

Minutes of the Meeting of the Markets Committee held in the Council's office, Settle Town Hall on Monday, 9 December 2019 at 6:00 pm. The public and press were invited and parishioner participation to be held at 6:00 pm.

Present: Cllrs Bellfield (Chairman), Taylor, Lord, Balsamini, Harrison, Desborough & Holland, R Hill, the Clerk, I Orton, Deputy Clerk, M Tindale -Market Superintendent, S O Brien - Deputy Market Superintendent.

MC95 Apologies: To record and approve reasons for absence

Resolved: Apologies were received from Cllrs Linley and James.

Cllr Holland joined the meeting at 19:04 p.m.

MC96 To record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Declarations of other Interests

Cllr Lord declared a prejudicial interest in item MC100.

MC97 Approved Minutes 25th February 2019 any matters arising.

Resolved: That the Quarry had still to be contacted as a potential funding source for the Market.

MC98 To review the Terms of Reference of The Committee

Resolved: That the terms of reference were reviewed and agreed that the draft terms circulated prior to the meeting be approved.

MC99 To receive any reports/updates from the Market Superintendent

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

Consider future of markets. Over the past six years approximately 100 traders have either enquired or attended for a brief period, but the core number of regular main traders has reduced over the years to 18/20. A number of casual traders still continue to support the market.

Lamp post banners ordered. Three banners advertising the market have been sourced from a local supplier and it is intended to display them in prominent location in the town centre area.

Market Rules. These are reviewed annually and are due for review march 2020. These are available to traders via the new Town Council website, reducing unnecessary paper usage.

Parked cars continue to cause problems. Especially at closedown. Abuse from motorists continues and the presence of vehicle on the market place whilst traders are actively packing away is a potential safety hazard. We are also seeing an increase in vehicles left parked overnight, causing problems for trader trying to set up. Extendable poles now purchased/ used to assist with coning off. This helps to prevent vehicular access during market days.

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Proposed Gas Works. Initially it looks as though these works will only affect the market for one week although we can expect disruption for traders opposite the works. We may have to try and temporarily relocate traders affected, especially at the back and north side of The Shambles.

Finances. Income v expenditure held its own Apr to Oct 2019 surplus after wages of £3394.56.

Visiting Coach Drivers. Following a survey of food establishments in Settle, The Victoria Hall was the only venue to respond by offering a hot drink/bacon butty to coach drivers, as was advertised in coach operators' magazines.

MC99 Market Rent Review 2019-20 - to review the markets rents.

Resolved: That compared to other comparable markets Settle is more expensive. It was agreed to provide 3 months half rent for all traders for December, January and February to be introduced in 2020. Reducing the income target by approx. £1,000 for 2020-21.

MC100 Farmers Market – to consider the merit of reintroduction.

Resolved: That after discussion it was decided not to pursue this.

MC101 Unauthorised Parking on Market Days

Resolved: To purchase more retractable poles and large cones to assist in keeping traders' pedestrians and staff safe from cars pulling onto the market place when the market is closing down.

MC102 Set the Advertising plan for 2020-21 - To review last year's advertising and agree a plan for 2020-2021.

Resolved: That the budget set for 2019-2020 had been set at £3000 this was to be reduced to £2000. Good quality photographs of the market were to be obtained and the market would produce its own leaflet and investigate setting up a mini tour of Settle and the visit the Market. Contact with the Chamber of Trade to assist with this.

MC103 To consider the production of a Market Traders newsletter.

Resolved: That a newsletter be produced at least twice a year.

MC104 To arrange the annual market inspection.

Resolved: That Cllrs Taylor and Bellfield would ensure that an inspection of the Market was carried out within the next 2 months.

MC105 Correspondence -To consider any correspondence received relating to the Market.
None.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 18:50 p.m.