

## Brixham Town Council

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### Purpose of Report

To update members on the current situation with the Pannier Market held in Scala Hall.

### Background

The interim Market Manager advised during December that he was unable to run the market in January as there were insufficient stall holders to meet the cost of the hire of the Hall. A meeting has been held between the Market Manager and the Town Clerk, which resulted in an agreement for the Pannier Market to remain closed during January.

Following the Christmas period, the Market Manager verbally advised he did not intend to continue managing the Market. He was advised that he had signed a licence to occupy and that a meeting was required with the Town Clerk to discuss the options.

Another stall holder has indicated they are interested in taking over the licence to occupy and manage the Pannier Market.

### Town Hall Sub Committee

During the Town Hall Sub Committee meeting held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January, members were updated with the current situation. Discussion took place regarding the success of previous managers, viability, demographics and location. It was **resolved** that further investigation is required to ascertain whether the current business is viable. Members agreed the Town Council has a duty of care to carry out due diligence before allowing another individual to manage the Market. However, members wanted to support the continuation of the Market.

The Town Hall Sub Committee **resolved** not to appoint a new Market Manager. In the interim while viability of the market is assessed the Town Council will take over the management of the Market, instead, traders will pay table rent direct to the Town Council.

### Update on events following the Town Hall Sub Committee meeting

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 the current Market Manager met with the Town Clerk and formally resigned with immediate effect.

The Pannier Market is due to reopen on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January, at the time of writing this report we have been advised there are only 4 or 5 traders returning and no trader to operate the café.

### Implications of the Town Council managing the Market

The THSC are keen to support the continuation of the current market while due diligence is carried out. This has the following implications on the Town Council Office:

- Writing a reassuring letter to existing traders

- Unlocking the Scala Hall to allow the market trader to set up
- Securing the Scala Hall at the end of the market day
- Room set up / dismantle
- Daily collection of table rent and issuing receipts
- Liaising with existing traders
- Seeking new traders
- Promoting the market

### **Recommendation**

The Town Hall Sub Committee recommends to Full Council that the Town Council should:

- not appoint a new Market Manager until due diligence has been carried out on the viability of the Market.
- in the interim period manage the market.