

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
GUILDHALL AND MARKETS COMMITTEE,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD
ON TUESDAY, 19TH JULY 2011, STARTING AT 3 P.M.

Present:

Councillor S N H Wright, Chairman

Councillors:

Mrs S J Armes
Miss C A Fulford
T J Lamb

Mrs P P Quadling
D W R Sully

Officers in attendance: Town Manager
 Finance Manager

120/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C A Fulford declared a personal interest in item 123/11(a).

121/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor B J Skull

122/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee's meetings held on 14th June and 22nd June 2011, as received by the Council on 28th June under minutes 62/11(a) and 62/11(d) respectively, be confirmed as true records and signed//initialled by the Committee Chairman.

123/11 MARKET MATTERS

(a) Superintendence Arrangements

The Market Superintendent attended the meeting and gave a report to the Committee. One of the issues raised was that of cars parking on the Market Place overnight and then obstructing the setting up of the market stalls. The Committee agreed to look into providing better signage regarding no parking on Tuesdays/Saturdays.

RECOMMENDED that the Committee look into providing better signage.

There was a discussion regarding giving the market traders rules for taking holidays. It was agreed that there should be no charge for 4 markets for traders trading twice a week and no charge for 2 markets for traders trading once a week.

RECOMMENDED that the Finance Manager amend the terms and advise the traders accordingly.

The Market Superintendent then left the meeting and the Committee discussed the Market Superintendent's contract. It was agreed that the only alteration to the finances was that the 15% for the introduction of new stallholders to the Market would increase to 20% of the market toll for the first three months of trading and then revert to the 5% that applied to current market tolls.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Manager talk to the Market Superintendent regarding this proposal and report back to the Committee if he was not agreeable to the proposed change.

(b) Cleaning arrangements

The Committee discussed the three options:

- Continue with Roots and Routes providing the cleaning service.
- Discontinue the cleaning service, with traders being responsible for their own waste.
- Provide a large lock up bin for traders requiring a waste disposal service.

RECOMMENDED that the Council look into the cost of providing a large lockable bin situated behind the Guildhall. The Town Manager was asked to speak to the Market Superintendent, as he would be responsible for overseeing the traders using this bin.

124/11 ADDITIONAL ITEM: REQUESTED GUILDHALL FEE REDUCTION

The Finance Manager tabled a request from a business user of the Carnegie for a reduced fee.

RECOMMENDED that the Ceroc dance class organisers (classes held weekly on a Wednesday evening) be granted a concession, reducing their monthly charge from £141.66 plus VAT to £112.50 plus VAT.

Chairman