

## NEW MILLS TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON MEETING HELD ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017.

1/2017 PRESENT. Atkins, Ashton, Bate and Steve Lewis (Parks Manager).

2/2017 APOLOGIES. Resolved to note that there were no apologies for absence

3/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Resolved to note that there were no declarations of interest.

4/2017 WORK UPDATE. Resolved to note that Part of the Town Hall cottage will be used for the grotto and work has commenced on the Santa's Grotto. The first visitor to Santa will be at 5.15pm. Suitable gifts will be used from Heritage Centre stock along with sweets, which will need to be purchased.

The Christmas trees will arrive on the 25<sup>th</sup> November and the Parks staff will then erect them.

Resolved that a new Father Christmas suit will be purchased. A choir and the band will be asked to attend.

Councillor Atkins will contact the band and invite them to play at the event. The Parks Manger and the Clerk will approach some local choirs. This will include approaching Chapel Ladies Choir and the Kinder Ringers.

It was resolved to consider advertising with High Peak Radio.

The Parks Manager is negotiating with the compare for the evening.

The Admin Support Officer will reprint the sheets for the event.

5/2017 LIGHT SWITCH ON TIME. It was resolved that the Town Council will switch on their lights at 6.30pm.

Visit New Mills are to let the Town Council know what traffic management has been arranged. Councillor Bate will deal with this matter and report back.

A list of jobs will be sent out to Councillors if it is felt that their input is required.

6/2017 BUDGET. Resolved to note that the budget is set at £2,450 for this event. Enquiries will be made regarding the need for a licence to distribute free mulled wine.

7/2017 CHILDREN'S COMPETITION. Resolved that there is to be a children's competition for the school children which will also include all home tutored children. The Admin Support Officer will be dealing with this matter.

8/2017 MONEY COLLECTION. Resolved that under no circumstances will there be any money collection on Town Hall premises or near to the entrance to the Town Hall car park.

This is a free event for the residents and it is not intended that anyone should have to pay or be led to believe that they have to pay to attend this event.

The meeting closed at 9.55 am