

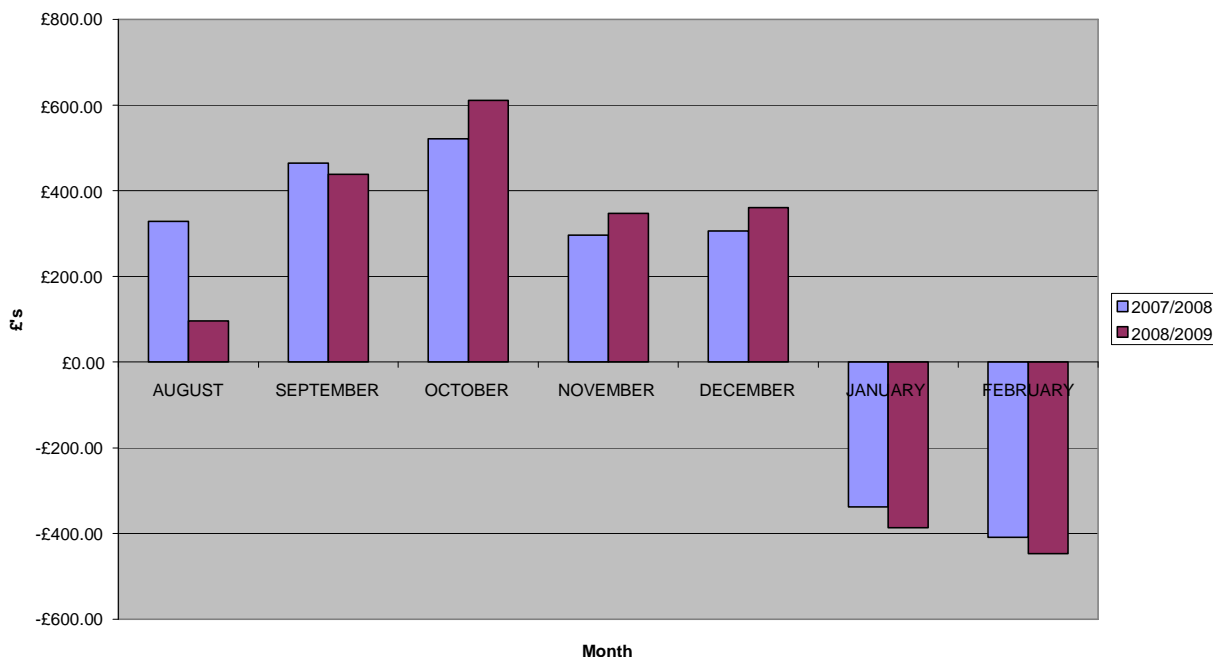
**MINUTES OF MARKET'S COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 11th March 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in Suite B, Council Offices, Holsworthy**

Present: Cllrs. B. Harris, M. Barfett, E. Squire, L. Latty, D. Smith and P. Johns.
Mr. Clive Baker – Market Manager
Town Clerk in attendance

1. **Apologies**
Cllr. Buckingham
2. **Declaration of Interests**
The Chairman asked Members to declare their interests for items on the Agenda as and when they arise.
3. **Minutes of last meeting**
Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 11th February, 2009 having been agreed and ratified at the Meeting of the full Council on 4th March, 2009 were signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris, as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters arising**
There were no matters arising.
5. **Market Accounts - To receive the Income and Expenditure breakdown for Holsworthy Market for the month of February 2009 and the year on year comparison table.**

DATE	MARKET TAKINGS	MANAGEMENT FEE	OTHER EXPENSES	NET PROFIT	REASON FOR EXPENSES
Feb-09					
04.02.09	£55.42	£235.00		-£179.58	
11.02.09	£175.50	£235.00		-£59.50	
18.02.09	£172.44	£235.00		-£62.56	
25.02.09	£168.05	£235.00		-£66.95	
			£78.00	-£78.00	Stall refund & market yearbook
	£571.41	£940.00	£78.00	-£446.59	

Net Profit Comparison



Cllr. Harris explained that from the figures provided the takings were considerably down on 2007/2008. Cllr. Squire commented that the weather was particularly bad in February. The Market Manager confirmed that March was back in profit.

6. New/Amended Application – to assess new and amended Market Trader applications.

The Clerk presented the following two applications

- Amended application from Mrs. Joy Wallace who wished to sell bags/belts/scarves and childrens clothes/handknits. Her previous Market Licence was for toys and bedding, which she was no longer selling. Cllr. Squire proposed the Market's Committee approve the amended application, this was seconded by Cllr. Barfett and agreed. (4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention.)

Cllr. Johns arrived 7.36pm

- New application from Mr Roy Wiffen wishing to sell sweets. Cllr. Barfett proposed that the application was approved, this was seconded by Cllr. Harris and agreed. (5 For, 0 Abstentions 0 Against.)

Mr. Baker advised the Committee that he had also handed out an application form to someone wishing to sell pots and was expecting it to be returned next week.

7. To discuss and agree a course of action regarding Chapter 8 Training.

The Clerk explained her briefing note, which is attached to these minutes as Appendix 1. Cllr. Johns proposed that Mr Baker be sent on a course to undertake Chapter 8 training. Cllr. Smith proposed that Devon County Council be contacted prior to booking Mr Baker on the course to take advice as to whether Chapter 8 training was definitely needed. Cllr. Harris seconded Cllr. Johns' proposal and it was agreed (3 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstention). Cllr. Harris seconded Cllr. Smith's proposed and this was agreed. (5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.)

8. Parking Permit requests – To consider requests from Market Traders for Parking Permits

The Clerk explained that at the Market's Liaison Meeting representation had been made on behalf of Mrs. Hester Gill who would like a parking permit. Mrs. Gill's previous requests had been unsuccessful and she was now offering to pay for a permit. After discussion, Cllr. Smith proposed that Mrs Gill be granted a parking permit on the grounds that her vehicle would not be taking up space that could be leased to another Trader, nor will it be interfering with any other market operation. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Johns and agreed (5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.)

9. To review Pannier Market Operations

The Clerk explained she had received a letter from the proprietors of Sole Mates, which she read out, complaining about the layout of the market. Cllr. Harris asked Mr. Baker for his comments. Mr. Baker advised the Committee that he has tried on numerous occasions to accommodate Mrs Johns requests and appease her, however, Mrs Johns always appeared to be unhappy with the conclusion. Cllr. Johns confirmed that the layout of the Market is mentioned at every Chamber of Trade meeting, adding that several Traders are very vociferous and negative regarding the Market. Cllr. Harris commented that the Town Council should not be railroaded by a disaffected minority faction, that the Council has tried on numerous occasions to pacify and accommodate, which has been met with a complete lack of success. Cllr. Johns commented that it appeared to be a no win situation. Cllr. Harris suggested that a letter be sent to Mrs. Johns & Mrs. Masters explaining what the Council has done in the past and the fact that the Chamber of Trade Representative had not attended the last two meetings. After an in-depth and lengthy discussion Cllr. Harris proposed that a meeting be arranged between the Town Council, businesses in The Square and Market Traders to discuss the Market, and a letter be sent to Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Masters confirming this, with a copy being sent to the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade.

The following wording to be used in the letter to Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Masters:

"After in depth discussion, Holsworthy Town Council's Market's Committee would like to suggest a round table meeting, jointly between The Council, businesses in the Square and Market Traders.

The Council believes this is the only solution in order to move forward, as the layout of the market and any changes could have repercussions on any, or all, of these interested parties.

You will be notified of the date and time of the meeting as soon as it has been arranged."

Cllr. Smith seconded Cllr. Harris's proposal and it was agreed. (5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions)

The Clerk advised the Committee that she had been approached by Mr. James Morrish regarding a special Market that Kivells were holding on 16th May 2009, which attracted people from all over the County as well as outside of it. To add to the event, Kivells would also like to have a Farmers' Market present and were therefore, approaching Holsworthy Town Council for its consent.

Cllr. Johns reported that at the last 'Implement Sale' Kivells had a fruit and vegetable stall present.

Cllr. Barfett left the meeting at 8.43 pm.

Cllr. Squire proposed that on the basis that the event was a one off, and that Kivells had approached the Council prior to the event, that an exception be made and the request be approved with no charges being applied. This was seconded by Cllr. Smith and agreed. (4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.)

The Clerk read out a letter that would be sent to all Market Traders on 18th March 2009, reminding all Traders of the market stall rent increases, which come into effect on 1st April 2009. The Committee acknowledged that they were happy with the content of the letter.

10. Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

11. Close

The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed

Dated