



**Minutes of the Market Committee held In the Town Council Offices on
Wednesday 26th July 2023 at 5.30pm**

Present: Councillors: Kenneally, De ste Croix, Shepherd

In Attendance: Councillors: Parker, Piper, Hosie

1011. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr. Preston

1012. Declarations of Interests - To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

1013. Minutes of the Last Meeting – To sign the Minutes of the Market Committee Meeting held on the 14th June 2023

Cllr. Kenneally proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th June 2023 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Shepherd and agreed. (Unanimous)

1014. Matters Arising – To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the 14th June 2023 Meeting not already covered by the agenda.

No matters arose.

1015. To finalise the survey on the future direction of the Market.

Councillor Shepherd stated that a majority do not want the market subsidised, therefore we should think about reducing costs, for example with alternative storage and /or increase the revenue from the market including inviting car booters. Cllr De ste croix suggested reducing current traders pricing to £7 and car booters paying £5. Discussion ensued.

Cllr. Hosie suggested that the market gazebos be set up for the car booters and that they then be charged the full stall price. The TC felt that there could be an issue with car boot vehicles moving in and out of the Square and will check the TRO but also added that this may mean that the Maintenance Operative will need to be permanently on site from 6am to 2:30pm to ensure cars do not enter and the parking and movement of traffic is dealt with in accordance with the Road Closure. Cllr. Piper suggested that perhaps another member of staff may be needed. Cllr. Stone suggested moving gazebos to the entrance of the square to block cars entering and position the car booters at the top of the square. Councillors discussed the location of the car boot spaces; this would need to be finalised once the square has been measured. Any car booters and traders would need to be informed and reminded that they must stay until at least 1pm. The TC stated once the square is measured, and blanket insurance is purchased an advert will go out for car booters.

Cllr. Shepherd proposed that the insurance for car booters is purchased and car booters be invited to trade at the cost of £7, after the square is measured. This was seconded by Cllr. Kenneally and agreed. (Unanimous)

1016. To consider the information received regarding the Road Closure for the Market.

The TC has received the TRO and schedules relating to the square but it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the appropriate officers at DCC to explain the implications and how it could be altered or amended. The timings regarding the TRO were discussed. The TC is due to ask DCC a hypothetical 'If at 2pm the Market is closed and stall are taken down as were the road closure signs, who's liability would it be?' Cllr Shepherd would like the TC to ask DCC: 'Currently, if there was an accident in the Square at 6pm, who would be liable?'


1017. Town Clerk's Report.

The Town Clerk had no further information to report.

1018. Close

Councillor Shepherd closed the meeting at 18:28

Signed



Dated

13/9/2023