

Minutes of the Meeting of the Markets Committee held in the Council's office, Settle Town Hall on Wednesday, 7 March 2018 at 6:00 pm. The public and press were invited and parishioner participation was at 6:30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chairman), Lord, Beesley, Handford, R Hill, the Clerk, M Tindale -Market Superintendent, S O Brien - Deputy Market Superintendent, A Bradley - Chamber Of Trade

MC77 To receive apologies Cllr Balsamini, Catherwood, Tyrer, Bellfield, Cotton.

MC78 To record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Declarations of other Interests

MC79 To receive any reports from the Market Superintendent

Resolved: That the Market Superintendents report be received. The following was noted:-

- **This Winter had been particularly bad for weather conditions.**
- **Parked cars on the market place was an issue and rents had been lost through cars being left overnight and not removed when the traders needed to set up their stalls at 6:00 a.m. Parked cars also obstructs the closure of the market.**

MC80 Action Plan for Market Towns

- a) To receive third draft of the brief for enhancement for the Market to include canopies, gazebos barriers, lamp post banners and retractable poles.

Resolved: That a final draft of the estimates was approved. All figures to show ex VAT and the Clerk to obtain samples of the covers. The view of the Committee was to obtain the most durable even if it was more expensive. Include details of life expectancy of the covers in the spreadsheet. (Appendix 1)

- b) To agree on any other funding required to boost the economic viability of the Market.

Resolved: That the Public Conveniences at Whitefriars be reviewed by the Town Team if they were refurbished to a higher specification approx. £15K to be requested. The Clerk was asked to consult other Parish Councils regarding their costs for managing public toilets.

In addition, a request to ask the Town Team if any funds would be available to develop the Settle Market Website.(Appendix 3)

- c) To consider further the layout of the Market

The Nabma Health Check Report stated that representations have been made from certain adjacent businesses to the market, who wish to see the layout changed. Whilst the Council will of course wish to take account of the concerns of all stakeholders, moving traders from their long-established pitches is something not to be entered into without considerable thought, and there are many examples of markets where even a localized or temporary move has been the last straw for traders whose profits are marginal or in decline, leading to them leaving the market permanently.

The closed road currently forms part of the pedestrian walkway for the stalls and in considering any layout changes the use of this needed further investigation.

Resolved: That the Town Council would consult with the Emergency Services and Highways to consider whether alternative routes could be used to the diagonal road closure given that they are exempt from the Road Closure.

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MC81 Nabma Report

To receive recommendations from the working group. (report circulated prior to the meeting).

Resolved: That the report was reviewed and minor amendments were made and approved for implementation as part of the Settle Market Action Plan for 2018-19 (Appendix 2)

MC82 Set the Advertising plan for 2018-19

Resolved: That the detailed advertising plan for 2018-19 report was received and further suggestions for advertising avenues were agreed. The advertising plan would be reviewed after 6 months. Settle Carlisle Railway Development Company to be contacted to find out if there is a market day special ticket and if we still have an advert in the Friends of SCRDC publication. (Appendix 4)

MC83 Indoor Market Rent Review 2018-19

The indoor market was struggling with decreased footfall.

Resolved: That existing contracted traders continue with the current rent subject to ongoing monitoring and review during the financial year 2018-19.

MC84 Unauthorised Parking on Market Days

Settle Town Council has already made a decision at the meeting on the 5th March 2018 regarding unauthorised parking on Market Day and explained the reasons behind that stance.

Resolved: That the Council cannot tolerate unauthorised parking on the Market Place on Market Days due to the legislation in place and for the safety of members of the public and traders. To allow parking on a Market Day may mean Harrogate Borough Council will still issue parking tickets. Any vehicle parking on the Market Place takes on the risk of a parking fine from HBC civil enforcement.

MC85 To consider any correspondence received relating to the Market.

None Received

Cllr Taylor thanked the market staff for their hard work and there being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:25 p.m.