

Finance and Facilities committee

Agenda item F-135

WAR MEMORIAL AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH. TEMPORARY ILLUMINATION.

It has long been the intention of this council to illuminate the town centre war memorial during Remembrance time. Unfortunately, due to funding and difficulties in getting a power supply to the lights, it was not achieved.

However, there is now a power point on the lamp post which is used for the Christmas Tree lights, but unfortunately, there is a cost to use this street light and to make a connection, which cannot be achieved in short notice.

There is an old connection on the wall of the church which was used for the Christmas Tree and I asked Paul Warner from the church, if we could use that connection. He agreed that we could use it but the summer needs attention. He suggested that I ask Richie Heath to have a look at it.

I had previously been in contact with Richie Heath who had offered to sponsor the lights in the past. I have again contacted him asking if he would sponsor them and he has agreed to do so and felt that battery lights might be suitable. But the problem is that they do not last very long.

Richie said he had the thought of just getting ahead and installing the lights himself but have pointed out the war memorial is the responsibility of the town council and the permission must be sought first. I suggested that I ask permission through his behalf if he attends our meeting to ask himself.

If he does not attend from him, and if he doesn't attend tonight, I suggest we abandon the idea for now and consider it next year.

Councillor Paul Gittins

17th October 2022