

MARKETS GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held in the Function Room, Kings Arms Street on 13 July 2017

PRESENT

Chair: Mr N Clarke (Market Manager)
Members:
Cllr B Hester Mr B Wright

Meeting opened at 18:45

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr R Murphy and Mr N Lee (who may arrive at 7.00). Cllr S Stuckey was absent.

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 4 May 2017**

As proposed by Mr Wright and seconded by Mr N Clarke, these were agreed to be a true record of the meeting

3. **ENTERTAINMENT**

Mr Clarke said that Just Rick is performing at the market at the end of the month and he had been asked to sing more upbeat songs. He will be outside Broadland Travel. Emma Nuule had been booked for August and the choir he had yet to contact to book for September.

4. **ADVERTISING**

The flyers are ready to be put out for the North Walsham Busking Day on 17 August 2017. These would be distributed and posters placed around the Town. A plan showing where the buskers would go in the Town had been prepared. There would be widespread advertising of the event in Norwich etc. More advertisements being placed in the North Walsham Times, EDP etc.

5. **FUTURE MARKETS**

Mr Clarke said that there were 10 to 11 stalls coming for the Sunday Market this month. A couple of stalls were not coming but had been replaced by other new stalls which balanced the numbers out. Advertisements for stall holders were still being placed including on Facebook.

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Mr Wright said Artisans may not be at this coming Sunday Market. They provided drinks such as teas, coffees etc

The Thursday Market was now full with 17 stalls. Cllr B Hester asked what had happened to the stall which sold tools and was advised that the stall holder had now opened a shop.

Mr Wright asked if the Saturday Markets were to be discussed again with a survey being carried out. Mr Clarke said these markets could not progress further unless there were the stall holders to take part. Half the stall holders that he had spoken to said that they only wanted to do one market a month and some were having markets elsewhere on a Saturday. Mr Clarke said that with road closures which had to be organised and so on the Saturday Markets would be left for the time being.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr Clarke said that he had been to a Market Managers Meeting at Swaffham on 28 June 2017. It seemed that North Walsham and Fakenham were the only markets which we were doing any good. Fakenham was doing the same as we were doing, having buskers and so on which other markets were not doing. There was not a lot to gain from the meeting as we were doing all that was suggested. North Walsham was leading the way and was doing well.
- It was proposed by Mr B Wright and seconded by Mr N Clarke to ask the Town Crier not to promote Funday at the Sunday market on the day of the event.
- Mr Clarke said that there were two outstanding donations from last year being :

Christmas Lunches run by Combined Churches who he was trying to contact.
North Walsham Good Neighbours Scheme which was coming to the market this month for their donation cheque.

He could not provide any figure for the donation at the moment but it would be down as the market stall rents had been reduced.

- The charities for next year would be for disability groups including North Walsham Play for which Matt Smith had already put in an application form because the next play ground they would be working on would be concentrating on children with disabilities. The Friday St Benet's Hall Group would be the other.

There would now be two payments a year.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 21 September 2017 at 18:45, unless any pressing business arose before then.

Meeting closed at 19:40