

**Minutes of the Ordinary Market Committee meeting, Held on Wednesday 8th
February 2023, at 5.30pm in the Town Hall, Skipton**

Present: Councillor P Madeley, Councillor L Morgan, Councillor B McDaid &
Councillor C Nash
Mrs L Close – Chief Officer
2 Market trader representatives

2223/067 Item 1 – Chairman’s Remarks

Councillor P Madeley welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Councillors for attending.

2223/068 Item 2 - Apologies for Absence

Councillor A Higgins, Councillor D Noland, Councillor M Courcier & Councillor W Feather who all had a prior engagements – Accepted.

2223/069 Item 3 – Disclosures of Interest

None received

2223/070 Item 4 – Dispensations

None requested

2223/071 Item 5 – Representations from public

No public present

2223/072 Item 6 – Minutes of the previous minutes

Proposed by Councillor Madeley and unanimously supported that the minutes of the meetings held on the 16th November 2022, 5th December 2022, 4th January 2023 and 13th January 2023 are a true and accurate record.

2223/073 Item 7 – Risk Assessment

The risk assessment that had been produced by an external company was presented to the meeting and accepted. All agreed that the document would be used by all parties concerned moving forward.

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Proposed by Councillor Madeley to hold an extra ordinary meeting 1 month from today to discuss and agree an agenda for a further meeting, with all stakeholders involved, not limited to but to include, North Yorkshire Council, Frontages, Skipton Castle, Market traders.

This would be held after the formation of the new Council in April 2023 and will be held to discuss and find the way forward with regard to the repair and ongoing maintenance of the setts.

This was voted in favour by the majority. Councillor Nash voted against.

2223/074 Item 8 - Market Officer Report

The market officer report was circulated and noted, along with charts of attendance figures. Various discussions were held regarding the data presented.

The issue of the trader vans being kept on the pitches was discussed and Councillor Madeley advised it was a kick in the teeth for the traders and he would be reporting to the Craven Herald.

Councillor McDaid advised that the Town Council supports the need and requirements for changing the law and members should start as soon as possible with changing the byelaws.

It was unanimously resolved that the Committee fully supported the market traders in their fight to keep the vans on the pitches whilst trading.

The Committee were advised that the solicitors had issued a response regarding questions of some of the wording of the lease. It was proposed by Councillor Madeley and unanimously supported that the lease agreement is drawn up by the solicitors and signed by the Chief Officer.

2223/075 Item 9 – Promotion of the Market

It was suggested that a flyer promoting the market was produced and distributed to the B&B's in the town. It was confirmed that the Town Council was active with Coaches and updated figures would be made available for the next meeting.

Proposed to vire the remaining budget of circa £743 over into 23/24 for marketing and promotional activity. This was unanimously supported.

2223/076 Item 10 – Visit To Northallerton

The Chief Officer gave an update of the day's visit to Northallerton including the regeneration of the town centre that had been implemented, which including new setts and layout.

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2223/077 Item 11 – Market Byelaws

A meeting of the working group to discuss the byelaws was scheduled for Wednesday 15th February at 12.30pm

2223/078 Item 12 – The Exclusion of the press and public

The Committee and its sub-committees will be considering business of a confidential nature, and the press and public will therefore be excluded by resolution from meetings (Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, s1 [2]).

2223/079 Item 13 – Consent to trade

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The meeting closed at 19.22pm

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 10th May 2023, 5.30pm