



MINUTES OF THE MARKET COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD BY A REMOTE PLATFORM ON WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2021 AT 6.30PM

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor P Madeley
Councillors: Councillor S Bentley, Councillor G Bell, Councillor J Dawson, Councillor D Shaw, Councillor R Heseltine & Councillor C Nash
Officers: Louise Close (Clerk) Stefan Bodnarczuk (Market Manager) Trevor Burton (Market Officer) Jenny Dean (Acting Administration Manager)
Also present: Mark Howard (Trader Representative), Debbie Cross and Kath Clark (CDC Heritage Action Zone)

2021/014 **ITEM 1 – To accept representations from the Public**

None received

2021/015 **ITEM 2 – To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Mr Yates and Mr Saghir (Trader Representatives)

2021/016 **ITEM 3 – To record declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

None received

2021/017 **ITEM 4 – 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 received.

2021/018 **ITEM 5 – Representations from the Public**

None received.

2021/019 **ITEM 6 – Minutes of the previous meeting**

Proposed by Councillor J Dawson

Seconded by Councillor D Shaw

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Market committee held on 11 November 2020 are a true and accurate record. *(unanimous)*

2021/020 **ITEM 7 – Heritage Action Zone**

Councillors welcomed Debbie Cross and Kath Clark, from Craven District Council, who are coordinating the work on the Heritage Action Zone. A presentation was given on the project including its aims to increase economic growth in Skipton and improve quality of life. There is also a theme of engaging with younger population, encouraging them to life, work and socialise in Skipton. One of the aims is to establish a 'Youth Market' and to make some improvements to the existing market.

Councillor J Dawson, said that although Skipton Town Council was the Market Authority, we must work to the Market Charter and that Sebastian Fattorini would need to be involved. Debbie Cross confirmed that he was Heritage Action Zone Programme Board.



Councillor C Nash asked if the Youth Market would be part of the existing market, or separate, and could the Youth Market be used to encourage more traders on a Monday. Debbie stated that as the initial plans were made pre Covid, some ideas would need to be reviewed and that they wanted to work closely with Skipton Town Council in putting an Action Plan together.

19:05 L Close joined the meeting.

RESOLVED to establish a working group consisting of Councillor Madeley (Committee Chair), Councillor Shaw (Committee Vice Chair), Councillor Nash, Mark Howard (Trader Representative), Louise Close, Stefan Bodnarczuk, Debbie Cross and Kath Clark to begin some initial discussions.

19:15 J Dean, D Cross and K Clark left the meeting.

2021/021 **ITEM 8 – To note the Market Managers report**

The Market Manager, Mr Stefan Bodnarczuk, submitted his report prior to the meeting and discussed various parts of it. It was confirmed that the Market Manager would speak with NYCC Highways to ask for the road closure provision on a Monday being granted. He would bring the options available from NYCC for further discussion with the Committee.

The wind speed of 40mph and the impact this had on the closure of the Market was discussed and it was confirmed that this was the Council policy, and the Manager would be supported in implementing this when it happened.

It was confirmed that the Market Manager would ensure that a copy of all traders public liability insurance would be obtained and if they could not supply this they would not be permitted to trade.

The Market Officer and Finance Officer were instrumental in chasing bad debtors and making collections. Councillor Heseltine asked the Chief Officer if she could provide a list of attendance figures and any bad debtors each month, as previously this was given each month, she confirmed this would be actioned.

2021/022 **ITEM 9 – Covid Update**

No further actions at this time, awaiting Government announcements.

2021/023 **ITEM 10 – To receive notification of matters that Members would like included on a future agenda**

It was discussed that a future meeting date would be called in light of any lockdown restrictions easing.

Implement future Sustainability goals that had been adopted at a recent meeting – LC / SB / TB to discuss and action.

The Meeting Closed at 19.40pm

The next meeting of the Market Committee is the 12th May 2021