

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING of the RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Held 7.00 p.m. 8th November 2010 in the Mayor's Parlour, Richmond Town Hall

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

In attendance: Town Clerk: Miles Templeton

1 Apologies:

Councillor 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 Chairman had no update to bring before the meeting.

5 Markets Update:

Councillor World opened by stating that one of the indoor market traders had recently had her 89th birthday and he asked if the Mayor could write to her, personally, expressing his congratulations to her. Councillor World reported that the indoor market stalls on Firework night had all been taken and they been attractively decorated. There was a large number of public attending the Market after the event.

Proposed: Councillor World **Seconded:** Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: That £50 be made available for the purchase of Christmas decorations for the indoor market.

Councillor World reported that there appeared to be an increase in the number of people visiting the indoor market and some of them had stated that they were visiting the market because they had heard the advert on Fresh Radio. The Christmas market is to be held on December 23rd (outdoor) and on December 23rd and 24th (indoor). This event would need to be advertised on Fresh Radio and in the press from two weeks beforehand. Stall holders would be asked if they would like to attend the market daily between December 12th and 23rd and preference for this would be given to those stallholders who had the best attendance record.

Proposed: Councillor World

Seconded: Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: That the Market Hall be closed on December 25th and 26th and reopen at 09.00 am on December 27th and that the Indoor and Outdoor Markets be closed on January 1st 2011.

Councillor World added that there was still a waiting list for the indoor market on Saturdays and that Friday was also very popular. Regarding the outdoor market, Councillor World stated that two new traders had recently started and that now that the various village shows had finished it was likely that more traders would seek to trade on Richmond outdoor market. He reported that the replacement electric boxes had recently been produced and delivered to the Council and that arrangements for these to be fitted would now be made. The Craft Fair was also well attended by traders and the Antique Fair was full. A press release for the Antique fair was necessary and the Town Clerk agreed to liaise with Councillor Hignett to produce this. The Town Clerk stated that he was currently training the Town Hall keeper so that he could develop the Market pages of the Town Council website. A market trader had recently approached Councillor World with a suggestion that a Food and Drink Fair could be held in Richmond during September 2011. The trader stated that contacts for potential traders who might support this venture could be provided. It was agreed that the potential for this event would be explored nearer the time. Councillor World closed by stating just how hard all of the Town Hall keepers had worked this summer in order to make the markets a success.

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 October meeting had been progressed to conclusion.

Proposed: Councillor Lord

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED: That the Meeting move into Private Session

In Private

Councillor Lord reported that the trader who acted as Market Representative had indicated a desire to resign from the post and the Town Clerk was asked to write to this person thanking them for their past efforts. It was further stated that the Mayor should put his signature to this letter.

7 Contracts and Invoices

The Town Clerk reported that the Fridge in the Town Hall needed to be replaced and he was asked if he could arrange for this to be done, if possible by favouring local businesses.

The Town Clerk stated that he had had some discussions with the provider of the Mayoral Transport regarding rates for local events.

Proposed: Councillor Lord

Seconded: Councillor Heap

RESOLVED : The rates requested for the provision of Mayoral Transport be applied on a rolling monthly contract and then consideration be given towards tendering for the service once the current driver had recovered from a bout of ill health.

Proposed: Councillor Lord

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED : That the Richmond Markets be advertised in the Brompton-on-Swale Caravan Park Welcome Guide and a half page advert be taken for this.

8 Precept Matters

Councillor World reported on a number of possible options that might be considered in order to upgrade the Market Hall. One of these may require a public works loan.

Proposed: Councillor Lord **Seconded:** Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED : That the Town Clerk investigate the current cost of a public works loan.

Proposed: Councillor Lord **Seconded:** Councillor Heap

RESOLVED: That the meeting move out of Private Session.

The meeting concluded at 8.05 pm.