

COLNE MARKET PANEL MEETING
HELD: MONDAY 15th January 2018
VENUE: GRANNY'S CAFÉ - COLNE MARKET

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:

Market Manager - Ian Varley

Market Traders attending - Maureen Hardacre, Karen Riley, Michael Maybury, Wendy Collinson, Chris Blacoe, Shauna, Jade Wolstenholme, Jodie Britton and John Corcoran.

Apologies received from Dorothy Lord and Tony Brown

The meeting opened at 4:30pm.

- 1. Introductions:** Ian Varley welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Matters arising from previous minutes of the last meeting:** None raised.
- 3. Events:** The big event for June will be the annual "Comicon". The glass house is booked from the 17th of June for two weeks. The WWI event is being held on the 23rd of June and the Colne Cycle Race is being held on the 25th of July.
- 4. Christmas Trading 2017:** All traders reported that the Christmas trade was not as good as expected and it was agreed by all traders that the offers put on by Lidl and Aldi did take considerable trade away from the market and the town centre generally.
- 5. Opening hours:** Ian advised the Panel that he has been asked again to monitor and log trader's opening and closing times due to the detrimental effect that this practice had on the market, as you hear shoppers saying that it's not worth coming in if certain stalls were opening later or closing early. The Council is apparently considering how to combat this practice and traders re requested to trade during the hours set out in their licence agreement. This is a problem that affects all and has been discussed at each market panel with little if any improvement.
- 6. Any other business:** Ian asked if all traders where giving out raffle tickets for the January promotion. Many traders had forgotten about this and said they would address the situation.

The meeting closed at 5:30pm.

The next meeting was proposed to be held on the 26th of February 2018