

	Meeting (No)	Market & Town Hall Committee (2)
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Summer market

The summer market was successful and the footfall was good, however a few traders for the indoor Artisan market were disappointed with takings on the day. We had some late cancellations for the Artisan market and 2 no shows on the days itself which was very disappointing.

Halloween & Christmas Markets

A small budget is requested for a scaled back Halloween Market as Cllr Jones has again offered to donate pumpkins for the traders carving competition. There will not be a Friday Christmas market this year. However, I aim to arrange community-based entertainment for all weeks during December.

Exception – Asset Management Agreement (Minute 153 R&P 05.04.22)

The Locum Chief Officer, along with the outgoing Mayor Cllr P. Kynaston and Deputy Mayor Cllr S. Jones, facilitated a meeting and site visit of the Town Hall premises and Friday Market with Cheshire West & Chester Council officers on 21st April 2023. The current expired leasehold agreement was discussed, along with the annual associated costs associated with running both the Town Hall and the weekly Market. Neston Town Council is in regular contact with CW&C officers with regards to progressing this item.

14.9.23 – a meeting was held with CWaC on 12.9.23 where it was agreed that further updates would be given in the Autumn.

Exception – Repairs to stage curtain (Minute 27.9.22 M&TH 35)

As reported on 21.2.23 we are awaiting further information from the RFO once a response from the internal auditor has been received.

14.9.23 the RFO has reported that there has been no further response from the IA.

Delegated Decisions – Delegated Authority (Minute 10b M&TH 27.6.23)

In line with the delegated authority above, Free room hire has been offered to a charitable group on a twice monthly basis. Details have not yet been finalised and will be reported at the next meeting.

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