

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	6 February 2018
Title:	Town Fairs
Contact Officer:	Graham Hunt, Town Clerk

Purpose of this Report

1. To provide a verbal / written update on the progress of negotiations for a renewed 3 year fair agreement with the Showmen's Guild.

Update

2. As reported at the Committee meeting of 24 October 2017, a constructive meeting was held with the Showmen's Guild on Thursday 21 2017 which enabled the October 2017 Fair to go ahead.
3. That same meeting committed to further negotiations with regard to a new three year agreement for 2018-2020 that is fair to both Thame and the Showmen's Guild. From the minutes:
"If Guild members could draw up a list of issues they have with the originally proposed 2017/20 agreement, then a meeting could be convened early in 2018 to discuss further."
4. The Community Services Manager wrote to the Guild on 31 October 2017, to progress negotiations, by seeking a date for a meeting.
5. The Community Services Manager wrote to the Guild on 11 January 2018, chasing for the information required from the Guild. The Guild responded:
"We have our "Fairs" meeting scheduled for Monday 22nd January. Thame is high on the agenda for discussion. I could let you have the Committee's views later that week; I know Joey is away on holiday after our meeting until around mid-February so it will give you some time to digest what has been discussed, then maybe we could arrange a meet towards the end of February or beginning of March."
6. The Community Services Manager responded with some suggested dates towards the end of February.

Action Required

7. To note the report.