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Councillor Michael Jones
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Dear Councillor Jones,

I am writing this open letter to both yourself and Nantwich Town Council in order we may finally put to bed the matter regarding the Crewe Christmas Lights. Neither Cheshire East Council nor Nantwich Town Council has furnished any evidence that Crewe Town Council gave permission for Cheshire East Council to give away the Christmas Lights to Nantwich Town Council. I await copies of correspondence and full detailed information on who at Cheshire East Council made the decision to give away an asset belongs to the people of Crewe.

As Cheshire East Council has made the argument that we gave them away, it is patently clear that Cheshire East Council believed that belonged to Crewe. Therefore, the lights should now be returned in full at the earliest opportunity, in order that both Crewe Town Council and Nantwich Town Council can plan our Christmas festivities with certainty.

I understand the need to keep the precept down and I am aware the precept in Nantwich is over three times that in Crewe, but surely Nantwich Town Council does not need to resort to back door, underhand methods to acquire second hand equipment in order to keep down the Council Tax. At our estimations, the cost of the action taken by Cheshire East Council will cost every hardworking household in Crewe approximately £2.50. It is no more than a tax on the people of Crewe to subsidise the people in Nantwich.

Members of Crewe Town Council will not let this matter rest until Crewe's lights are returned to Crewe. I am not ruling out taking legal action on this matter or indeed issuing instructions with our contractors to retrieve the lights should they be erected by Nantwich Town Council.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin Hickson'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin Hickson
Leader of Crewe Town Council

Cc : Councillor Andrew Martin – Leader of Nantwich Town Council