

A meeting of the Resources Committee was held on Tuesday 5 December 2017 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster on the rising of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee at 8.25pm

Present

Chair: Cllr P Burton,

Councillors: Cllr D Belobaba, Cllr J Dewick, Cllr J Fagan, Cllr J Fowler, Cllr M James, Cllr V Keitch, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr R Swann and Cllr T Walker

**In attendance** Miss J Norris (Town Clerk) and Mrs D Speed (Deputy Clerk)

3 members of the public were present at the meeting.

**R153. Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mackillop.

**R154. Declarations of Interest**

Councillors made Declarations of Interest as detailed in the table below.

Name	Agenda Item	Minute No	Nature of Interest	Type of Interest	Action
Valerie Keitch	No 4	R157	Representative on Fair Trade Committee	Personal	Spoke & voted
Phillip Burton	No 4	R157	Representative on Fair Trade Committee	Personal	Spoke & voted
Drew Belobaba	No 7	R156	Proprietor of a business in the Town	Personal	Spoke & voted

**R155. Minutes**

**RESOLVED**

- (i) That the minutes of the Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.
- (ii) To note the action list relating to the Resources Committee

With the consent of the Meeting Agenda No 7 was taken next  
Went out of session at 8.30pm for Members of the Public to Speak  
The speaker required more information about what the agenda item  
Back into session at 8.31pm

## Iminster Town Council

### R156. Review of Market Trade Policy

The Town Clerk gave a presentation about the background to the weekly market. The Market is a general Market with a mixture of Stall holders selling both products and services.

The current Market Conditions had been circulated.

A complaint from a local business owner had been received by the Council complaining that he did not feel services should be offered in the Market. A petition was also received but failed to comply with the Town Council's Petitions scheme.

Out of session 8.37

#### **Speaker 1**

There are enough customers to support both a Market and Town Barber as well as other hairdressers in the Town. Market barber often has a queue and will direct waiting customers to the Town Barber shop.

#### **Speaker 2**

As a new comer to Iminster he was pleased by the variety of shops. Recognised the Market is a traditional feature of the Town. He enjoys the local produce on sell but thought a mobile barber unnecessary as there is plenty of provision in the Town. Worried about pop up traders provided other services and on other days than Market day. Revenue generated by holding the Market to the Council was not great. Were the Councils own rules on size of pitch adhered to?

#### **Speaker 3**

Felt there had been enough trade for both barbers when Market Barber had been restricted to previous Market opening times. He had found support from other traders who had signed a petition asking for their views to be taken into consideration when decisions regarding the Market are made. These businesses include other Hairdressers in the Town.

Trading is unfair due to low Market fees and overheads experienced by local businesses.

Sunday trading has affected the number of customers during the week.

The mobile barber's vehicle does not look good and spoils the beautiful town.

The Town Barber's costs to trade in the Town are a lot and he is thinking of leaving.

Back into session 8.49pm

Matters discussed in consideration of the provision of services and selling of goods in the weekly market:

- No regulations have been broken by the Mobile Barber either by trading at the weekly Market or by trading on a Sunday.
- The extension of Market trading hours was to benefit all the traders.
- Background information on other Markets in South Somerset and beyond was requested.
- The provision of services at a Market was through a loop hole.
- It is possible the 2002 Competitions Act should be taken into consideration as any decision the Council make could be illegal under this act.

**RESOLVED** to defer the item to another meeting when further information is available. The Market would continue trading under its present conditions in the meantime.

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### R157. Grant Applications

The Councillors considered the following grant applications:

- a) Iminster Fair Trade's request to create and maintain a Schools Resources Box

**RESOLVED** to offer £200 to Iminster Fair Trade. Fund to come from Community Engagement budget.

- b) Sunny-Ile Pre-school's request for funds towards the purchase of new sun shades for their outdoor area.

**RESOLVED** to refuse a grant

### R158. Financial Comparison.

Information was received about the Resources Committee, income, expenditure and commitments compared with the 2017/18 budget.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that Financial comparison were introduced so Councillors could monitor how much they spent against the Budget for that year.

### R159. Budget 2018/19

Councillors considered the 2018/19 budget and items that they may wish to include.

- (i) £20,000 for Neighbourhood Plan
- (ii) Review grants pot
- (iii) Set aside money for marketing possible services to be provided by Open Spaces team
- (iv) Funds for relocation of office accommodation £10,000
- (v) The Recreation Ground is an under used facility and could be used to provide income for the Town Council
- (vi) Consider how to invest the Town Council's income due to continuing low bank interest rates.

### R160. Staffing Update

The Town Clerk gave an oral report on general staffing matters.

- (i) Cllr Burton was considering a process for recruiting a new Senior Open Spaces Warden. Advert would be out before Christmas.
- (ii) The Apprentice had met with his tutor and she is happy with his progress and feels sure he will complete the course.

The meeting closed 9.40pm