

DOWNHAM MARKET TOWN COUNCIL MARKETS STRATEGY GROUP
NOTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 29th JUNE 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 Westrop, Horne, Lightfoot, McKee, Woodmin, Groom, Bulley Hayes, Pickering, Hendry, Daymond, Sharman Woodmin Elaine Oliver Town Clerk	
1	<u>To receive Members’ apologies</u> No apologies received	
2	<u>To receive any declarations of Interest</u> No declarations made	
3	<p><u>Review of Market Operation 10/7/20 and ongoing</u></p> <p>Friday 10th July market – The Clerk confirmed distancing can be one metre plus (with additional safeguards like hand sanitisers and masks) or two metres. It was also stated that we could open up the Clock Square as well.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed at length the pros and cons and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess how many stalls wish to attend, then make the social distancing plan based on what we should be doing, including putting in place a one-way system. • That based on who wishes to attend we arrange the distancing according to ‘current guidelines’ rather than dwell on 1m plus and 2 metres. • Opening/trading hours and days: Friday and Sat agreed at 8am – 4pm subject to consultation with the traders. All traders should stick to the agreed finish time, although severe weather might need some flexibility decided on the day in conjunction with the office and Phoenix Security. • Phoenix Security be asked to continue to supervise the market for at least the first few weeks. 	
4	<p><u>Discussion of Zoom meeting with traders</u></p> <p>Cllrs discussed the nature of the current trader licences and how the Council might move towards drawing up and agreeing new terms and conditions. They discussed a consultation with the traders.</p> <p>Cllr Woodmin agreed that the traders would be consulted on the new terms and conditions.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the list of traders and the Clerk agreed to arrange invitations to the Traders’ zoom meeting, including traders who have traded once or twice or who have expressed interest in joining the market.</p> <p>Cllrs concluded that the stall that with its licence revoked would not be invited to the traders meeting. This would apply to all the partners.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Sharman asked about the one trader one product issue. Cllr Woodmin confirmed that the aim is to open this up. The Clerk confirmed no existing document contains this clause and that competition law might impact on our decision on this.</p> <p>The Clerk suggested a strict agenda for the trader's meeting and for Cllrs to be very clear about the messages they are trying to get across. Agreed.</p> <p>It was agreed that the issue of the licence revocation be addressed briefly as well as the language some traders have been using on social media and in person. A zero tolerance on abuse against staff/Cllrs should be underlined. The aim should be to look to the future rather than dwell on what has happened over the last few weeks.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed the rules of attendance at the zoom meeting and how it will be managed with questions being answered after the meeting if appropriate.</p> <p>A brief update amongst Cllrs just prior to the traders meeting was agreed.</p>	
5	<p>Future actions To be agreed following the trader's meeting</p>	
6	<p>Date of next meeting: To be agreed.</p>	
	<p>SIGNED</p>	<p>DATE</p>