

**ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL  
ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on Thursday 27 November 2008 at Fairway Hall Offices, Brook Close, Borehamwood starting at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Heywood (in the Chair)  
Councillors R Butler, G Franklin, P Strack and  
F Turner

**In Attendance:** Paul Welsh, Entertainments Officer

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Members were present

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 August 2008 were Confirmed and Signed as a true record.

**3 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

Members agreed to declare any interest at the relevant agenda item.

**4 ENTERTAINMENTS OFFICER'S REPORT**

**A Christmas Lights Switch-On**

Details were provided of the planned programme of events for the Switch-On Ceremony to be held on Sunday 7 December 2008. These would include costume characters, ice skating rink and performances by the Borehamwood Com.Unity Choir and Borehamwood Brass Band. In addition, a Carol Service is to be held inside All Saints Church, featuring pupils from Kenilworth School preceding the 4pm switch-on by the Town Mayor.

The Village Hall has been hired to provide accommodation for the performers and extra parking.

**B 60 Plus Coach Outings**

It was Reported that the 2008 coach outings had proved popular and Hearn's Coaches had provided an excellent service.

It was Noted that the expenditure was £6,180 against a budget of £6,400 and the income was £3,200 against a budget of £3,100.

It was RECOMMENDED that a similar scheme be organised for the Summer of 2009 and that Hearn be appointed the contractor due to their proven reliability and service.

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**C Fireworks Display**

It was Reported that, despite adverse weather conditions, a very large turnout enjoyed an excellent display on 5 November, resulting in many favourable comments.

It was RECOMMENDED that a similar display be organised for 5 November 2009 with the same budget and employing the same company due to their excellent service.

**D Plaque Unveilings**

It was Noted that the film plaque unveilings had proved high profile events for the Council and a unique way of celebrating the Town's local heritage.

It was RECOMMENDED that a budget of £5,000 be set aside to cover the possibility of two plaque unveilings in 2009. In addition, a budget of £2,000 be set aside to produce a new 64 page plaque guide for publication at the end of 2009.

It was Noted that no budget provision existing for editing the footage of the unveiling events and no provision for the cost of erecting the plaques unveiled in 2008. It is being investigated as to whether this might be included in the proposed regeneration of the railway station entrance scheme.

**E Budget Estimates 2009-2010**

Members considered the various budget heading and possible projects for the new financial year.

Members RECOMMENDED the attached budget for 2009/2010 for consideration by the Council.

**5 CLOSURE**

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm

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**Chairman**