



MINUTES

of the

Market Committee meeting

held on

**Wednesday 15 November 2017 commencing at 2.00pm
at Cullompton Town Hall**

PRESENT: Cllr Eileen Andrews (in the chair), Cllr Iain Emmett, Cllr James Buczkowski, Dorothy Anderson (Farmers' Market)

Judy Morris (Town Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Naomi Lihou (Street Market).
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Public question time:** None
4. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 September 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Iain Emmett, seconded Cllr James Buczkowski.
4. **Finance: To review Income & Expenditure:** The Income and Expenditure report was discussed and noted. Proposed Cllr James Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Eileen Andrews.

NOTE: Clerk to produce an month-by-month income comparison for the next meeting.

5. Street Market

- (i) **To receive update report:** Clerk reported that the average number of stalls is increasing, hope to have a new cider stall next week, however the book stall will not be coming again as they are not selling anything.

Concern from one stall holder about others leaving early. It was suggested that the Council changes the times and the market closes at 1pm instead of 2pm. Clerk to consult stallholders to find out their views and bring a report to the next meeting.

- (ii) **To consider estimates for replacement gazebos and agree way forward:** Report with comparison costs for different makes of gazebo has been circulated and was discussed. The Council staff had been very impressed with one particular design which is very sturdy but a lot easier to erect than the Council's present stalls.

The Council's existing stalls are green and it was felt that these blend into the surrounding too well and that a striped design would make the market stalls more noticeable.

RESOLVED: That the Council purchases 4 no. green and white market stalls from Instant Marquees at a cost of £700 (plus VAT) per marquee, to include side panels, to supplement the Council's existing stock of marquees which are now just over five years old and starting to look "tatty".

6. **Farmers Market: Update report:** Dorothy Anderson reported that the market will have been running for 20 years in June 2018 and the Committee are considering holding a "birthday market" in Forge Way car park on Saturday 30 June 2018, which will be the same date as the Cullompton Festival market. It was considered important that the two work together as one could compliment the other.
7. **Developing a strategy for the town's markets: How to get started:** Discussion about a way forward, it was agreed that as there is the potential for a lot of changes which could impact on the market that the development of a strategy is put on hold for the time being.
8. **Any other market matters:** None.
9. **To agree date and time of next meeting:** Wednesday 7 February 2018 at 2pm

Chairman's signature:

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