

Minutes of the Market Committee meeting, Held on Wednesday 8th June 2022, at 5.30pm in the Town Hall, Skipton

Present: Councillor P Madeley, Councillor C Nash, Councillor L Morgan, Councillor W Feather, Councillor B McDaid & Councillor D Noland

B Collins & M Howard - Trader Representatives

Mrs H Marshall – Finance Manager

Mrs L Close – Chief Officer

1 member of the public

2223/001 Item 1 – Chairman’s Remarks

Cllr Madeley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2223/002 Item 2 - Apologies for Absence

Councillors Courcier and Councillor Higgins were absent, and reasons of absence were not submitted.

Mr Saghir – Trader rep sent his apologies as he had a prior engagement

2223/003 Item 3 – Disclosures of Interest

None received

2223/004 Item 4 – Dispensations

None requested

2223/005 Item 5 – Representations from public

None received

2223/006 Item 6 – Election of a Vice Chairman

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley

Seconded by Councillor B McDaid

RESOLVED that Councillor C Nash is elected Vice Chairman of the Market Committee

(unanimous)

2223/007 Item 7 – Minutes

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley

Seconded by Councillor C Nash

Mr B Collins, trader rep, asked that the discussions regarding promoting and marketing the market that had been held were included in the minutes.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February 2022 & 8th March 2022 be a true and accurate record.

(unanimous)

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2223/008 Item 8 – Finance update

The finance report was presented, and discussions were held regarding HAZ funding and projects. The HAZ report was to be circulated to Councillors for information.

2223/009 Item 9 – Market Officers update

A report from the Market officer was circulated. Mr B Collins advised that the officers ask for all RA and Insurance documents from traders and wanted confirmation that this was also asked of casual traders. The Chief officer confirmed it was.

It was confirmed that the traders who paid for a Monday consent but didn't attend the Monday market was letting the whole market down and it would be advantageous if they attended that day also.

Councillor W Feather asked if we could bring buskers back, this matter was discussed and would be something that could be written into the byelaws however location of the busker with the road open might be difficult.

2223/010 Item 10 – Market Project Manager

Councillor P Madeley gave an update of the previous project manager and the work that had been completed.

It was confirmed that the project manager had written to some of the frontages regarding repairs of setts and 2 responses had been received from Altham's and HSBC.

Councillor C Nash advised the meeting that as far as she was aware, North Yorkshire County Council had registered the setts as a private street, which meant that they could ensure that all frontages collectively are responsible for the setts and could employ a street manager for this.

It was agreed that the Chief Officer would investigate this and ask for a meeting with NYCC and Councillors Madeley and Nash.

Mr Howard – Trader rep advised that if this is the case it would be good news however it confirmed that some traders would not want the Council in discussions with frontages and would rather pay for repairs themselves.

He also asked how this could be as him and the Town Council pay business rates.

A further issue of parking was discussed, and the Chief officer advised that she was aware that the last couple of weeks there has been an issue with cars parked and left overnight on the setts which prevent some stall holders to set up stall. She confirmed that signs would go up on a Friday to advise of no overnight parking. Mr Collins advised that previously he was aware that if you rang the police with the registration, they would contact the vehicle owner and ask them to come and move the vehicle. The Chief Officer had not experienced this, but she would contact the police and ask them if it was possible.

2223/011 Item 11 – Market Byelaws Working Group

Due to elections and new members of Council the Market byelaw working group was re-established

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Proposed by Councillor W Feather

Seconded by Councillor P Madeley

RESOLVED that the working byelaws group consisted of Councillors Feather, Madeley, Nash, Mr Saghir and Mr Collins. A meeting would be arranged. *(unanimous)*

2223/012 Item 12 – Monday Incentives

Options for a Monday incentive was presented.

It was confirmed that 4 new gazebos and weights had been purchased using HAZ funding.

New traders were to be offered a free pitch on a Monday.

The free pitch would be offered for a period of 8 weeks to allow the trader to establish themselves and generate an income.

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley

Seconded by Councillor W Feather

RESOLVED to accept the proposal and for staff to advertise this scheme through all media channels available.

It was further confirmed that the officers would update the committee of applications received and traders confirmed.

Councillor P Madeley reminded the traders that vans needed to be on the setts and within stalls and traders must follow this agreement or they would be at risk of this being removed.

2223/013 Item 13 – Sustainability Goals

Councillor Nash discussed the sustainability notes that she had submitted. The Chief officer would circulate the goals and then make sure they are on each agenda for the relevant committee.

2223/014 Item 14 - Notification of Business for Future Agenda

Councillor P Madeley would like the following items on the next agenda for discussion / debate

The Market Charter

Marketing and Promotion of the Market.

The meeting closed at 18.42pm
Date of next meeting – 10th August 2022