

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Title:	Fair Working Group
Date:	4 April 2023
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager

Purpose of the Report

1. To receive an update from the Fair Working Group regarding negotiations with the Showmen's Guild for a new agreement.

Action

2. To note this report.

Update

3. The Fair Working Group met with the delegates from the Showmen's Guild to review the 2022 Fairs and commence negotiation for a new Fair Agreement on Tuesday 14 March 2023.
4. The meeting reviewed issues raised within the Community, Leisure, and Recreation (CLR) Fairs Report dated 22 October 2022. Which were as follows:
 - a. Late paperwork for the September fair. The meeting was informed that changes within the Guild Offices had occurred with an additional administration person assisting within the office. It was agreed that, if the Town Council was not in receipt of paperwork for any stall/ride on the opening day of the fair, that both the Guild and Council would jointly, not allow the amusement to open.
 - b. Complaints received following the October fair early set up and closing the Upper High Street Car Park before the agreed time. It was agreed that vehicles could pull onto the car park no earlier than 9pm, not permitted to set up and the access road should be left open to ensure minimum impact on local businesses.
 - c. Photographic evidence of two pinch points within the Cornmarket had been identified, amusement placement will be addressed by the Guild.
5. The draft agreement was reviewed, with the following requirements inserted/requested:
 - a. The term of the agreement to be for three years with an option for a further two years.
 - b. The Force Majeure clause was accepted to protect both parties.
 - c. Meetings should take place before the fairs to assist with Health and Safety requirements and following the fairs to review any changes/issues.
 - d. The Guild recognises that the Town Council has not put up the fees for a number of years and requested a breakdown to take back to their members for further discussions.
6. The Guild have recently held a meeting, with the Town Council awaiting an outcome of discussions.

Legal Powers:

- Local Government Act 1972 s145 and s144

Recommendation: *The Committee is asked:*

- i) **To note the report.**