



## **FLEET TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**held on**

**Wednesday 14 August 2019**

**at The Harlington at 7pm**

#### **Councillors**

Bob Schofield (Chairman), Ruth Williams, Grahame Chenery, Leslie Holt, Alan Hope, Kathy Jasper, Alan Oliver, Dai Pierce, Sue Tilley, Sharyn Wheale, Peter Wildsmith, Glynn Carpenter

#### **Also Present**

Janet Stanton-Town Clerk  
Wendy Allen- Acting Committee Clerk

Cllr Forster-HCC

#### **EFC Aug 2019 ITEM 1      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Woods, Robinson and Einchcomb

#### **EFC Aug 2019 ITEM 2      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Tilley declared she had knowledge of the background of the Market.

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the outgoing Committee Clerk, Sheila Rayner, for her commitment to the role and wished her well in her retirement. Members recommended that some mark of appreciation (flowers) be sent to Ms Rayner.

#### **EFC Aug 2019 ITEM 3      QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Cllr Forster was delighted that Fleet Town Council were reinvigorating the market. He asked if it was to be an open tender and if the existing traders will have the opportunity to continue trading.

It was explained that the Tender for the Market will go on Contract Finder in the next week or so; there is a clause in the contract requiring the successful tenderer to collaborate with existing traders, business and community groups and to create a vibrant market.

A local resident submitted a written question "The current market has been kept alive by some stalls that have been there for a long time (fruit and vegetables, bird seed, flower to name but a few). Will FTC give an assurance that when the "Professional Market Operator" is in place, these stalls will be able to remain and that their rents and any other charges will not increase?"

It was explained that there is a clause in the contract for the successful Tenderer to negotiate with existing stall holders, FTC do not know the existing charges for having a market stall but that current stall holders will be given equal opportunity to participate in the market.

Cllr Wheale asked if the Flower Man could keep his position.

It was explained that FTC didn't want to make it a condition of the contract but would make the successful Tenderer aware of existing businesses.

**EFC Aug 2019 ITEM 4 GURKHA SQUARE MARKET**

There was a general discussion by members including:

- Number of markets per year
- 6 Specialist markets per year on Sundays
- Break clause in contract
- Stall holders currently collecting rent
- HDC will not have a loss of income from car parking on Sundays

**RESOLVED**

To delegate authority to Chairman of the Council, the Policy and Finance Chairman and the Clerk to award the contract once tenders have been received and evaluated provided there is no cost to the Town Council.

**EFC Aug 2019 ITEM 5 DATES AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Full Council will be on Wednesday, 4 September 2017 at the Harlington, at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20 pm

**Signed**.....

**Date**:.....

**Chairman**