



**Minutes of the Market Committee held in the Council Chambers, Market Hall
on Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 5.30pm**

Present : Cllrs; H. Parker, D. De ste Croix, J. Hutchings, P. Brown, I. Edwards.

In Attendance : Town Clerk (TC) & Market Manager (MM)

Absentees: No absentees.

1263. To elect a temporary chair.

Councillor H. Parker proposed to elect Councillor D. De ste Croix as temporary chair and be agreed. This was seconded by Councillor P. Brown and approved. (Unanimous).

1264. Apologies for absence.

No apologies were made.

1265. Declaration of Interests – To received declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

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

1266. Public Open Question Time- To receive questions from the Public

No members of public in attendance.

1267. Minutes of the Last Meeting – To sign the Minutes of the Market Committee meeting held on 28th January 2026.

The committee reviewed the Market Committee meeting minutes held on 28th January 2026.

Councillor H. Parker proposed that the minutes of the committee meeting held on 28th January 2026 be signed as a true record. This was seconded by Councillor J. Hutchings and approved. (Unanimous).

Cllr P. Brown requested 'Matters Arising' to be added back to the agenda. Discussion ensued. Cllr J. Hutchings noted the decision made regarding the delay of opening the market at minute number 1259 and expressed his view that the decision should have been recommended to Full Council to finalise the decision. TC advised that the standing orders state the decision cannot be reversed for 6 months. The committee agreed overall that the decision should've been recommended to Full Council. Further discussion ensued.

Councillor I. Edwards entered the meeting at 17:41 and resumed duties as chair.

Cllr. J. Hutchings also suggested item 10 is deferred to Full Council to make the decision due to the impact the market has on the town. Further discussion ensued.

1268. To Review the Action Items

The committee reviewed the action items and noted the HTC Market proposal for Manor Courtyard is on the Agenda.

1269. To receive an update from the Market Manager

The Market Manager had no additional information to report to the Market Committee.

1270. Market Accounts – To discuss the Income & Expenditure for Holsworthy Market

The Committee reviewed the Markets' Finances.

Councillor J. Hutchings proposed to move Agenda Item 10 'To consider and agree a response to TDC regarding the HTC Manor Court Market proposal' forward and be agreed. This was seconded by Councillor I. Edwards and approved.

1271. To consider and agree a response to TDC regarding the HTC Manor Court Market proposal.

The committee discussed TDC's response to the HTC Manor Court Market Proposal. The committee discussed the relocation of the statue and suggested displaying the statue in Stanhope Park and recommending the Parks Committee to agree the location. Further discussion ensued.

Councillor J. Hutchings proposed to investigate the cost for relocation of the statue in the Manor Courtyard in addition to reinstating the cobbles and be agreed. This was seconded by Councillor D. De ste Croix and approved. (Unanimous).

The committee requested the TC to inform TDC that HTC are in the process of sourcing quotes for the relocation of the statue.

1272. To discuss and agree communications regarding the status of HTC Market.

The committee discussed creating a press release regarding the status of the market and agreed that Full Council should make the decision regarding the press release.

Councillor P. Brown proposed to recommend to Full Council the decision to discuss and agree the press release regarding the status of HTC Market and be agreed. This was seconded by Councillor H. Parker and approved. (Unanimous).

As per the Market Committees' previous comments made on Wednesday 28th January 2026.

"Councillor D. De ste Croix suggested pausing the relaunch due to varying factors such as possible relocation and permissions, time restraints which prevent it being reopened by Easter 2026, staffing levels and actively pursuing and embracing a fresh look market. The committee discussed rebranding the market and its re-launch. The committee briefly discussed a suggested press release. The committee endeavour to work with other markets, alter the pricing structure and improve the overall outlook of the market.

Councillor D. De ste Croix proposed that HTC defer the re-launch of market until further notice due to, possible relocation & permissions, staffing levels and in the process of revamping for a new style market. This was seconded by Councillor P. Brown and agreed. (Unanimous)."

1273. To discuss and agree the HTC Market Policy moving forward.

The TC advised the committee to create a Market Policy in preparation of the re-opening of the market. The TC clarified the policies would be similar to the recent policies created for the Sunlounge at Badock Gardens and would identify the definition of the market, the aims and objectives and financial aims.

1274. Town Clerk's report

The Town Clerk had no additional items to report to the committee.

1275. Exchange of information

The Committee had no additional information to exchange.

1276. Close

Councillor I. Edwards closed the meeting at 18:21

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Signed _____

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