

**Minutes of the Ordinary Market & Events Committee meeting, Held on
Wednesday 24th January 2024, at 5.30pm in the Town Hall, Skipton**

Present: Councillor V Kettu (Chair) Councillor P Madeley, Councillor S Bentley,
Councillor K McIntyre, Councillor D Noland & Councillor L Morgan

Mrs L Close, Chief Officer

Mrs H Marshall, Finance Manager

Mr Toby Garbutt, Event Supervisor

Mr M Saghir, Market Trader representative

2324/051 Item 1 – Welcome and Chairmans remarks

Councillor Kettu welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2324/052 Item 2 – Apologies for Absence

Councillor Harbron was absent from the meeting.

2324/053 Item 3 – Disclosures of Interest

None declared.

2324/054 Item 4 – Dispensations

None received.

2324/055 Item 5 – Representations from the public

No public in attendance.

2324/056 Item 6 – Minutes

Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre

Seconded by Councillor S Bentley

Resolved that the minutes of the Market and Events Committee meeting held on the
8th November and 23rd November 2023, are a true and accurate record of the
meeting. *Unanimous*

2324/057 Item 7 – Budget

The budget was received and noted.

2324/058 Item 8 – Market Officers Report

The Market officers report was received and noted. Councillor Madeley advised that he wanted the attendance records every month to be presented to the Committee meetings and this should include the days that were lost to bad weather.

2324/059 Item 9 – Rackham’s Lease

The Chief Officer advised the meeting that negotiations had started with Rackham’s for the resigning of the lease agreement and would progress over the next few months.

Councillor Madeley advised that the lease agreement had cost the council a lot of money over the years, and we should look at a cheaper proposal to secure its survival.

2324/060 Item 10 – Rent payments.

Proposed by Councillor Madeley

Seconded by Councillor Bentley

Resolved that aside from the existing agreements, frontages would collect rent for their pitches directly from stallholders and the Council would collect consent to trade fee’s only and not enter into any further agreements *5 votes in favour, 1 abstention.*

2324/061 Item 11 – Christmas Events Debrief

The debrief documents were received and noted. Councillor Madeley advised that the food stalls needed to be more value for money moving forward and more emphasis was to be placed on the trader in how much items were sold for. Councillor Bentley also advised that 3 families had told her the Greek offering was too expensive.

A market trader asked that signs for the Christmas events be placed up earlier this year in mid-November.

2324/062 Item 12 – Heritage Day Proposals

Proposals were given for the planned Sheep Day and to incorporate more of the Town’s heritage including a proposed name change. It was decided that consultation would be offered for the name change and discussions were held regarding more agriculture being involved.

Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre

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Seconded by Councillor S Bentley

Resolved to move forward with the proposals for Sheep Day. *Unanimous*

2324/063 Item 13 – British Travel and Tourism Show

Proposed by Councillor W Feather

Seconded by Councillor L Morgan

Resolved to move forward with the proposal for staff to attend and exhibit at the British Travel and Tourism show and to give delegated authority to the Chief Officer for the organisation of this. *Unanimous*

2324/064 Item 14 – Mayors Civic Dinner

Councillor Madeley advised that he agrees with the holding of the Civic dinner, and it should not be an expensive event but a hot / cold buffet with music. Various discussions were then held about different types of offerings that could be given. A Market trader representative advised that the Islamic group of Skipton would contribute the food free of charge.

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley

Seconded by Councillor D Noland

Resolved that a working party be formed to include, Councillor Bentley, Madeley and M Saghir. A further invite would be sent to all councillors to offer the working group open.

With no further business the meeting closed at 18.32pm

Date of next meeting – 20th March 2024