



Sleaford Town Council
Culture, Events and Markets Panel
Notes and Report of Meeting – 12th June 2019
10.00am to 12 Noon

Panel members present:

Councillor Linda Edwards-Shea
Councillor Paul Edwards-Shea
Councillor John Parry
Councillor Cara Sandy
Councillor Adrian Snookes

Also present: A regular Market Trader.

Meeting and Panel supported by the Deputy Clerk and Administration Officer (SG).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pole.

2. Election of Panel Lead

Councillors L Edwards-Shea and C Sandy were both nominated for the position of Panel Lead.

After receiving the majority of the votes, Councillor L Edwards-Shea was elected as Panel Lead for the Culture, Events and Markets Panel for 2019 to 2020.

3. Sleaford Market

Councillor L Edwards-Shea welcomed the Market Trader to the meeting and invited him to put over his views and ideas. The Panel also discussed a letter that had been received from NKDC regarding moving the location of the Market.

Ideas were put forward and discussed. The Panel then proposed that a letter of reply be sent to NKDC explaining that the Town Council are now going to pursue the location of the Market Place and will possibly focus on just keeping the Friday and Monday Markets, plus the monthly Farmers Market. A Working Group will be set up to find a way forward, which will include looking at the facilities and services for traders.

Recommendation to Full Council: that a Working Group be set up to move the Market forward and to ask approval for a letter to be sent in response to NKDC.

The Market Trader was thanked for his contribution to the meeting and for his loyalty to the Market.

4. Terms of Reference

The Panel Lead refreshed members of the Culture, Events and Markets Panel Terms of Reference which have recently been approved by Council. It was reiterated that the Panel is purely advisory and make recommendations to Full Council. The Terms of Reference were noted.

5. De-brief of Recent Events

The Panel received a report regarding recent events which had been held. These were the St George's Day Market, Love Your Local Market events and the Town Crier Competition.

All agreed that the events held at the Town Hall attract traders, mainly because indoor stalls and electric are provided.

The St George's Day Market is an annual event which is always successful. The Love Your Local Market event could be held again next year and although only one new trader booked on to take part, more traders might be interested next year if the regular Market has changed. Councillor Snookes informed the Panel that the Town Crier Competition went well despite the weather and the Sleaford Town Crier will be approaching the Town Council to request another event next year.

Councillor Sandy left the room at 11.15am and returned shortly afterwards.

6. 1940s Day Event on 22nd June 2019

The Panel went through the planning sheet for this event. The Deputy Clerk explained to Councillors that there is no requirement for Councillors to help at this event as there will be two members of the services team on duty at the beginning and the end, plus the new Caretaker will be at the event all afternoon. The Deputy Clerk encouraged Councillors to come along to the event and enjoy the day.

7. Car Boot Sales

The Panel received a report which contained a request from some of the charities holding the Car Boot Sales in Eastgate Car Park, for the timings to be changed. The Car Boot Sales are currently held from 8.00am to 1.00pm but the footfall appears to be from 10.30am, possibly due to shops being open from that time. After discussion, the Panel agreed that the three Car Boot Sales remaining for 2019 be held from 11.00am to 2.00pm. The charities to be informed and the posters to be changed to reflect this.

8. Scheduled Future Meeting Dates

The Panel received a list of scheduled future meeting dates. After discussion, it was felt that holding the meetings on Tuesdays at 1.00pm would be better suited to some of the Panel members. A list of revised dates would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

9. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 1.00pm on Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

The meeting finished at 12 Noon.