Rude mayor dismissed offer to brighten town’

by Tricia Jameson

A businesswoman has made an official complaint against the town mayor.

Karen Medes的艺术 director at Tenterden Rotary Club dismissed an offer from him and chairman of the town council for money for Christmas lights.

She refused to allow business in the town to benefit from the offer.

Mr. Medes said, "I think she was rude. It was her attitude.

"As a member of the public, she was very discourteous to me. She was not accommodating from the start."

Mr. Jameson said afterwards: "It is not the right time to have a discussion.

The complaint is the latest in a string of Christmas lights funding disputes that has led to friction and bad feeling in the local community.

Mr. Medes, who lives in Kent, was offered a share of the council's Christmas lights budget.

He said: "We have put up a Christmas display outside our service and for the past few years.

"We have spoken to several businesses who own Christmas lights and have been told to put up a display.

Mr. Medes, who runs a tax accountancy practice in Tenterden, said he and other businessmen were being asked to lend the council, interest free.

Another row breaks out in the town's council chamber in the bitter saga about funding for this year's Christmas lights德比再次.

The council was told to sit down by the mayor when it failed to agree article 3, from the Kenton Express.

The council had a "second time" to date all the 22 High Street trees this year.

After a heated debate, councillors agreed by nine votes to an amendment, to spend between £500 and £2,000 on lighting some of the trees.

That decision was reversed from the highways and amenities committee with Cllr Mike Carter voted to get overturned at Monday's council meeting.

He said: "A PR disaster that could be avoided by full council voting to back to committee."

Mr. Medes added: "It is not the right time to have a discussion."

The mayor has written to the council chair, making an official complaint.

Mr. Medes said: "I think some food would be better from the town hall. It was her attitude.

"It is not the right time to have a discussion."

The mayor has said that the loan had been made after the council highways and amenities committee had recommended spending £2,000 to £4,000.

"My voting against the spending plan was rejected, effectively," said Mr. Medes.

The mayor has responded: "We have worked together to ensure that the funds are spent wisely."

Mr. Medes also has the option of taking the matter to Asford Borough Council.

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