



Sleaford Town Council
Culture, Events and Markets Panel
Notes and Report of Meeting – 14th June 2017
10.30am to 12.00pm

Panel members present:

Councillor Anthony Brand
Councillor John Charlesworth
Councillor Heather Lorimer
Councillor Jan Mathieson
Councillor Adrian Snookes

Meeting and Panel supported by the Office Manager

Councillor Anthony Brand informed the Panel that he would be making an audio recording of the meeting (which can be found on the website under <http://www.sleaford.gov.uk/audio/Culture%20Panel%2014June17.mp3>) and that other Councillors would be welcome to attend any of the meetings, although they would not be able to vote and make recommendations to Full Council.

1. Report from the meeting held on 1st June 2017

No comments were received. The Panel accepted the report.

2. Christmas Market

Councillor Anthony Brand briefed the Panel that Councillor Jan Brealeycook had resigned from this Panel. After discussion, it was agreed that Full Council be informed that there are two potential new Councillors who would be welcome to lead the Christmas Market if they so wished and other Councillors not on the Panel are welcome to be a part of the Christmas Market.

3. Future of Markets

It was noted that Councillors Anthony Brand and Adrian Snookes are the Market liaison Councillors with NKDC. A third member will be required and the Panel will wait until there are more Panel members.

Councillor John Charlesworth went through his research of Sleaford and Markets, with information dating back to the 1100s. Councillor Heather Lorimer offered to visit the LCC's archives with Councillor David Suiter.

The Clerk be asked to prompt a Market meeting with NKDC.

Discussion followed on the idea of themed Markets, such as Valentine's Markets, Mid Summer Markets, Teen Markets, Lincolnshire Day Markets, Harvest Festival Markets and Bric a Brac Markets.

There was also discussion on the location of the Market and future ideas included Eastgate Car Park, the Precinct, Boston Road Recreation Ground and Money's Yard.

Councillor Adrian Snookes to be the lead for the Markets and to bring information to the next Panel meeting regarding 'Market Trader', a business who attends Markets around the country with their own market stalls and goods.

4. Town Hall – Events

Discussion took place on gift ideas that could be presented on twinning exchanges. A bronze or resin roundel, similar to ones recently installed around Sleaford to be looked into.

The Office Manager updated the Panel on the Town Hall room bookings and the upcoming block bookings. The 'Local Lincs' publication to be asked for costs of advertising the Town Hall and other STC related items. Councillor Heather Lorimer to ask the Volunteer Centre to contact the Office Manager, so that details can be sent to them on room hire.

An item to be put on the next Panel agenda for the possibility of a quarterly newsletter to be produced.

Councillor Jan Mathieson expressed her ideas for coffee and networking mornings, to be held at the Town Hall. Local organisations and charities to be included in this.

Recommendation to Full Council: The Panel eagerly encourage Full Council and the HR Panel to facilitate greater use and income of the Town Hall by means and mechanism of evening/weekend use.

5. Skate Park

The Panel discussed arranging an official opening of the Skate Park at Boston Road Recreation Ground, which would be held on a Saturday in August. Ideas included the teenage skateboarders being invited to display their skills at the event – Councillor John Charlesworth to look into this. A picnic – Councillor Jan Mathieson to speak to the Lions and Lioness Clubs. Ex Town Councillor Garry Titmus to be part of the invitation list.

6. Establishing a timeline for the Plan of Action

The Office Manager to put a plan of action together, ready for the next Panel meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th July at 10.30am.