

**Minutes of the Market Committee held In the Manor Offices on
Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 5.30pm**

Present: Cllr. H. Parker, Cllr. N. Kenneally, Cllr. D. De ste Croix, Cllr. P Shepherd

In Attendance: Town Clerk (TC), Assistant to the Town Clerk (ATTC), Maintenance Operative
Cllr. H. Dentlinger, Cllr. E. Hosie, Cllr. J. Hutchings, Cllr. L. Piper, Cllr. S. Preston
Cllr. K. Stone, Cllr. J. Tadman, Cllr. S. Stroud

986. Apologies for Absence.
None

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

Councillor De ste Croix asked Councillors to declare any relevant interests as they arose.

988. Minutes of the Last Meeting – To sign the Minutes of the Market Committee Meetings held on the 14th September 2022 & the 16th November 2022.

**Councillor De ste Croix proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th September 2022 be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Parker and agreed.
(Vote 3 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention).**

**Cllr. Parker proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th November 2022 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Kenneally and agreed.
(Vote 3 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention).**

989. Matters Arising – To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the 14th September 2022 & the 16th November 2022 Meetings not already covered by the Agenda. For information, only.

Item 981 – Councillor Shepherd – TDC have now taken possession of the St John Ambulance building in Well Park, however it is being used for refuse instead of the proposed ground maintenance equipment. Councillors were unhappy with this.

Councillor L. Piper entered the meeting at 17:54

990. Market Manager’s Report including possible update on alternative storage facilities
The TC has chased TDC regarding the siting of containers and is awaiting a response. The original suggestion of 2 car spaces for 2 storage containers was discussed. There were queries regarding whether 2 car parking spaces would be large enough for the containers. The Maintenance Operative stated that Pipers Yard had previously been suggested for storage but this was agreed as unsuitable given the entrance onto the A388 with a slow vehicle and trailer. The buildings also were dilapidated and had asbestos.

Councillor H. Dentlinger exited the meeting at 17:55

991. Market Accounts - to discuss the Income and Expenditure breakdown for Holsworthy Market.
The Market is continuing to run at a loss with only a small number of regular traders although some additional traders do come back from Easter to the end of the summer. The TC mentioned that the market has been running at a loss for many years.



992. To discuss the survey on the future direction of the Market

The ATTC provided Councillors with two draft copies of the Market Survey, one of which was produced by Cllr. Tadman and the other produced by the ATTC. It was stated that the Market Charter must be mentioned because many members of the public have suggested altering the day the market occurs, however, this is not contained in the Charter. Regarding the location, the exact Charter location is not stated apart from the town could it therefore be relocation in a suitable spot. Councillor Shepherd stated 4 options: close the Market, do not change anything, move the market, or take drastic measures. These suggestions were discussed along additional ideas. It was decided that the Survey will take place after a public market meeting which will be published in the Holsworthy Post as well as published online to spread awareness about the current market's situation and encourage anyone interested to state their opinion and ideas to help find a suitable solution for Holsworthy's historic Wednesday market.

It was also suggested that there should be better signage from the Car Parks to the Market so more people are aware that it is there.

Councillor N. Kenneally proposed that a press release is produced inviting people to a Public Market Meeting to discuss the future of Holsworthy's Market in the March. This was seconded by Councillor H. Parker and agreed. (Unanimous)

It was noted that all councillors in attendance that were not on the Market Committee were all in support.


993. Town Clerk's Report.

The TC informed the Councillors about a possible grant of £1,000 from TDC which could be used to fund capital costs to improve the attractiveness or viability of a market or create new market infrastructure in a new location. It was suggested that an officer from TDC be invited to the public market meeting.

TC stated a member of public has been in contact and made a complaint about the size of the Market and the road closure's effect on their business on a Wednesday.

994. Close

Councillor D. De ste Croix closed the meeting at 18:38

Signed 

Dated 12/4/23