Minutes of the Meeting of the Markets Committee held in the Council's office, Settle Town Hall on Monday, 19 October 2015 at 7:00 pm. The public and press were invited and parishioner participation was at 3:00 pm.

Present: Cllrs Robinson (Chairman), Taylor, Catherwood, Cotton, the Clerk, Market Superintendent, Deputy Marker Superintendent

MC43 Apologies – Cllrs McLernon, Balsamini, Tyrer and Beesley.

MC44 To record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Declarations of other Interests – Cllr Cotton declared an interest in agenda item MC51in her position as Chairman of the Trustees of Victoria Hall

MC45 To co-opt all councillors onto the Markets Committee.

Recommendation: That all Councillors be co-opted members of the Markets Committee and the Standing Orders be amended accordingly.

MC46 Financial performance – update

Income and Expenditure to date were reported as follows:

Income comparison figures were reported on for previous years.

2013 £29062.25 2014 £28749.84

2015 Income £15831.50 Expenditure £9074.85 approx. to date

Recommendation: That these figures were noted and that there had been no significant change in 2013 and 2014. Income and expenditure were on budget.

MC47 To consider incentives to retain traders

The market superintendent reported on the loss of a regular long standing trader and that a number of older traders had intimated that they had no one to take over when they retired. Regular attendance was also an ongoing issue. Various suggestions were discussed.

Recommendation: 1) To implement an incentive scheme. The Market Superintendent was asked to produce a format for consideration at the Council meeting on 7th December 2015.

2) To survey the Market Traders about an incentive whereby payment in advance for 6/12 weeks attracted a reduction in rent.

MC48 To consider advertising and publicity

i) Signage – A65 – update

Recommendation: The Clerk to research the possibility of a permanent Market Sign in the field before The Courtyard on the A65 and further North on the A65.

ii) Programme for 2015-16 and agree the budget for recommendation to full council.

Recommendation: To set the advertising budget for the Market at £2500

MC49 Market Layout

Discussion took place about the possibility of altering the layout of the market as this had been suggested in emails and meetings with Market Staff and the Clerk by a nearby business owner overlooking the Market Place.

Recommendation: That the layout could not be altered to accommodate the changes proposed.

MC50 Market Place Policy and Document Review

i) Conditions of hire and tariff review

Recommendation: To receive a draft document for the next scheduled meeting of the Council in December.

MC51 Victoria Hall

i) Report on the meeting with Victoria Hall Trustees and the Manager

Recommendation: The agreement discussed at the meeting be rejected and an example of a suitable contract of hire be produced and sent to the Victoria Hall.

MC52 Correspondence

i) To consider any correspondence received relating to the market. **See agenda item MC49**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.16 pm