

Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Information for the meeting on Monday 19 February 2024

Agenda item 9. Christmas Lighting

- a) To receive correspondence in respect of the Christmas tree scheme and consider the cost of £330 to support the scheme, pursuant to Minute 23175.**

Thank you for your feedback from the recent Town Council meeting.

As you know, the scheme subsidised the trees in 2023 but this is not sustainable. The trees typically increase £1 per tree each year. We sold 165 trees last year at a cost of £165 to the scheme, having held a raffle to raise the additional funds needed.

This year we hope to introduce more businesses and property occupiers who are not yet in the scheme. To facilitate this we intend to purchase a stock of 5 brackets, so they are readily available for October 2024. These are made locally at a cost of £33 per bracket.

To this end it would be greatly appreciated if the Town Council would consider a contribution of £330 to subsidise the 2024 scheme. If the Town Council were agreeable to consideration of an annual contribution, for example of £1 per tree, this would help to secure the longevity of the scheme and its continuing success.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Best wishes
Julie

- b) To consider a 3 year extension to the hire agreement for the commercial Christmas lighting at the reduced cost of £9,216.47 + VAT per annum for the period from 2024 to 2026.**

As you'll be aware. The contract for your festive scheme comes to an end on takedown this year, January 2024. I wanted to thank you for your business and check if you would like to extend your contract with Blachere for 2024 & 2025. We can offer the extension cost at a reduced price of £9,216.47 + VAT per annum.

We can also swap the design of your pole mounted motifs for you if you wish? If you're happy with your current design then no problem at all but there is the option to alter these if you wish. The IPL126W, IPL126 and IPL084 could work for the triple motif column to Chisolm Monument. Or you could keep the tree motif design if you wished.

All motifs are either manufactured from Bio-Print which is completely bio-degradable at end of life or from Recy-Print (made from recycled plastic bottles).

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