

# DISS TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### DRAFT

Minutes of the meeting of the Diss Christmas Lights Switch-On sub-committee held at the Diss Town Council Offices on 28th November 2023 at 17.00 hrs.

Present: In attendance: A. Rackham  
Alex Rackham  
K. Murphy (ex-officio)  
S. Kayne  
E. Taylor  
R. Ludkin  
L. King

CL 1123/01 **APOLOGIES**  
Apologies were received and accepted from G Pagan.

CL 1123/02 **MINUTES**  
Committee members approved the minutes from the last meeting. It was.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 were a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

CL 1123/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Alex and Andy Rackham.

CL 1123/04 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
George Waterman was welcomed as a member of the public as he was taking on the role of Dinsdale Duck at our event for which he was thanked.

CL 1123/05 **ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**  
There were none.

CL 1123/06 **FINANCE**  
The committee received an update on the Income and Expenditure for Christmas Lights switch on in 2023.

A big thank you goes to our sponsors as this helps to put on a great event for families at Christmas time. and helps towards putting on an event for next year.

CL 1123/07 **STALLS**  
The Committee received an update on stalls for this year's event for St Marys Church, No 8 and Market Place.

RL gave Alex Rackham 3 extra banners for Platinum Sponsors to go around staging on the day.

CL1123/08 1) **ENTERTAINMENT**  
Members discussed the entertainment and agreed previous times and acts for the day.  
It was: -

**RESOLVED:** The main stage entertainment schedule timings were agreed as follows:

12.00 - 15.00 Compere and music by Park Radio

14.30 – 15.00 Voice Squad on Stage

15.00 till close Compere Ben Langley

15.10 – 15.30 Greasepaint Academy (performing off stage) with Believe in Magic

15.10 – 15.30 PRTY to set up on stage.

15.35 - 16.00 Serena Grant (singer)

16.10 – 16.25 Joe and Jemma Aiken

16.30 – 17.00 Will Power (Singer)

17.00 – 17.15 Ben Langley and switch on

17.20 – 18.20 PRTY (Band)

18.20 – Close

United Reformed Church will be also having their own activities within the Church from 1pm to 5pm where Santas Grotto will be located within the premises.

1) Tickets were given to SK for Santas Grotto for the day and a float of £60.00.

It was discussed and agreed that the Parade: -

To start at the back of Boots / No 8 (Beales) with the Fire Engine from Blooms as previous years with Santa and the Mayor and Cadet sitting on it.

In front of the Fire Engine will be Parky Bear, Corn Hall Panto cast, Dinsdale Duck, Salvation Army, SK, and RL.

**CL 1123/09**

**MEMBER UPDATES**

E Taylor resigned from the committee but did say that he would help next year on the day if required.

A big thank you from all the other members went to Eric for all the help over the past years on the committee.

**CL 1123/10**

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The dates of future meetings were not discussed but agreed to have a non-formal meeting in January to discuss this year's event and to decide then on a date for future meetings to begin.

Meeting closed at 18.15 pm.

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SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
Suzanne Kayne