

MARKET DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP SUBCOMMITTEE
16th MARCH 2009

- * Cllr. A.B. Clark (Chairman)
- * Cllr. S.C. Pryde (arrived late)
- * Cllr. J.F. Collier
- * Mr. A. Harrison
- Mr. B. Wallace
- * Mr. N. Harvey
- * Mr. B. Elliott – Market Manager

In attendance: Town Clerk.

932. **Apologies for Absence:** There were no apologies for absence.

933. **Declarations of Interest:**

Member	Item	Interest	Reason	Action
Cllr. J. Collier	Market	Public House Licence in the Market Square	Personal	Remained

934. **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated to all Members, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

935. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** On Minute 797 – The Chairman asked if traders now had specified pitches. The Market Manager confirmed this was correct and a plan was now in place.
The Chairman then asked if traders were still leaving early. The Market Manager confirmed that sometimes but usually dependant on the weather.

936. **Meeting Notes – 16th February 2009:** Members referred to the notes of the informal meeting held on 16th February 2009 and there followed a general discussion regarding casual traders attending the market in the weeks leading up to the Christmas period. It was moved by the Chairman and

RECOMMENDED – THAT the Market Manager endeavour to restrict these traders from 1st December each year to those who won't conflict with contracted traders.

The Chairman asked if new agreements were now in place and the Town Clerk advised that these were still with the Council's solicitors. Cllr. Pryde suggested that the Council introduce an agreement for casual traders and following discussion it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RECOMMENDED – THAT a Casual Traders Agreement be introduced.

937. **Market Administration:** The Market Manager informed Members that the pet food stall traders had recently left the Market and he was currently negotiating a replacement and it was moved by the Chairman and

RECOMMENDED – THAT an advertising flyer be produced for distribution to the following days market advising of this particular vacancy.

The Market Manager referred to the uneven surface which at times of rain was subject to pooling. The Town Clerk advised this matter had been reported to County Highways and it was agreed that photographic evidence be sent to the appropriate Highways Officer.

Cllr. Pryde suggested that additional temporary banner signage be purchased for display at specific points around the Town. It was moved by the Chairman and

RECOMMENDED – THAT the Officers investigate additional advertising banners.

938. **Market Traders Representatives:** Mr. Harvey asked how strictly the Council would adhere to the policy in respect of absences from the market as some traders were taking days off due to inclement weather. The Market Manager explained that traders were allowed four weeks leave of absence and if they took unauthorised absence they had to pay for the missed day. It was moved by the Chairman and

RECOMMENDED – THAT this be noted.

939. **Meetings:** It was moved by the Chairman and

RECOMMENDED – THAT the meeting schedule be increased to four meetings per year in future.

A.B. CLARK – CHAIRMAN

