



*Meeting (No)*     **Market & Town Hall Committee (5)**  
*Time & Date*     **6pm, Tuesday 28 April 2026**  
*Place*             **Neston Town Hall**  
*Document*        **Minutes**

<b>Present:</b> Cllrs S Jones, P Doughty, B Marple, N Ruscoe,	
In attendance: N McMahon (Market & Town Hall Manager)	
PART 1: Items to be considered in the presence of the press and public	
<b>58</b>	<b>Public Participation (maximum of three minutes per person)</b>
	No members of the public were present.
<b>59</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>
	Apologies were received from Cllrs Kynaston, Swaffer and Warner. <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept apologies from Cllrs Kynaston, Swaffer and Warner.
<b>60</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
	No declarations of interest were received.
<b>61</b>	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b>
	<b>RESOLVED</b> to accept as a correct record the minutes of the Market & Town Hall Committee meeting held on 10.02.26. The Chair signed the minutes.
<b>62</b>	<b>Committee Budgets 2025/26</b>
	<b>RESOLVED</b> to receive the committee budgets and the earmarked reserves reports. The Finance Manager wished for it to be noted that budget report does not reflect the final figures for the year as some information is still outstanding.
<b>63</b>	<b>Finance</b>
a	<b>RESOLVED</b> to receive revenue from Town Hall room hire, Market Square hire and market rent to 31.3.26.
b	<b>RESOLVED</b> to receive the market 'Square payment terminal' fees from 1.2.26 to 31.3.26.
c	<b>RESOLVED</b> to receive a breakdown of HRGO costs from 1.2.26 to 31.3.26.
<b>64</b>	<b>Market &amp; Town Hall Manager's Report</b>
	<b>RESOLVED</b> To receive the Market & Town Hall Manager's report.
<b>65</b>	<b>Markets Policy</b>
	<b>RESOLVED</b> To adopt the revised Market Policy Traders Licence Terms & Conditions.
<b>66</b>	<b>Summer Market</b>
	<b>RESOLVED</b> to approve a maximum budget of £800 to deliver the summer enhanced market on 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2026.

<b>67</b>	<b>Town Hall Sound System</b>
	<b>RESOLVED</b> to initially appoint Cllrs Jones and N Ruscoe to investigate the current sound system and report back to committee.
<b>68</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
	The committee noted that the next scheduled meeting will held be in the new council year. Date to be set at the Annual meeting of the council on 19/5/26.
<b>69</b>	<b>Exclusion of the Press and Public</b>
	To consider that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.
<b>PART 2: Items to be considered in the absence of the press and public</b>	
	There was no confidential business.

The meeting closed at 6.17pm