



# MINUTES

of the

**Market Committee meeting**

held on

**Wednesday 10 May 2017 commencing at 2.00pm**

**at Cullompton Town Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Eileen Andrews (in the chair), Cllr James Buczkowski, Cllr Iain Emmett, Dorothy Anderson (Farmers' Market) and Jonathan Baker (Street Market).

Judy Morris (Town Clerk)

Also in attendance: Naomi Lihou (Market Development Group)

**105. Apologies:** Paul Gear (Market Development Group).

**106. Declarations of Interest:** None

**107. Public question time:** None

**108. Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meetings held 15 March 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Iain Emmett, seconded Cllr James Buczkowski.

**109. Market Development Initiative: to receive report:** Written report circulated to all those present and discussed. It was suggested that surveys are carried out to assess footfall. If we understand how many people come into the town we can then consider how best to promote the market and measure how advertising might work.

Also like to know why market traders are not coming to Cullompton. It was suggested that the market can be used as the place to establish a business, assess the interest.

Work closely with the Farmers' Market and encourage some of the Farmers' Market traders to attend the Wednesday street market. Also develop a food map, showing current shops and market. There is currently no fruit and vegetable shop in Cullompton, try and find someone willing to sell fruit and vegetables at the market.

## **ACTIONS:**

Clerk to find what needs doing to repair the broken gazebo and, if possible, arrange for it to be mended.

Try and find someone to sell fruit and vegetables at the market.

Carry out footfall and other surveys – Cllrs James Buczkowski and Iain Emmett agreed to assist with this.

- 110. Finance:** The Income & Expenditure report was noted.
- 111. Market:** Electricity now available to use, arrange for electric hook-up plugs to be tested.
- 112. Farmers Market:** Dorothy Anderson reported that the Farmers Market has now met all the conditions of their High Street Innovation grant and all the money has been released. This means that they are now able to employ a part-time manager.

They have decided not to proceed with the “shop” idea for the time being as they have been unable to find suitable premises and will instead, concentrate on pop-up markets. It was suggested that they have a pop-up market on a Wednesday morning and Dorothy agreed to put this suggestion to the stall holders.

Having a combined, Farmers’ Market/Street Market, in Tesco car park on a Saturday morning had worked well.

**113. Any other market matters**

- (i) Festival Market:** Saturday 24 June, it was agreed that the market would be a good opportunity to officially open the electricity supply. Official opening at 10.30am, ask Devon County Councillor John Berry to open as he made a contribution towards the cost from the Devon County Council Locality Fund.

- 114. Date for the next meeting:** Wednesday 12 July 2017 at 2pm

Chairman’s signature:

Date: