



MINUTES

of the

Market Committee meeting

held on

Wednesday 25 January 2017 commencing at 2.00pm

at Cullompton Town Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Eileen Andrews (in the chair), Cllr Iain Emmett, and Jonathon Baker (Street Market).

Judy Morris (Town Clerk)

Also in attendance: two members of the public.

- 74. Apologies:** Dorothy Anderson and Cllr Chaim Ebanks.
- 75. Declarations of Interest:** Jonathon Baker declared a pecuniary interest in respect of Item to consider the market tender bid as he is a member of the group that submitted the bid.
- 76. Public question time:** Naomi Lihou asked if a former stall holder will be returning once his health has improved. *The Clerk offered to find out and report back.*
- 77. Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 December 2016 was deferred.
- 78. Finance:** The income and expenditure account was reviewed and noted.
- 79. Street Market:** Jonathon reported that the market continues to trade every week, some weeks better than others. Extended trading in the lead-up to Christmas was well received and is something that can be expanded on in the future. Missing a hot food trader as this does increase footfall.
- 80. Farmers Market:** Grateful for the support of Town Council in providing power supply. Development of website nearing completion. Fortunate in having more people applying to trade at the market than have room for. Current charge for a stall is £15.
- 81. Higher Bullring Power Supply:** Clerk reported that power supply has been installed, waiting for Western Power to return, backfill their excavation and make the final electrical connection. Investigating location of power cables, hoping for reciprocal storage arrangements so that they can be used by the Farmers Market and the Street Market.

82. Storage of market gazebos : Farmers' Market is arranging to rent a garage from MDDC to store gazebos. It was confirmed that there is room in the garage for the trailer containing the old Farmers' Market tents. Intend to remove the tents from the trailer so that the trailer can be used for transporting the gazebos etc. The trailer will need to be serviced before it can be used. Suggest that the old tents are sold as no-one has used them for at least a year.

83. Forward planning: Promotional ideas and future events action plan: SpringFest 8 April. Restart 4th Saturday street market from 25 February if there is sufficient interest.

84. Any other market matters: The Chairman suggested that the Committee investigates erection of signs to make people aware of the location and dates of the market say: *"This is the site of the Wednesday Street Market, new stall holders welcome"*

NOTE: Jonathon Baker declared a prejudicial interest in respect of the following item and left the meeting.

85. To consider response from successful market tender bid and agree way forward

RESOLVED: That, as there were only two members present and able to consider this matter and the Committee is no longer quorate, that the item is deferred and a meeting held on Wednesday 8 February to consider it. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 December 2016 to also be deferred until this next meeting.

86. Date for the next meeting: Wednesday 8 February 2017 at 2pm

Chairman's signature:

Date: