



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Markets Committee 21st June 2022, Sodbury Town Council Offices

Committee Members: Cllrs. Linda Banister, Alistair Gregson, Becky Romaine, Phil Rumney, Adrian Rush, Linda Rush & Andy Williams (Chair)

Present: Cllrs. Linda Banister, Becky Romaine, Phil Rumney, & Andy Williams

Town Clerk – Cate Davidson

Asst Clerk – Jackie Murley

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

1. To Appoint a Chairman of the Markets Committee

Cllr Banister nominated **Cllr Williams**; Cllr Romaine seconded the proposal. With no other nominations, **Cllr Williams** accepted and was duly elected as Chair of the Markets Committee.

2. To Appoint a Vice Chairman of the Markets Committee

Cllr Banister nominated herself. With no other nominations **Cllr Romaine** proposed **Cllr Banister** and Cllr Williams seconded the proposal. **Cllr Banister** was duly elected as Vice Chair of the Markets Committee.

3. Apologies

Received and accepted from Cllrs Adrian & Linda Rush. Cllr Gregson absent.

4. Declarations of Interest

None

5. Approval of Minutes of 26th April 2022

RESOLVED the minutes of the 26th April 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising

None to report

7. Income & Expenditure

Members noted the spend to date and the Clerk went through item by item. The electricity costs for the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) were noted as high and the matter was being investigated by the Chairman of the TIC.

The Clerk reported she was in receipt of a quote for refurbishment of the ladies toilet at £39,900 from Hill Project Management (HPM). Cllr Rumney confirmed he would

review the quotation and liaise with HPM. The matter would become an agenda item for July Full Council meeting.

Cllr Banister sought clarification on the SGC funding available for “*cleaning up High Streets*” and what had been agreed at June Full Council meeting. The Clerk confirmed suggestions were put forward to SGC for jet wash of flagstones on the pavement, cleaning of signage on the main roads and within the town and repairs to cobbled areas in the centre of the highway.

8. Christmas Trees

The Clerk reported she was in receipt of a quote for one large (8m) tree at £3,500 + VAT to be situated outside of the Spar and that further quotes were being sought by the supplier. In the light of the high cost of installing one tree and the associated works, it was **RESOLVED** to revert to 8 trees. With regard to lighting for the trees, members agreed to continue with existing lights due to concerns about a new system from Phil Tily (electrician).

9. Application for use of Market Pitchings

RESOLVED that the EAT Festival Licence be approved for an event on 10th September 2022.

With regard to a Tables and Chairs Licence for The Old Bank Hotel, the Clerk reported the Licence was awaited from SGC and if and when received would be referred to Full Council for consideration. She went on to say that she was in receipt of many e-mail complaints with regard to tables and chairs being situated outside of The Old Bank and Amigos and the taking up of parking spaces. It was also noted that Amigos were not fulfilling their Licence terms and conditions by leaving out benches overnight. Following discussion, Cllrs Banister and Williams confirmed they would visit the establishments and report back.

10. Items to Report

None

11. Date of next meeting : 6th September 2022 – The Old Reading Rooms