



**Minutes of the Market Committee held In the Town Council Offices on
Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 5.40pm**

Present: Cllr. De ste Croix, Cllr. Parker, Cllr. Kenneally, Cllr Shepherd

In Attendance: Cllr. Piper, Cllr. Preston, TC, Adam Newey, Tracey Beresford.

995. Apologies for Absence.
ATTC, Cllr. Stroud.

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

997. Minutes of the Last Meeting – To sign the Minutes of the Market Committee Meeting held on the 8th February 2023
Cllr. Parker proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th February 2023 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. De ste Croix and agreed. (Vote 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention).

998. Matters Arising – To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the 8th February 2023 Meeting not already covered by the agenda.
There were none.

999. Market Accounts - to discuss the Income and Expenditure breakdown for Holsworthy Market as at 31.03.23.
The TC went through the end of year income and expenditure for the Market which showed a loss of £2,730.55 although this loss would increase as the office is still awaiting receipt of Invoices for the Market Storage so they can be paid. These invoices have been chased.

1000. To discuss the outcomes of the Public Meeting and finalise the survey on the future direction of the Market.

Cllr De ste Croix welcomed Adam Newey and Tracey Beresford to the meeting and asked if they would like to introduce themselves. Mr Newey explained that he had previously operated a Market Stall in London selling Bread and was therefore very supportive of local markets and keen to see the Holsworthy Market survive and thrive.

There followed a discussion about the Public Meeting which was felt to be successful and informative with members of the public giving their views on the future of the Market. The overwhelming majority of those that attended wanted the Market to survive despite being informed of the financial losses. There were some concerns that most of the people that had the meeting had come because they wanted to keep the Market open and was this representative? However, it was felt that the survey would enable all opinions to be registered and it was important that the survey was progressed.

There has not been an update from DCC yet regarding the existing Road Closure and the TC will chase this as a matter of urgency so members can make an informed decision on whether the Square should be closed or partially opened as at present.

Cllr. Shepherd mentioned that Wednesday was the worse trading day for his business he felt because of the parking restrictions. It was suggested that TDC be contacted to find out that if the Square was closed whether TDC would allow free parking in Manor Car Park between 9am and 1pm and what the cost of this to the Council would be. Another idea was whether the Saturday free parking from noon could be changed to allow the free parking for Wednesday mornings? Tracey Beresford mentioned that the closure of the Square could be used to highlight to the

public the health benefits of walking to it.

Cllr. Piper thought that the idea of incorporating a flea market might prove successful perhaps by have a zone with say six stalls.

Cllr De ste Croix queried the cost of a stall at the Pendeen Car Boot Sales. The cost was confirmed at £7 per car but this did not include any table etc.

Cllr. Piper mentioned that Wadebridge Market seemed successful, and the TC agreed to find out more about the Market there and also the Market at Launceston.

Regarding the Market Survey some suggested questions were circulated for discussion including questions regarding where the person lives, age group, current usage of the Market, whether the Market should be all year round or seasonal, incorporating a flea/second hand market, what they would like to see on the Market and whether the Council should subsidise it.

Tracey suggested that perhaps students from Petroc or Exeter Colleges could be asked to put together some Market Research questions or perhaps a local Market Research Company and she would send her ideas to the TC.

It was agreed that the Survey should be accessible to as many people as possible both in online and hard copy format. The hard copy format to be delivered to every household in the town and possibly the surrounding villages – the TC would obtain a provisional cost of this from the Royal Mail. The surrounding Parishes to also be contacted to see if they would be willing to help publicise or perhaps deliver the Survey to the parish.

Cllr De ste Croix kindly agreed to put together a draft Survey using SurveyMonkey which she will then circulate for comments. Tracey Beresford also kindly agreed to help with any proof reading.

1001. Town Clerk's Report.

There had been interest from a couple of people regarding a market stall which are being followed up.

1002. Close

Cllr. De ste Croix closed the meeting at 6.43 pm

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