

Market and Events Working group
Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 10am
The Little Meeting Room, The Old Courthouse

Notes from the meeting

1. **Present:** Peter Brooker, Steve Perry, Karen Roberts, Penny Rainbow, Abi Brackenbury, Peter Harris, Lyn Harris

2. **Items from notes not included in the agenda**

Noticeboards belonging to Discovering Southwell

The company has accepted STC's offer of paying £500 for the three noticeboards. Peter H suggested that the Church Street car park noticeboard needs painting. It was noted that the Co-op noticeboard needs some attention and Steve suggested that an up to date map of Southwell should be put on it. NSDC may have such a map which we could use. The Saracen's Head have such maps for the public to use.

3. **Garden Party update**

Abi updated the working group with the final details and everything is well organised and going to plan. It should be a lovely occasion.

4. **Late Night Shopping and Christmas market planning**

The group discussed how to improve footfall through Queen Street at the event. The Bull Yard is a key area and suggestions were made such as: opening the WI hall, having a programme of music, the piano shop could put a piano outside for the public to use, brightening the area up with a Christmas tree and lights.

Action: Lyn to find out next Shop Southwell Meeting.

STC could put up some information signs on no show stalls.

5. **New Market Trader Grant for STC**

NSDC have a start up grant of £10,00 to be shared with Newark and Southwell markets. The group decided to ask for a grant towards a new PA system and to go towards relaying the cobbles on the Market Square. (These are beginning to wobble and come away from the soil underneath.

Acton: Abi to send bid to Sarah Payne

6. **Discussion re having more than one Saturday market stall selling items.**

Implications for stalls and shops.

We need to improve the variety of stalls and there are gaps. It was decided to allow duplication where the new stall enhances or extends the provision of that item. It will be up to Abi's discretion.

7. Southwell Minster Victorian Family Fun Day update

Abi and Lyn had a productive meeting with Sarah Clemson from the Minster.

8. Market cleaning timetable

The summer is the wrong time of year to do this work, it needs to be done around Easter and in October. The group decided to find out how much a machine to clean the market would cost, then the cleaning could be done sequentially and not all together. STC could also loan it out.

Action: Abi will investigate the purchase of the machine which can come out of the Market reserves.

9. Market Square statue previous paper from TE Committee

Possible artist please see website below:

www.rachelcarter.co.uk/sculptures-home

The group discussed this and Steve suggested putting a bench outside Riverside Church. Penny explained to the group that there needs to be 2 meters around such a bench. The area will need to be measured.

Steve suggested that when some designs had been suggested we could hold a competition to discover which the public like. The group would be happy with a traditional or more modern sculpture, it just needs to be linked to Southwell's heritage and if possible of a woman., such as Mary Ann Brailsford.

Action: Abi will explore the possibility of getting a grant for this

Karen will invite [Rachel Carter to our next TE meeting](#). (Sorry can't rid of colour!)

10. Skatepark opening event update

This will now take place on Saturday September 7th from 11 -3pm.

11. Date of next meeting Thursday 25th July at 10am

Notes from Lyn Harris