

Swaffham Town Council **Market Committee**

Minutes of the **Market Committee** held on **Monday 21st March 2022** at **6.30pm** in the Council Chamber.

Present: - **Councillors:** L Beech, S Bell, W Bensley, P Darby, S Matthews, J Skinner.
 Non-Councillors: F Eagle, H Eagle, L Martin, D Smith, E Ratcliffe.
 Deputy Town Clerk: C Smith.
 Market Superintendent: R Ostler.

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
C Houghton, D Smith, P Cross and H Robinson all sent their apologies.
2. **To receive declarations of interest for items included on the Agenda**
F Eagle is the older brother of H Eagle.
3. **To receive and agree the Minutes:** Market Committee 21st March 2022
The Minutes for the Meeting held on 17th January were signed and the Minutes for 21st February were agreed and signed.
4. **To receive and consider a report from the Deputy Town Clerk regarding Market issues with input from the Market Superintendent:**
 - 4.1. General Market report including information regarding new regular traders and casuals
The Deputy Clerk reported that there were no areas of particular concern
 - 4.2. To note the suspension of the new bread stall pending further consideration by the Committee and resolve on future attendances.
The attendance of Brownbread on 26th February and its impact on the current bread and cake stalls was discussed at length. A vote was held on three proposals.

Allow a maximum of 20% cake and allow back for the remaining 3 weeks. Proposed S Bell Seconded S Matthews Three in favour.
Allow a maximum of 40% cake. Proposed L Martin Seconded W Bensley Three in favour.
Allow only bread. Proposed P Darby Seconded F Eagle Three in favour.

F Eagle then asked for a vote on allowing another bread and cake stall. Seven voted in favour, one against and two abstained. There was a discussion about where to site the Stall so that it was not in the eyeline of the current Traders or given a preferential Pitch. The Market Superintendent suggested the War Memorial as the only place available for the 30 foot space required.

Allow Brownbread to resume the trial on the War Memorial for four weeks Proposed L Martin Seconded S Bell Six in favour Two abstentions.
Allow a bread only stall on the War Memorial Proposed P Darby Seconded F Eagle Two in favour Two abstained

The Committee agreed to review the situation at the next meeting. The Deputy Clerk would email the three traders in the morning.

5. To receive and consider reports from Market Trader Representatives

- 5.1. Saturday market: L Martin reported that the Market was busy. Local Flavours had worked well and were happy with what they did.
- 5.2. Auction: it was noted that the Auction was busy and attracted a lot of people.
- 5.3. Friday market: H Eagle reported that the Friday Market was picking up and had several new stalls applying.
- 5.4. Poultry auction. F Eagle reported that three more cases of bird flu occurred over the weekend, bringing it to over one hundred outbreaks for the Winter.

6. To receive an update on the enhanced market event on 19th March 2022

L Martin felt the Council should have done more advertising though S Bell understood that Local Flavours would be doing publicity. Generally, it was felt that it was a good addition to the Market with the cookery demonstrations being the highlight.

7. To note progress on the plant fair 23rd April

The Deputy Clerk reported that none of the plant specialists she had emailed were interested in attending. F Eagle suggested emphasising plants on that day on social media. H Eagle was happy to set up extra stalls dedicated to specific plants.

8. To note progress on the sheep fair 4th June

The Deputy Clerk had applied for the Gathering Licence. F Eagle reported that the person bringing sheep would have to leave early owing to an event going on at home. It was suggested that a charity bucket be attached to each pen and ask for a donation for people to walk a sheep around.

9. To receive and consider late or urgent matters at the Chairman's discretion, *not included elsewhere on the agenda (prior notice must be given)*

H Eagle and E Ratcliffe presented the Deputy Clerk with a picture of the Market Place from the Traders as a leaving present.

10. To agree a date for next meeting and items for a future agenda: Monday 11th April 2022 in the council chamber at the Town Hall
Agreed.

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman.....