



**Minutes of the Market Committee held in the Council Offices, Manor Offices, Holsworthy on
Wednesday 16th September at 3.30pm**

Present: Cllr. Heaven, Cllr. Musker, Cllr. Parker, Cllr. Shepherd & Cllr. Stanton
In Attendance: Assistant to The Town Clerk (ATTC)

872. Apologies

Town Clerk & Cllr. Tallon

873. Declaration of Interests

The Chairman requested that all Cllrs who wish to declare any interest should inform the TC and arrangements will be made for you to attend the office to sign the DOI book.

874. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Cllr. Parker proposed that the Minutes of the previous Market Meeting held on 8th July 2020 be signed as a true record. Cllr. Musker seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).

875. Matters Arising

Cllr. Musker requested an update on item 868 in relation to a reduction of rental for the lock up, as well as the "Bank System" of Market Assistants. ATTC stated that the TC has looked into this and will provide an update and inform members.

No further comments were raised.

876. Market Accounts - to discuss the Income and Expenditure breakdown for Holsworthy Market and the budget for 2020/2021.

The ATTC went through the Income and Expenditure for the Market to date and explained that Market is still making a loss despite more traders, although it was significantly less than in previous years. The change in shopping habits due to the current pandemic has contributed to this. The footfall is the main concern at this stage. ATTC explained that if we are not breaking even, to have a further outlay, whether on anchors or new backs/sides, the Council would need to look into this to find the best conclusion.

877. To discuss and ratify Holsworthy Christmas Market

The ATTC reminded members that due to the current pandemic the Council will be unable to have a Christmas "Switch On Event". Cllr. Heaven suggested that perhaps there could be a Christmas Market similar to last year, which will encourage the Community to feel united.

After a discussion on the best way to provide a Covid Safe Christmas Market the following was agreed but with the understanding that this could be subject to change due to the pandemic:

Saturday 21st November Noon – 1700hrs
Saturday 19th December Noon – 1700hrs
Pitch fee will be £20 (as per previous years)

The first 3 weeks in December Bude have a Christmas Market so the chosen dates will allow the Market not to compete with this. The times agreed would mean that it will not be too dark - so no extra lighting would be required especially as the Christmas Lights will hopefully already be up.

Cllr. Shepherd proposed that a Christmas Market be held on 21st November 2020 & 19th December 2020 Noon – 1700hrs subject to any Coronavirus restrictions. Cllr. Parker seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).

878. To discuss the future set up of the Market.

After a discussion about the more cost-effective and safest way forward Cllr. Musker asked why the Market layout had changed. The ATTC confirmed that this was Cllr. Shepherds idea (proposal Item 868 on the 8th July Market meeting).

ATTC stated that based on this layout, vans are not able to park in the centre as before which means that these vehicles are parked along the outsides. Some shop keepers are unhappy with this. Cllr. Shepherd suggested that the trader's park in the Memorial Hall Car Park. The ATTC explained that most of the traders work from their vans as well as needing easy access to their stock.

If the set up was reverted back to its original layout, then it would still remain Covid Safe (but would have to bear in mind the current scaffolding outside Woolacotts).

It was agreed that the Market Committee will meet in The Square at 12.30pm on the 23rd September (Covid safe) to look and to discuss anchor points etc.

879. To discuss and resolve any issues relating to the Market including the purchase of more ground anchors.

Cllr. Heaven asked how many additional ground anchors would be needed and at what cost. Cllr. Musker confirmed approximately £130. Cllr. Shepherd queried the need for more. The ATTC stated that with the new layout which was proposed by Cllr. Shepherd, none of the pitches at present are anchored down. So, if this layout was to continue the new anchor points would be required as soon as possible, for change of weather etc. ATTC confirmed that anchor points are already in the ground if the Market was reverted back to its original layout.

All members agreed that this would be discussed further on 23rd September in the meeting in The Square.

880. Market Managers Report.

The ATTC informed members that this is a difficult time for traders and shops alike. With current pandemic and the possible second wave, the community is unsure about shopping at a local Market. More traders will be approached and continue recruiting of new and old traders will go ahead.

881. Town Clerks Report

The TC sent her apologies.
Nothing to add by the ATTC.

882. Close

Cllr. Heaven formally closed the meeting at 4.13pm.

Signed

Dated