

**FULL COUNCIL**

**Date: 27 September 2022**

**Title: Use of the Market House**

**Purpose of Report**

Members to consider requests to use the Market House outside of normal Market operating times.

**Recommendation:**

Members resolve to approve the Funky Flying Bazaar and Cottage Flowers requests to use the Market House outside normal market operating hours and to delegate to officers' authority to manage any future requests as being a management function of the council.

**Background:**

1. Officers have received requests from two traders who wish to use the Market House outside of the normal Market days.
2. The Funky Flying Bazaar have previously held two markets on additional days outside the normal operating market hours. Members were notified by email of these days of operation as it was considered that they fell under the delegated authority given to officers for the management of the Market.
3. Having received feedback from the public and the market traders, they have been of great success with the additional markets having been welcomed by residents. The fees that they were charged were based on the current market fees.

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4. The rationale for bringing these requests is because members have in the past stipulated that on Saturday's the Market House should be made available for community based events and charity stalls. This ruling means that frequently the Market House is left vacant when it could be used as a way to encourage people into the town centre.
5. Funky Flying Bazaar would like to hold a market in early December. Officers are asking Members to consider lifting the restriction of only allowing charities and not-for-profit organisations to use the Market House on Saturdays. The Council at present have one booking, confirmed for the 10th of December for Wiveliscombe Town Band.
6. Cottage Flowers "POP UPS" would like to use the Market House on Fridays. The dates requested are Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December

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2022 in order for them to hold a “Pop up” flower shop. It is suggested that they be charged in accordance with the current market fees.

7. Members resolve to approve the two businesses requests received for using the Market House outside normal market operating hours and to delegate to officers' authority to manage any future requests as being a management function of the council.

**Allison Brown**  
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