

## NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Markets Committee held on Monday 05 July 2010 at 10.00 am at the Town Council Cottage Front Street Newbiggin.**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors: L Anderson (Chairperson)

M Cholerton

Officer: D Earl – Town Clerk

### **MC01/10 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor L Anderson be appointed Chairperson of the Committee.

### **MC02/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors M Peden and W Rogers.

### **MC03/10 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no interests to be declared.

### **MC04/10 TRIAL FARMERS' MARKETS**

The Town Council had approved investigations into establishing a Farmers' Market to benefit the regeneration of Newbiggin and had granted delegated powers to the Committee to make the arrangements for trial markets during the summer.

Discussions had taken place with representatives of Northumberland County Council; NEEFM the North East England Farmers' Markets organisation and consultation with retail traders in the town.

It was felt that this initiative could make a positive contribution to regeneration of the town centre area and attract visitors to local businesses and attractions. It was considered that two trial markets should be arranged for Saturdays in August and September so that the outcomes could be monitored and evaluated.

Arrangements would be made to advertise the events and seek appropriate traders for a Farmers' Market with assistance from the county

council and NEEFM. It was hoped that local traders would also support the advertising to provide a feature for the town.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1) **Trial Farmers' Markets be arranged for Saturday 14 August and Saturday 11 September 2010 between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm at the Quay wall/Piazza area;**
- 2) **The Town Clerk make arrangements to advertise the events.**

**MC05/10 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act relating to personal financial and business affairs.

**MC06/10 SERVICES AND COSTS**

In order to undertake the trial markets a service was required from Northumberland County Council in particular to provide deliver and erect suitable stalls and to assist in establishing the farmers' market. NCC was operating markets nearby at Blyth and Morpeth and had confirmed that it would be able to supply the necessary expertise and equipment.

Quotations had been provided for the costs of providing employees travel and transport and the hire of stalls and these were considered to be reasonable and within the budget allocation.

**RESOLVED: that the quotations for the necessary services be accepted from NCC at a cost of £450 per day.**

**MC/07/10 CHARGES**

Consideration was given to the charges to be levied for stallholders at the trial markets taking account of charges made elsewhere in the region. Members felt that an introductory rate should be applied for the two trial markets to attract traders to a new venture that was untried in the town.

**RESOLVED: that introductory charges of £25 for a pitch and stall or £10 for a pitch only be agreed for each trial date.**

Signed by the Chairperson: .....

Date:.....