

AGENDA ITEM 8a

NOTES OF THE GOOSE FAIR FEE SETTING MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on **Thursday 16th March 2017** at **2.00pm**

PRESENT Councillors Mrs M Ewings (Mayor), Mrs J Whitcomb, H Smith, E Sanders

Representing members of the National Market Traders' Federation
Absent

Representing members of the Showmen's Guild
Alan Jenkins, Robert Kefford and Billy Whitelegg

Representing West Devon Borough Council – Cathy Aubertin

Officers General Manager, Cemetery Administrator, Works Manager

Tavistock Town Councillors, Officers and West Devon Borough Council Officer Cathy Aubertin met to discuss Tavistock Town Council fees for Goose Fair 2017.

Notes from the Fee Setting Meeting in 2016 were confirmed as accurate.

Information on Tavistock Town Council costs, fuel costs, inflation, Consumer Price and Retail Price index figures were circulated.

CA confirmed WDBC agreed a three year licence in 2016 for the Bedford Car Park and Bus Station with Tommy and David Rowland whereby fees would increase by 1.5% each year.

CA confirmed WDBC had not gone out to tender for the Wharf Car Park for a second year running, explaining the general consensus from the public last year was that it was preferable for the space to be used as a car park during the week of Goose Fair, as opposed to a fairground.

Ideas were voiced in regards to alternative uses for the car park, noting it did look sparse on the day of Goose Fair when cars were unable to park there due to the road closure. CA advised WDBC were open to suggestions.

Concerns were noted in regards to the withdrawn bus departures and corresponding return services from Tavistock to Plymouth during peak periods. This was noted as a particular concern during events held in the town such as Goose Fair and Dickensian Evening. It was agreed RH would investigate with Stagecoach and provide feedback.

Representatives of the Showmen's Guild joined the meeting at 3pm. Their feedback from Goose Fair 2016 was positive with no operational issues reported. It was noted there was difficulties last year in respect of attracting Showmen to occupy Bedford Car Park Thursday to Saturday.

After negotiation with the Showmen's Guild, TTC entered a similar agreement to WDBC whereby fees would increase by 1.5% year on year over a two year period. The exception to this would be Fly Pitches which would remain at £35.00 for the two year period.

The General Manager thanked all participants for attending and the meeting closed at 3.15pm.