

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1 JULY 2014

ITEM 6 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR R WOODWARD TO COUNCILLOR T GILLARD

“There is a lot of confusion, and some rumours circulating about the charter of Coalville Market and some members have been contacted by the public about this. There is a strong belief by some, that this medieval charter belongs either to an individual, or is allocated to a non council owned property.

As Coalville, as a settlement, did not exist when market (and fairs) charters were being distributed could the lead member please clarify the situation”.

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR T GILLARD

“To clarify the situation regarding the market charter:

- Charters were gifts in the discretion of the crown awarded to individuals. As such the charters could be bought, sold or transferred by the individual.
- A charter for a Tuesday market in Whitwick Manor was granted in 1290 and transferred to Sir Henry Hastings and Henry Cutler in 1612. Market rights at Whitwick appear to have been transferred in 1860 to the Whitwick Local Board and then in the 1890's to a successor local board which at that time included Coalville. Such rights would have devolved to the Coalville Urban District Council and then to NWLDC as the successor to the Urban District Council. The rights therefore currently rest with NWLDC”.