

**RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING of the RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**Held 7.00 p.m. 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in the Mayor's Parlour, Richmond Town Hall**

PRESENT: Councillors: J. Robinson (Chair)  
J. Steggle  
C. World  
O. Blease  
B. Heap

In attendance: Town Clerk: Miles Templeton

**1 Apologies:**

Councillors Lord and McGarry.

**2 Public Open Session:**

There were no members of the public present

**3 Declarations of Interest and Lobbying**

As and when

**4 Update from Chairman**

The Vice-Chairman had no update to bring before the meeting.

**5 Markets Update:**

Councillor World stated that the recent spells of very bad weather had had a great impact upon the markets. Since early November there had been fewer traders, less revenue and less public attending the markets. The craft fairs had also been badly hit. Thanks were given to Carricks, Mariners, Steeples, and Mainsgill for keeping the outdoor market active and special thanks were also given to Glen Petty who had staffed the outdoor market during this difficult time. It was agreed that the indoor market could operate until 4.00 pm on Monday to Thursday during the winter months and until 4.30 pm on Monday to Thursday during the summer months. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday and on Bank Holidays the indoor market would close at 5.00 pm during the whole year. Thanks were given to Andy Macey who had produced a leaflet publicising the indoor market and its traders. The web pages for the indoor market were nearly ready and these would be up and running during January. Consideration was given to a request to bring the Farmers Market into the Outdoor Market rather than them having their own location. After some discussion it was agreed not to press ahead with this idea but to leave things as they are. It was also noted that there was a requirement to relocate some of the outdoor market stalls and this would be actioned by Glen Petty on the day. The Town Clerk stated that an approach had been made by a company desirous of bringing a continental market onto the Market Place. He was asked to negotiate with this company to ensure that this took place. The Antiques Market was nearly full in January and already full for February. The Town Clerk agreed to arrange for the production of the name boards for indoor market traders and to arrange for the replacement of the outdoor market signs.

Councillor World noted that consideration would need to be given to the rates for the indoor market rents from January 2012. At this stage he was minded to recommend that, due to the harsh economic climate, rent should be reduced during Monday to Thursday.

**6 Town Clerk's update on progress of Resolutions from October meeting.**

The Town Clerk stated that all of the actions which he took in the November meeting had been progressed to conclusion.

**Proposed:** Councillor Robinson

**Seconded:** Councillor Heap

**RESOLVED: That the Meeting move into Private Session**

**In Private**

**7 Contracts and Invoices**

The Town Clerk had received some quotes for the repairs to the allotment fencing and he was asked to arrange for one further quote to be provided.

**8 2011/12 Precept Matters**

The Town Clerk stated that he had circulated the draft precept figures to all councillors and that a meeting would soon be arranged for these figures to be discussed in detail.

**9 Norwegian and French Twinning Boards**

The Town Clerk stated that he had received two quotes for these boards to be produced and he was awaiting others.

**10 Staffing Matters**

There was nothing to discuss under this item

**Proposed:** Councillor Robinson

**Seconded:** Councillor Heap

**RESOLVED: That the meeting move out of Private Session.**

The meeting concluded at 7.50 pm.