



# Skipton Town Council

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## Market Committee Minutes Wednesday 8 August 2018 at 6.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: P Madeley (Chairman), J Dawson, R G Heseltine, K McIntyre and P Whitaker.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer), Stefan Bodnarczuk (Market Manager), Wendy Allsopp (Administration and Member Services Manager) and Trevor Burton (Market Officer).

Trader Representatives: Mark Howard, Lee Grover, Jeff Yates and Mohammed Saghir.

In attendance: Councillors J Kerr & E Jaquin,

1. To accept representations from the Public between 6.30 pm and 6.45 pm.

Councillor Eric Jaquin asked Members of the Committee to consider matters relating to both the positioning of trader vehicles on the market setts during trading and the encroachment of goods and 'A' boards onto pavements.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr C Harbron (ill health).

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None.

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

None.

5. To elect a Vice Chairman of the Market Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor John Dawson as Vice-Chairman of the Market Committee.

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6. To welcome members to the new Committee and to receive an overview on its remit and operation from the Chairman and the Chief Officer.

Following various introductions, the Chief Officer explained how this Committee would work differently to the now disbanded Market Working Group.

7. To note and consider the implications of changes by HMRC to VAT on Market Lettings.

Members considered as to how the Council should approach a proposed change in the way VAT is charged on market lettings and agreed that Julian Smith MP, who is already aware of this situation, should be asked to formally support the Town Council in objecting to these plans.

It was agreed that, in collaboration with the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA), the Chief Officer should compose a letter to be sent to Mr Smith.

8. To note and consider matters relating to the condition of the cobbled 'setts' within the Market Place

Following guidance from the Council's solicitor this item was withdrawn for discussion at a future meeting.

9. To consider a number of operational matters raised by a Member of the Council

Members discussed matters raised by Councillor Jaquin and suggested that:

Notices should be displayed on the High Street advising the public of the reason for allowing traders' to position their vehicles adjacent to their stalls on windy days.

The issues of traders' goods obstructing the footpath and using their vehicles when not permitted should be sensitively enforced by the market team.

Going forward it was agreed that the Consent to Trade Agreement should be formally reviewed by this Committee in consultation with the appropriate external bodies.

10. To consider a proposal from the Events & Tourism Committee relating to the operation of the High Street on Bank Holidays

Members agreed to support this proposal provided sufficient resource is available to do this.

11. To receive any updates from the Council's Market Manager

The Market Manager and Chief Officer suggested that a private social media group should be set up allowing traders and the market team to discuss matters. All traders would be asked their opinions on this.

12. To note any matters raised by Trader Representatives

Traders present advised that they were positive about how this meeting had gone and were enthusiastic about their relationship with the Council going forward.

13. To consider matters relating to:

- Updating of the Business Plan for Skipton Market – It was noted that this needs renewing.
- The position of Skipton Market within the Council's overall Strategic Plan – The pending completion of the Council's Strategic Plan was noted.
- Budgeting & Financial Reporting - to be discussed at the next meeting of this Committee.

14. To receive notification of matters that members would like including on a future agenda.

Financial Report/ Budget Provision  
 Comments, compliments and complaints  
 Review of the Consent to Trade Agreement

The meeting closed at 7:20 pm