

Go Kidsgrove Update Dec 2015

KIDSGROVE CHAIRS' MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for 24th November

CHRISTMAS

- Order placed with EON for one feeder pillar for Christmas tree in King Street (not two as originally planned as this proved too expensive). Invoice paid and feeder pillar installed.
- An alternative scheme to bring lights to King Street has been implemented. Go Kidsgrove is funding power sockets to the two lighting columns opposite the parade of shops and will wrap these columns in the same way as Liverpool Road. Order has been placed with EON and invoice paid but completion of work awaited at the time of writing.
- Order placed with CMT Ltd for the testing of the columns (14 in total). It was hoped that this could be avoided by using wraps rather than the motifs used in previous years but at least testing should only be required every other year if wraps are used.
- Order has been placed with Blachere and invoice paid to purchase the column wraps (14 plus two spare for future years) and lights for the tree in King Street.
- Order placed for installation with CMK Electrical, a company suggested by Blachere. Although this company has previously worked with Blachere, they have not done work on the highway and therefore need to get additional accreditation before erecting the column wraps. This training will be completed on 17th Nov. Invoice to be paid when training completed.
- It has been a steep learning curve for the volunteers involved with Go Kidsgrove, particularly ensuring that we comply with all relevant H&S requirements. All of this work has previously been undertaken by the council and Go Kidsgrove is indebted to Graham Williams for the guidance in completing the necessary paperwork and assisting with technical queries.
- Go Kidsgrove also wishes to acknowledge thanks to Steve Middlehurst's team for repairing the brick wall round the bed where the tree will be planted. Steve has also offered his expertise in the purchase of a growing Christmas tree to be planted in the New Year and ways of keeping the bed tidy during the year.
- Go Kidsgrove ensured that the Town Council was aware of the scheme they were undertaking in case they wished to supplement it. We also passed on the Blachere contact details which they used for the Jack Beech tree.
- The town mayor will switch on the lights for the Jack Beech tree as usual. Go Kidsgrove decided to offer the opportunity to switch on the King Street lights to a member of the community and implemented a nomination procedure via Facebook. The winner will be chosen and notified a couple of days before the event. We are currently consulting the mayor on whether this switch on happened before or after the Jack Beech tree.

WEBSITE

The www.gokidsgrove.co.uk website has been revamped to include features such as 'Activities', 'Gallery' and events calendar and a section for minutes of board and theme group meetings. Each

page will also allow the community to engage by uploading additional information. The new site will be launched at the Victorian market on 28th Nov.

SIGNAGE

The Heritage Lottery Fund application for the interactive map will be submitted in early 2016. Additional information is awaited about proposed app before the submission is completed. This will be available in January 2016.