

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

Present: Councillor P Madeley, Councillor J Dawson, Councillor G Bell, Councillor C Nash and Councillor D Shaw

Mrs S Hepworth – Market Officer

Mr D Timber – Project Manager

Mrs L Close – Chief Officer

Miss H Corrigan – Event Manager

17 members of the public

2122/073 Item 1 – Chairman’s Remarks

Cllr Madeley welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He confirmed that the main agenda item is the Artisan market, and this was the reason for calling the meeting.

2122/074 Item 2 - Apologies for Absence

Reason of absence were received from Councillors Feather and Councillor Hickman - Accepted
Councillor Painter was absent.

2122/075 Item 3 – Disclosures of Interest

None received

2122/076 Item 4 – Dispensations

None requested

2122/077 Item 5 – Representations from public

Councillor Madeley confirmed that he would be inviting people to speak as we moved through item 6 so that everybody had chance. He confirmed that the Market Committee voted on holding the Artisan market every Sunday back at a November meeting, however, since the social media comments had been circulated it was essential to look at this matter again.

Councillor Madeley confirmed that he had met with Mr Fattorini and it was clear that through our lease we could not form another standing market. Councillor Dawson confirmed that since this resolution and looking again at the lease document it does confirm that the landlord has the overriding factor. Councillor Nash was then asked to explain the difference between the formation of another market and the franchise of the high street market.

Councillor Madeley confirmed that we needed to look at this issue again and find a compromise to help the Artisan and form a solution.

Councillor Madeley then invited comments from the public.

The question was asked to explain in further detail the difference between a franchise market and a statutory market. Councillor Nash explained this in further detail.

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Councillor Dawson spoke regarding the lease agreement in further detail and gave information regarding the clauses involved.

It was stated that the benefits of holding the market every week should be given as evidence rather than just trying to measure on popular demand.

A trader spoke of a petition that she had collected from physical signatures and online. She confirmed she had collated nearly 1000 signatures to reinstate the 4 Sunday trading.

A member of the public asked if we could clarify if the market is given permission to hold every Sunday and another member of the public stated that if the market was held every Sunday, then it becomes a habit and people attend every time it is held.

A member of the public confirmed that the Artisan market fitted in with the HAZ project and remit.

A member of the public confirmed that she had previously worked with Mr Fattorini and he cared very deeply for Skipton.

2122/078 Item 6 – Artisan Market

Councillor Madeley asked the organisers to confirm the number of Markets that have been held. It was confirmed there had been 2 a month since July 2018, although the Council had not sought any preapproval for this.

Councillor Dawson advised that he was very happy to previously approve the extra days and he is a supporter of the Artisan market, however, the lease is very clear, and the Town Council should follow this.

Councillor Shaw read out clause 6 of the lease and confirmed he agreed with Councillor Dawson.

Dan Timbers, the market project manager, gave an update of the meeting that was held and confirmed that Mr Fattorini wanted to leave the Town Council to run the franchise but that the options for every Sunday was not available.

Councillor Madeley discussed the High Street market and the reinvestment that is needed including frontages and setts. He asked if members wanted to go back to Mr Fattorini to ask again or did they have any further suggestions. Previous options were discussed again, and the Chair asked members for ideas.

Councillor Dawson advised that we must seek the consent of the landlord if we wish to hold any further market days as this will break the terms of the lease.

Councillor Madeley confirmed we could not change the lease.

Councillor Nash asked at what point did we form an alternative market which may be the issue. Once a market becomes a weekly market then does it become an established market, which is an issue.

Councillor Dawson proposed to remove the following motion on the agenda.

To update the Committee of developments, history and outcome of recent discussions regarding the Artisan Market held in the Canal basin and to resolve to allow the organisers the option of holding a maximum of 4 extra days throughout the year.

Councillor Shaw seconded this, and it was unanimously agreed.

Councillor Madeley confirmed that he would speak again to Mr Fattorini to ascertain which of the following options the Council could agree with the Artisan market.

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To be held every Sunday

To be held 2 Sundays a month

To be held the first Sunday of every month with a maximum of 4 extra days through the year.

The Committee confirmed they agreed with this recommendations and Councillor Madeley, the chairman, confirmed he would call another extraordinary meeting next Monday, 14th March at 5.30pm.

2122/079 Item 7 – Market Project Manager update

Dan Timbers gave an update of market regeneration project and discussed the safety of the setts and operational matters.

He also gave details of frontage costs and details and confirmed the Market lease was due to expire next year for which negotiations will start surely with the legal team to secure a further lease.

The strategies for managing markets into the future was discussed along with an update of the HAZ funding for the boiler house and occasional stalls for new traders.

2122/080 Item 8 - Notification of Business for Future Agenda

As discussed under item 2122/078 – Item 6

The meeting closed at 18.40pm

Date of next extra ordinary meeting – 14th March 2022