

DOWNHAM MARKET TOWN COUNCIL MARKETS STRATEGY GROUP
NOTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2020 AT 9:00AM

Due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic this meeting was held remotely by way of zoom videotelephony system.

‘To research, develop and promote the Markets being mindful of their historic evolution’

	Present: Cllrs Woodmin, Lightfoot, Hayes, Westrop, Sharman, Pickering, Town Clerk E Oliver	
1	<u>To receive Members apologies</u> Cllrs Groom Personal & Cllr Bully – personal/family	
2	<u>To receive any declarations of Interest</u> There were no such declarations	
3	<u>Agree the notes of the Market Strategy Meetings</u> The notes for the meeting of 21 st and 28 th September were agreed as below Proposed: Cllr Woodmin Seconded: Cllr Westrop All agreed	
4	<u>To discuss distribution and new licence</u> Cllr Woodmin reported that the licences had been distributed either by email, hand, or recorded delivery depending on the trader Knicat’s copy was posted through their door Read receipts were sent on the emails. It was agreed that the licence should be posted on the headliner part of the website The idea of having a separate website for the market was discussed. A lot of town just have a separate market page as part of their website. It was agreed to look at being able to apply and fill the application form online. Cllr Woodmin suggested that the stalls could go back to the wall and that she will mention this at full council. Cllr Hayes felt it would be important to demonstrate the rationale why things have changed with raising R rates and what mitigation had taken place to change this must be shown. Cllr Lightfoot felt that the walkway must be maintained. If the Govt announces that masks should be worn outside, the Ras must be updated. Cllr Lightfoot stated, and it was agreed, to wait and hear what the PM says today and be on standby if his announcements affect the market in anyway. The Market Officer oversees the market and must make sure traders have put their Covid precautions in place and it would be good to have feedback about how this is going. Cllr Hendry felt that we should not take on the police’s responsibility, the stallholders are not staff and they should be left to make their own decisions.	

	<p>Cllr Pickering reminded the meeting of how the burger van set up a chain fence to control her queue. The barrier went halfway across her stall and people would queue along the barrier.</p> <p>Cllr Hayes reported that NABMA say the market can only keep open if the precautions are in operation.</p> <p>Cllr Sharman reported that the emphasis should not be on one-person i.e. the Market Officer. He questioned what the Covid rangers are doing to make sure these things are done and felt they should support the Market Officer.</p> <p>However, it was noted the Market Officer is responsible for the market and stall holders say they will only take instruction from him.</p> <p>Referencing some emails from Cllr Lawson there was some very clear suggestions about how the market should run. It was also reported that social media had been very quiet in the last 72 hours</p> <p>A new waffle stall is due to attend the market on Saturday</p> <p>It was felt important that more sockets may be needed on both sides of the Town Hall and this should be budgeted for in next year's budget.</p> <p>Concern was raised that someone is taking the markets responsibility and stating traders need to contact her for a stall. This may be potential fraud and no authority has been given to anyone other than staff to run or manage the market. It was thought a press release may be a good idea and after taking legal advice a letter written asking for this to desist.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllrs Westrop, Sharman, and Lightfoot would look at a strategy for the market to take to the next the Full Council.</p> <p>Cllr Pickering still felt a local newsletter/magazine could be useful.</p> <p>It was reported that we are still awaiting to be contacted by the petition organiser.</p> <p>Cllr Hayes reported she has been invited to a meeting with the CEO of BCKLWN, Martin Chisholm and Justin Lewis representing market traders.</p> <p>It was thought that this invite should have been through the Legal Officer and Cllr Hayes will contact BCKLWN</p> <p>It was reported that we had agreed to have a poppy stall on the market. Cllr Sharman said on this occasion the RBL would be delighted to have any help to sell poppies. <i>It has since been reported that the RBL have decreed that tabletop sales are not going to be allowed.</i></p>	
8	<p>Date of next meeting: 2 weeks' time</p>	
	<p>SIGNED</p>	<p>DATE</p>