



Minutes of the Market Committee held In the Market Chamber on Wednesday 16th June 2021 at 3.30pm

Present: Cllr. Shepherd, Cllr. Kenneally, Cllr. Musker & Cllr. Stanton.
In Attendance: Cllr. Hutchings
TC
Maintenance Operative

904. To Elect a Chair for the Market Committee

Cllr. Shepherd proposed himself to be elected as Chair of the Market Committee .This was seconded by Cllr. Musker and agreed. (Vote 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).

905. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Parker

906. Declarations of Interests - To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Cllr. Shepherd asked Councillors to declare any relevant interests as they arose.

907. Minutes of the Last Meeting – To sign the Minutes of the Market Committee Meeting held on the 17th March 2021.

Cllr. Shepherd proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th March 2021 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Stanton and agreed. (Vote 3 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention).

908. Matters Arising – To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the 17th March 2021 Meeting not already covered by the agenda. For information, only.
Nothing raised.

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

The TC went through the income and expenditure for the months of April and May 2021 and explained the reason why there were only three markets held in April and also in May. It was explained that the market was at present running at an average loss of £220 per month.

Maintenance Operative joined the meeting at 3.39pm

There followed a discussion on how the Market could be improved and how the current expenditure could be reduced . The following areas to be considered were agreed:

- Was it necessary to have three persons putting up and taking down the stalls or could one assistant be placed on a retainer?
- Could Badock Gardens be used to store the Vehicle, Trailers, Market Stalls and other equipment if an appropriate size storage facility was placed on the grass near the main gates? (to be discussed at the next Parks Committee).
- Has TDC any free suitable storage space at their old Units on the Industrial Estate
- Contact the NFMT to see if they could advise on the options for the Market including ways it could be improved or better operated. TDC to also be contacted regarding the use of the Welcome Back Fund to do this piece of work.

910. To discuss and resolve any other issues relating to the Market.

After discussion with the Maintenance Operative, it was agreed that the Road Closure be altered to allow some traffic to enter the Square. This would mean that the layout may have to change.

The TC explained that some of the traders have left or will leave shortly to trade instead at the new Wednesday Market which has opened recently at Bude. It was agreed that an email should be sent to the operators asking them to reconsider holding their Market on a Wednesday and consider changing the day.

Cllr. Hutchings mentioned that Loz, One of the Market Traders was willing to act as the Traders representative on the Market Committee if the time could be changed to 4.30pm. This was agreed by all.

911. Market Manager's Report.


Letter to be sent to all traders requesting that they do not park in the Square except to load and offload.

912. Town Clerk's Report.

The TC will get the new ATTC when in post to look at how the Market can be better advertised on social media. Cllr Hutchings and Kenneally had some thoughts on this.

913. Close

Cllr. Shepherd closed the meeting at 4.16pm.

Signed 

Dated *14/7/21*