

**Minutes of the Extra ordinary Market Committee meeting, Held on Wednesday
4th January 2023, at 5.30pm in the Town Hall, Skipton**

Present: Councillor P Madeley, Councillor L Morgan, Councillor B McDaid &
Councillor W Feather

1 Market Trader Representative

Mrs L Close – Chief Officer

2223/053 Item 1 – Chairman’s Remarks

Councillor P Madeley welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Councillors for attending. He stressed that there was concern regarding the number of attendees at meetings and hoped this would be addressed in the future.

2223/054 Item 2 - Apologies for Absence

Councillor A Higgins had a prior engagement – Accepted

Councillor C Nash who had a long-standing childcare arrangement – Accepted

Councillor D Noland who was attending a family funeral – Accepted

Councillor M Courcier was absent

2223/055 Item 3 – Disclosures of Interest

None received

2223/056 Item 4 – Dispensations

None requested

2223/057 Item 5 – Representations from public

No public present

2223/058 Item 6 – Market Charter

Councillor P Madeley proposed that the Council ask Mr S Fattorini for an extension of the lease until June in order to allow more time to seek expert advice of the contents.

If this was denied the Committee would meet again urgently.

RESOLVED unanimously supported.

The Clerk to action.

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2223/059 Item 7 – Vans kept on pitches

The Committee were advised by the Senior Traffic Management and Parking Engineer from North Yorkshire County Council that the Traffic Regulation Order that was in place for Skipton, did not have a concession to allow Market Traders to park all day on the setts but to only allow to park whilst setting up and setting down on market days.

This would be enforced from Monday January 9th, 2023.

It was confirmed that concessions were in place for adverse weather conditions using issued parking permits by Market staff.

Councillor Madeley proposed that a complaint should be issued to NYCC about this and the impact of the effects of this enforcement during a difficult trading time –

RESOLVED

Councillor Madeley proposed that he, Councillor McDaid with the Chief Officer set a public campaign through the Market Committee to inform people regarding the difficulty of this TRO. A statement would be worked on to be released and the principle of the campaign would be rolled out – **RESOLVED**

Discussions were then held regarding traders that would leave the market because of not being allowed to keep vehicles on and how this was not an issue in other market towns. It was further discussed that there were many empty pitches on the market. The Chief officer did confirm that a lot of the spaces were in fact down to frontages not completing agreements.

Councillor W Feather advised that he was willing to stand on the High Street with a petition for 6/8 hours a day to raise awareness.

Councillor McDaid advised that he felt this wasn't enough time for this to be implemented.

Councillor P Madeley proposed that the Chief Officer was to write to NYCC to ask for 1 month notice to allow traders to move vans before enforcement was reintroduced – **RESOLVED**

2223/060 Item 8 - Notification of Business for Future Agenda

Agenda items to be sent to The Chief Officer with seven clear days' notice although the absolute statutory minimum period is 3 clear days

The meeting closed at 18.25pm

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 8th February, 2023, 5.30pm