

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**23 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**PRESENT:-** Councillor Yarker (in the Chair); Councillors Cooke, Deacon, Mrs Grady, Mrs Moorhouse, Peat and Robinson; Miss Morris (The Witham) and Mr Stokell (Barnard Castle Business Guild).

**Also in attendance:-** Councillors Blissett and Kinch.

**Officers:-** Mr King (Town Clerk) and Mrs Plant (Assistant Clerk).

**22. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES:-** None.

**23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 72(a)/Sep/12 refers), Members were asked whether they had any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members were reminded that a declaration could be given later in the meeting if a need arose during discussion. There were no declarations on interest at this juncture.

**24. COMMUNITY EVENTS:- Christmas Event 2013**

Members were reminded that it was agreed that a Task and Finish Group should be set up to formulate a detailed scope so that a more enhanced Christmas event could be developed for approval at the next meeting scheduled on 21 October 2013. However, the Task and Finish Group considered it necessary to convene this Special Partnership Committee so that the proposed event components and associated budget could be determined.

It was noted that it had already been agreed that the standard elements of the event, i.e. the arrival of Santa and the switching-on of the tree lights etc., should be scheduled for Friday, 6 December 2013, and needed to be only slightly enhanced which would be achievable within the agreed budget of £1,500.

In addition, the Group proposed that a Grand Christmas Firework event should take place on Friday, 13 December 2013 on Scar Top and that a 'Twelve Days of Christmas Trail' should be created involving various organisations such as the Barnard Castle Business Guild. It was considered that a budget of no more than £5,000 would be sufficient to develop those proposals to fruition and a breakdown of the potential costs was provided. It was confirmed that there were sufficient funds in the 2013/14 Community Events budget for this proposal.

**Resolved** – (a) That a budget of no more than £5,000, from the 2013/14 Community Events budget, be used towards a 'Twelve Days of Christmas Trail' and Christmas Fireworks Event.  
(b) That the Task and Finish Group be authorised to finalise the event details.