

**Address to Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 by Denis Buczynski - Lancaster Markets Tenants Association**

Closure of Lancaster Market and tenants and traders to be served with Notices to Quit.

- (1) Thank Council for the opportunity to speak.
- (2) Express the devastation and despair felt by Tenants by this announcement and outline the effects that closure of the Market Hall will have on Tenants and their staff.
- (3) Report on the reaction and disbelief of the public to the announcement and their willingness to sign a petition to Save Lancaster Market.
- (4) Ask Councillors to reject this proposal and to begin to develop a new approach to the financial problems related to the running of the Market Hall. Report that tenants are willing to explore innovative solutions and want to work in partnership with Lancaster City Council to bring about a viable Market Hall for the benefit of the people of Lancaster.
- (5) Request that should Council decide to close the Market Hall (despite our appeal and the public petition) that more realistic options for relocation or compensation for long standing tenants and traders be seriously considered. The financial problems associated with the head lease that Lancaster City Council holds with Allied cannot be laid at the door of the traders in the Market Hall. Natural Justice surely should not allow for them to be the victims. Council has the opportunity to reject this proposal before the potential for matters to get worse is a reality.

Thank Council for listening to this address.