

**LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL**

**MARKETS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 2019 AT 1030 HOURS**

Present: Councillors      J M Freeman  
                                     G Perham (Chair)  
                                     D Bowater  
                                     C Chambers  
                                     R Berry  
                                     M Freeman  
                                     P Snelling  
                                     V Harvey (substituting R Goodchild)  
                                     A Dodwell (substituting T Morris)  
                                     F Kharawala (substituting K Cursons)

Also in attendance:      M Saccoccio, Town Clerk  
                                     V Cannon (Head of Cultural and Economic  
                                     Services)  
                                     A Harrison (Market Manager)  
                                     M Jahn (Committee Officer)  
                                     Dave Gibbins (Market Trader Representative)  
                                     left meeting at 11:10 hours)

Members of the Public:    0  
Members of the Press:     0

**10/MK    APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor R Goodchild (substituted by Councillor V Harvey), Councillor T Morris (substituted by Councillor F Kharawala), Councillor K Cursons (substituted by Councillor A Dodwell) and Peter Elmore, Market Trader Representative.

**11/MK    DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were asked to declare any interests, including the nature of those interests, which they had in any of the items under consideration at this meeting. No declarations were made.

**12/MK    QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public.

**13/MK    MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Sub-Committee received the draft minutes of the previous meeting, held on 23 May 2019 for consideration.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Markets Sub-Committee meeting held**

on 23 May 2019 be approved as a correct record and were signed accordingly.

#### **14/MK MARKET POLICY UPDATES**

The Sub-Committee received and considered a report regarding the Adverse Weather Policy and Disclaimer.

Since the relaunch of the Market in September 2017, the market had been forced to close on six occasions, as it was deemed hazardous to erect and operate from market structures. Some traders chose to trade at the market despite these conditions, which had prompted the Town Council to amend the Adverse Weather Policy and Disclaimer to offer clarity to all who have an interest in the market. The revised policy provided market traders with choices and had been approved by the Town Council's insurer as appropriate in terms of risk management.

After lengthy discussion the Sub Committee voted to adopt the Adverse Weather Policy with one wording amendment from Yellow Weather Warning to Amber Weather Warning, with one objection from Councillor Harvey and an abstention from Councillor Snelling.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (a) To recommend to Policy and Finance Committee to adopt the Adverse Weather Policy with amended wording from Yellow Weather warning to Amber Weather warning attached at Appendix A**
- (b) To recommend to Policy and Finance Committee to endorse the Disclaimer as attached at Appendix B.**
- (c) To endorse the recommended policy changes as set out.**

#### **15/MK MARKET GENERAL UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee received an update report on market activity including information on delivery against market plan targets, trader recruitment and promotion, environmental ambitions for the market, on-going highway maintenance and marketing of the market.

The Sub Committee agreed the Environmental Ambitions adopted by Council on 24 June 2019 were positive in raising awareness and encouraged the use of appropriate materials within the market with traders and members of the public.

The Sub Committee wanted to recognise the award given during 2019 International Love Your Local Market campaign where Leighton Buzzard was awarded the 2019 Facebook Champion in England. The National Association of British Markets Authorities (NABMA) said '*Leighton Buzzard Market shared engaging posts about their market traders, visitors and events throughout*

*LYLM2019. The content shared on their page showcased the beauty of Leighton Buzzard Market in its entirety'.*

A question was raised regarding the expectation for growth since the relaunch and what the long-term vision for the market would be.

After discussion Councillor Harvey wanted it noted she was unhappy with the way the meeting had been conducted and progressed.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

**16/MK BUDGET REPORT**

The Sub-Committee received a budget report for April to June 2019.

**RESOLVED to note the report with one abstention from Councillor V Harvey.**

The meeting closed at 11:36 hours.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 AUGUST 2019.

Chair

21 NOVEMBER 2019