

COLNE MARKET PANEL MEETING
HELD: MONDAY 27th March 2017
VENUE: GRANNY'S CAFÉ - COLNE MARKET

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:

Market Management: Steven Reed (Nelson Market manager, Liberata) Ian Varley (Market Manager – Liberata),

Traders attending.

Maureen Hardacre, Glamourice glmouricecolne@gmail.com

Derinda Britton, Granny's Kitchen

Chris Blacoe (Collinson's Deli)

Emma & Craig Edwards, Toy Emporium.

Karen Riley, Pet Stop

Shauna Withnell, Saint'z Dragon

Jade Wolstenholme, The Fortress of Solitude

Cllr Dorothy Lord. Chairperson.

Ashley Sutcliffe, Colne town council.

Apologies received from Tony Brown, Michael Maybury & Kathryn Pana

MINUTES TAKEN BY STEVEN REED.

The meeting opened at 4:30pm.

1. **Introductions Dorothy Lord** welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Minutes:** No minutes from previous meeting.
3. **2017 Events:** Karen informed the meeting that she was approached by Naomi regarding the food festival. She was asked if the market could be open later, 6-7pm, so public have access to the market and to toilet facilities. Traders at the meeting agreed it would be a good idea, however it needs to be all traders staying open. This will be discussed at a later date.

Easter: Craig asked if the traders fund could be used to purchase a banner to advertise. All agree it is a good idea.

Chris asked about switching names on the Santander account. Maureen was asked if she would become a signatory and she agreed.

Ian informed the group that he had secured funding for Easter and asked the group how they would like to see it spent. Craig suggested a free craft event and free cup drinks for kids to try and draw customers in. Karen suggested a colouring competition as that had been done in the past and went down well. Karen also suggested that if there were any empty units available, maybe kids could do the colouring in there.

Ian suggested that the group have a think about how to use the money.

4. **Any Other Business.** Chris asked about the corridor downstairs, he said that access is very difficult due to the way things like trolleys are stored and that it blocks fire exits. Ian pointed out that the market wouldn't evacuate through the exits downstairs, however it was noted that trader need to have more consideration when using and storing trolleys. The fire risk assessments have been done with no issues raised.

Craig asked if the garages at the back of the market could be used for advertising space. Dorothy to e-mail Colne area committee.

Ian advised the meeting that the display area is available from 18th April after Easter. It was suggested that some sort of shelving be sourced so as to display goods in a better way.

- 5. Date of next meeting:** A date Monday 8th May 2017 was suggested as the next meeting. It was also suggested that further meetings take place at 4:30pm

The meeting closed at 5:30pm.