

Swaffham Town Council

Market & Tourism Committee

Draft Minutes of the Market Committee held on Monday 20 March 2023 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber

Present: **Councillors:** L Beech, S Bell, W Bensley, P Darby, J Skinner

Non-Councillors: F Eagle (Chair), L Martin, D Smith, E Ratcliffe.

Deputy Clerk: H Carrier

Market Superintendent: R Ostler

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M1/23 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from H Eagle.

P Cross and H Robinson were marked as absent.

M2/23 To receive declarations of interest for items included on the agenda

F Eagle is the older brother of H Eagle.

M3/23 Public Open Forum no members of the public attended so the meeting was not adjourned.

No public present.

M4/23 To receive and agree the Minutes: Market Committee 20 March 2023

The minutes were agreed and signed.

M5/23 To receive and consider a report from the Deputy Town Clerk regarding Market issues with input from the Market Superintendent:

The Market Superintendent gave a verbal update on the market.

The Deputy Clerk apologised for the inconvenience of the screen over the Coronation Weekend and advised that the Town Council are seeking compensation from Breckland District Council. The meeting advised the Clerk that Breckland was asked to consider installing 'event Wi-Fi' but Breckland rejected this request. This should be revisited as stronger Wi-Fi will be beneficial to members of the public and well as market traders.

M6/23 To receive and consider reports from Market Trader Representatives

6.1. Saturday Market:

 No issues to report

6.2. Auction:

 P Cross and H Robinson were absent.

6.3. Friday market:

 D Smith reported the Friday market is hoping to move back into the Assembly Rooms in a couple of weeks. It was decided to make an event of the reopening. The Deputy Clerk and the Communication Engagement Officer will liaise with Iceni to confirm the date and Fabian Eagle will arrange for someone to official open the market.

6.4. Poultry auction:

 F Eagle reported that the Poultry Auction still cancelled due to Bird Flu.

M7/23 Future events:

7.1 Sheep Fayre – this event is confirmed for 3 June. The Clerk is meeting with DEFRA vets on 16 May to confirm the licence.

7.2 Other events to be published include:

- Asparagus week
- Strawberries over Wimbledon weekend
- Norfolk Day
- Samphire season

The Deputy Clerk will ask the Comms Officer to liaise with traders on these events.

M8/23 To receive and consider late or urgent matters at the Chairman’s discretion, not included elsewhere on the agenda (prior notice must be given)

F Eagle asked if Council would consider card payment toilets having seen them working well in other towns. This would help with vandalism and they could be left open longer. The Deputy Clerk will take this to Full Council for consideration.

F Eagle asked the meeting to consider hosting a Trafalgar Dinner in the Assembly Rooms in collaboration with Icen. F Eagle will research this further.

M9/23 To agree the date of the next meeting for Monday 17 July 2023 at 6.30pm to be held in the council chamber at the Town Hall, and agree items for a future agenda

- Trafalgar Dinner
- Events

The Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman.....