

# **MINUTES OF THE CIVIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2014**

## **PRESENT**

The Mayor – Councillor Swift  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Adams  
Councillor Davies  
Councillor Harper  
Councillor Hart  
Councillor Jones  
Councillor Rogers  
Councillor Wood

### **1.14. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:  
Councillor Deaville  
Councillor Ellsum  
Councillor Gibson  
Councillor Hall  
Councillor Jackson  
Councillor Whilding

## **2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The Mayor called for nominations for Chair of the Civic Committee. Councillor Hart nominated Councillor Davies, Councillor Harper seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Councillor Davies was elected as Chair. Councillor Davies nominated Councillor Rogers for Vice Chair, seconded by Councillor Adams. There were no other nominations and Councillor Rogers was elected as Vice Chair.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations: none were declared
- b Other Interests: none were declared

## **4. MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Committee held on 8 April 2013.

## **5. REMEMBRANCE GARDEN AT THE TOWN HALL**

This item was deferred to the next meeting, as the quotes had not been received.

## **6. ARTISAN MARKET**

The Chair reported that the last market had been great: good volunteers and wonderful weather and range of stalls. Thanks to all who helped. The volunteers are still highly valued; we can't operate without them at present. The Chair said that he had asked for an audit of each market to see how sustainable it was, to see if we can afford to pay more for stall erection.

Councillor Hart said that we did have plans to expand – would it be more attractive if we had more stalls? The Chair said that the best way was to encourage people to bring their own gazebos and that the road closure was for the larger area now, so we would be able to expand.

The Chief Officer presented the Marker Organiser's idea to offer a concession to those who introduced another stall holder. All were in favour of this and similar incentives. The Chair added that we need to keep the advertising up and work on incentives. We would finish in December this year and start again in April, as the indoor market did not give the right impression over the winter months.

## **7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- a The Chair invited the Mayor to address the meeting. There was currently some confusion with vehicles' sat navs and Station Road. HGVs are getting stuck/having to reverse and creating very dangerous situations. The Mayor suggested that it would help to re-name Station Road North and South. This wouldn't affect the postcodes, but could help the situation. All were in favour of asking for the re-signing.
- b The Wharf Road car park steps party wall problems were ongoing and two of the landowners now wish to appoint their own surveyors, at our cost. The total would be £4336 + VAT over and above the cost of the construction works. It was suggested to ask the District Council officer to go back to the brewery concerned and explain that only a small area of their boundary would be involved – not whole path. The Chair felt that we seem to have no alternative but to agree, if we want the scheme to continue.  
It was Moved to write to the two companies involved (copied to their CEOs) to say how we are trying to improve their access and goodwill. There could be a need in the future to close the steps/access if the work is not done.
- c Regarding the street lighting scheme, there had been an unfortunate catalogue of events, with wrong items being sent and lack of manpower with the contractors, but work should recommence shortly.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed ..... Date .....