

Swaffham Town Council Market Committee

Minutes of the **Market Committee** held on **Monday 18 July 2022** at **6.30pm** in the Council Chamber.

Present:

Councillors: L Beech, S Bell, W Bensley, J Skinner
 Non-Councillors: F Eagle (Chair), H Eagle, L Martin, E Ratcliffe
 Deputy Town Clerk: H Carrier
 Market Superintendent: R Ostler

1. To receive apologies for absence

C Houghton, S Matthews, D Smith, C Houghton.

2. To receive declarations of interest for items included on the agenda

F Eagle is the elder brother of H Eagle.

3. To receive and agree the Minutes: Market Committee 30 May 2022

The Minutes 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:

The Deputy Clerk informed the Meeting that she was not aware of any issues. The outside team had covered the Market Superintendents holiday and reported no problems.

5. General Market report including information regarding new regular Traders and casuals

A new trader had applied for a pitch and, amongst other things, was selling a variety of cakes and cookies including dietary bakes. The Committee agreed that the new trader have a pitch on the War Memorial as a trial for a month.

6. To receive and consider reports from Market Trader Representatives

6.1. Saturday Market: L Martin reported that an inexperienced team from Drip Drop had set up in the wrong place on the Superintendents first week off which had caused issues for Melt Down Danes. They tried setting up on the Buttercross, as discussed with the Superintendent the previous week, but it was too windy, so they went home. E Ratcliffe said it was a good Market which was in good spirits.

6.2. No report.

6.3. H Eagle reported that the Friday Market was okay but that he was struggling for Traders for Saturdays.

6.4. F Eagle reported that the Poultry Auction was still suspended as a result of bird flu.

7. To consider quotes received for a new banner on Brandon Road

The Deputy Clerk had received a quote and design for a banner. Following a discussion, the Deputy Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for one with a cream background and green writing, and one with a green background and cream writing and email these out to the Committee for a response.

8. To consider quotes for purchasing tote bags for resale

Following a discussion, it was agreed not to proceed with this idea.

9. To receive a report on the Sheep Fair held on 4 June 2022

F Eagle reported that people had engaged with the sheep and that it was well attended. L Martin would have preferred it to be bigger. L Beech advised the Committee that the Friends of Swaffham were planning to run events after the Market on Saturday, but didn't think they would be closing the road. The Traders requested that the road not be closed until after 1pm for the Christmas Lights.

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

L Martin asked the Committee to consider celebrating asparagus on a Sunday next year. This would be on the next Agenda.

11. To agree a date for next meeting and items for a future agenda: Monday 19 September 2022 in the council chamber at the Town Hall

All agreed.

The Meeting closed at 7.01pm.

Chairman