

kind. The Lights would be switched on by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Station Commander to mark the start of the Christmas season in the town.

Cllr Mead suggested the Switch On could be done via Facebook Live, to include a nice speech thanking the residents of the town for shopping locally etc, followed by a countdown to the switch on and camera views of the lights along the main street. This would be preceded by a social media campaign to inform residents of the plan.

The Lantern Parade would not be possible under the current restrictions, but the event organisers were looking into possible options. Cllr Bull would liaise with Gill Carver to look at the possibility of holding Covid-secure lantern workshops at the Community Centre. Ron Spurs and Cllr Bull would discuss the involvement of the schools in the project. There would be no cost to the schools or families. Lanterns could be displayed in each school, with the Mayor visiting each and giving out prizes.

4 Any Other Business

There was none.

5 Date of next meeting

This meeting was originally scheduled to be held in person at the Town Hall and numbers had been kept down to adhere to the Covid-19 guidelines in place at the time. The guidelines then changed and the meeting was moved to Zoom at short notice. A full meeting of the Working Group would be scheduled for after the October Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.40pm.