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To: Colinton residents, traders and other local organisations

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

At a recent meeting your Community Council (ColCC) agreed to promote the idea of decorative Christmas lighting in the village centre and in the first instance it was agreed to set up a steering group.

ColCC is a statutory body obliged to represent local opinion and would welcome all responses and comment on the idea and - in the expectation of general community support - volunteers to take part in the steering group, operating under the aegis of the ColCC.

As a recurring annual event, issues such as the final design and operating regime, storage requirements and ongoing management will be for the steering group to examine and make recommendations.

Sample quotations acquired from a specialist company indicate costs up to £15,000 depending on the type of installation and whether rented or purchased. Apart from basic hire or purchase costs, there will also be annual running costs and expenses.

It is proposed that the steering committee initiate and manage fund raising activities within the Colinton community. The Community Council receives only a very small annual income from the City to defray basic expenses, but does have the power to raise funds for community purposes and its accounts are subject to annual audit by the Council. It would be appropriate that any funds raised be held in the ColCC account. Any residual monies might be directed to future years or other community projects.

If anything is to be achieved for Christmas 2018, this will need to be put into action immediately.

Please respond to me (c/o Secretary, Colinton Community Council) as soon as you can, indicating:-

1. your opinions and comments on the project,
2. your willingness to become a member of the steering group,
3. your willingness to contribute money directly,
4. your willingness to take part in fund-raising activities.

Thank You.

Kind Regards

Tom McDonald  
Chair  
Colinton Community Council

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