there was a balance of £400 from the previous year along with £7922.48 in Earmarked Reserves allocated and £18500 for the event budget making a total of £26,822.48.

78. To discuss the plans and agree the date for the 2022 event)

It was requested that the Projects Officer contact the Farmers Market regarding whether they would consider moving their date on 3rd December for the Christmas event to take place. If this was not possible, the event would be held on Saturday 26 November 2022. It was **agreed** that the Landtrain would not be used for future events for environmental reasons. Further suggestions for the event were discussed and it was agreed for the Projects Officer to research these further for the next meeting. The parade route to be reconsidered for the event.

Action: Projects Officer to research into the idea of a Lantern Parade including how these could be made, which local community groups would like to be involved, workshops for community to become involved in the making and speaking to local artists regarding the making of them.

Action: Projects Officer to look at food stalls, hot chocolate station, candy floss machine.

79. To consider the quotations for new infrastructure lighting, for further consideration by Town Strategy and Planning Committee, and agree any actions

It was asked for the further information to be obtained from Festive Lighting. The Committee agreed that the priority for infrastructure replacements were the cross-street decorations and lighting the High Street. It was **agreed** that the existing decorations could be sold (once they had been checked) for businesses to purchase should they wish to do so. Cllr Ross to research into the potential of recycling the Christmas trees

Action: Projects Officer to contact Festive Lighting to resolve outstanding queries about fixings, locations and catenary wire testing.

80. To review the date of the next scheduled meeting (03 May 2022) and agree any actions

It was agreed to amend the next meeting date to 24 May 2022 at 10.30.

81. Close

The meeting was closed at 11.56am.

Signed

Date:..... (Chairman)