

**Bishop Auckland Town Council  
Community Committee  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Minutes**

**Present:** Cllr L Zair(Vice-Chairman),

**Also present:** Sarah Harris Town Clerk and Vicki Booth Assistant Town Clerk

**CC23/17 Apologies for absence –** K Eliot, M Harker

**Resolved:** that the Apologies were accepted. Cllr K Lawson and Cllr H Balmer-Howieson

**CC23/18 Declaration of Interest –** Cllr K Eliot re: Christmas Town

**CC23/19 Public Participation –** no member of the public present

**CC23/20 Minutes and actions –** none to review due to previous meeting being inquorate

**CC23/21 Remembrance –** Town Clerk gave an update of how the service had gone. Positive feedback from the chairman of the DLI and other organisations.

**CC23/22 – Christmas 2023 –** Town Clerk gave an update on sales and social media impressions and the reach of the posts, see copy in the file. .

**Resolved:** That members agreed that the idea of employing a videographer should be taken to full council for consideration.

**CC23/23 – Lumiere 2023 –** Four installations will be on view this week from Thursday – Sunday. Sarah has been liaising with Artichoke the organisers. Market place businesses are staying open to accommodate the extra trade.

**Resolved:** That members noted the update

**CC23/24 – Community and School Events –**

- £300 for hampers for care homes similar to coronation
- £800 – to enable 100 tickets to the town Hall production of Tinsel – festive production for under 5s, to focus invites to toddler groups and nurseries.
- £2000 to enable AYCC are holding a Winter Wonderland where schools can access a half day activity so we can support up to 5 schools to access this.
- £500 to support community panto/ theatre production in the Newgate Centre - will include 2 schools and public
- £200 to have Christmas banners on the St Anne's Church Fencing
- £800 to enable 100 people to attend the Theatre Society Panto from hard to reach communities
- £200 for Wear Valley Community Action to host post-Christmas party in the school holidays
- £200 for Woodhouse Close Community Centre to support their Christmas activities for service users.

Totaling £4800 - £200 underbudget

**Resolved:** that members noted the updated and agreed all were perfect activities to extend the Christmas celebrations.

Signed Chair:

**CC23/25 – Other events** – none applicable

**CC23/26 – Business forum** – this would make sharing of information easier so the Clerk is still looking at this option going forward. More details to be brought to the next meeting.

Resolved: that members noted the report.

**CC23/27 Budget Planning for 2024-25**– members were asked where they wished to amend events budgets.

**Resolved** that where possible Members agreed that there should be an increase of youth awards, Christmas spending and remembrance and £2000 for D-Day and will take the full proposal to full council to consider.