

COLNE MARKET PANEL MEETING
HELD: MONDAY 8th MAY 2017
VENUE: GRANNY'S CAFÉ - COLNE MARKET

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ian Varley-Market Manager

Traders attending;

Maureen Hardacre – Glamo

Karen Riley –The pet stop

Michael Maybury – Farm shop

Wendy Collinson Chris Blacoe – Collinsons deli

Shaunie Varney Alan Craddock – Saintz Dragons

Jade Wolstenholme – Fortress of Solitude

Apologies received from Dorothy Lord, Tony Brown, Craig Edwards & Kathryn Pana

The meeting opened at 4:30pm.

1 Introductions: Ian Varley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Matters Arising:

Michael was asked the present status of the traders account, he informed everyone that all paperwork had been completed and was ready to be handed back to the bank.

Michael also confirmed that the money was to be used to fund future events etc. to promote the market

3 SUMMER 2017 :

Shaunie and Jade informed every one of their idea to do a take on the comicon event on 1st July 2016. They intend to do a raffle and tombola, to have superhero cardboard cut-outs, children to do a comic competition and design a superhero, with the money for prizes to come from traders fund there will be a nominal charge on some events all to go back in the traders fund. They also request that traders could possibly dress up.

Summer Food Festival Maureen suggested the food stalls could possibly do meat packs or veg packs along with menu cards. Samples of food could possibly be available.

4 REPORTS RE EASTER EVENT:

All traders reported that the Easter events brought trade into the market.

Traders asked that Naomi Crewe was told of their appreciation for all her efforts at organising events and making sure traders were filled in on all details.

5 OPENING HOURS:

Michael asked that opening hours be addressed, the number of stalls not open for 9am has a bad effect on footfall, it was felt that people came in early to find stalls closed and so went elsewhere to shop. It was also suggested that footfall was so bad after 4pm that maybe trading hours needed to be changed. Also traders only opening on certain days was again thought to be bad for the market. It was suggested that for 2 weeks from May 15th traders would keep a tally of customers they had after 4pm, Ian would then collect and collate the figures ready for the next meeting. Ian would also start a log of traders open and close times. It was felt that traders could possibly open Tuesday mornings, but that

everyone would have to agree. Wendy commented that what little trade done on Tuesday morning have actually fallen and the two food stalls used the time for preparation of their stalls for the trading week.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Children running around the market on Saturdays and during school holidays are a concern and that they are putting people off shopping in the market. It was also a health and safety issue in that they were causing a risk to people nearly falling over them.

Ian to inform staff to be aware and also he ask that all traders who bring their own children into the market hall do look after them.

**The meeting closed at 5:30pm.
NEXT MEETING 5TH JUNE 2017**