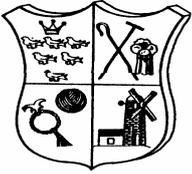


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Communities Committee relating to the organisation of festivities and events held at the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Street, Hailsham, on Monday 3rd August 2015 at 6.00 pm.

Prior to commencement of formal business, a period of not more than 15 minutes was assigned for the purpose of permitting members of the public to address the Committee or ask questions (on matters relevant to the responsibilities under direction of this Committee) at the invitation and discretion of the presiding Chairman.

Ms V. Browne raised a query in relation to the roundabouts at Ersham Road and Hempstead Lane and asked why there was no progress on the road improvement schemes at these locations.

Ms Browne also mentioned the recent incident that had occurred on the A22, which put significant pressure on South Road and the main entrance to Hailsham. Ms Browne was advised that this matter was for East Sussex County Council Highways.

The Chairman agreed to move item 10, Hailsham and Hellingly Movement & Access Strategy, to the top of the agenda, to allow for Ms Brown's questions to be answered.

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Committee members present

Councillors: N. Collinson, (substituting for Mrs C Collinson-O'Toole), , Ms A. O'Rawe, C. Tasane, Mrs A. Triandafyllou, C. Triandafyllou,

Other members present

Ms. J. Seale, Rose Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire Society), G. Constable (Hailsham Lions)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings & M. Caira

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Apologies For Absence:

Committee Members

Mrs C Collinson-O'Toole

Other members

Mrs D. Sinden and J. Cullen

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Declarations of Interest

None were received.

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Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on Monday

6th July 2015 were amended and confirmed as a correct record.

40 **Matters Arising**

None were received.

41 **Hailsham and Hellingly Movement & Access Strategy**

In response to Ms Browne's questions, N. Collinson stated that MASHH are dealing with a number of schemes, some of which can be progressed as the money is now available. The High Street works are due to take place as the money is now available for these works and the scheme can be implemented. The roundabout at Ersham Road has not taken place yet due to various constraints, the open space at Ersham Road has Village Green status and a suitable piece of land would have to be found to substitute the loss of this green.

N. Collinson advised that approval would need to be given for this by the Secretary of State, plus the electricity sub station located here would need to be moved at a huge cost. Ms Browne was advised that this junction would be a very expensive project and the logical way forward was to spend the money on the projects that can be delivered.

Councillor Collinson reported that works to the roundabout at Hempstead lane is waiting on funding from the developers.

Ms Browne also expressed concern about South Road, as she considered the road to be dangerous and asked for the footpaths here to be widened. Ms Browne asked for this request to be placed on the agenda for the next MASHH meeting.

42 **Christmas Light Switch on**

It was agreed to approach the new Poundland store in the High Street to request they donate Christmas presents for the Rotary's Father Christmas to distribute. Asda will also be contacted regarding donations of Christmas presents.

The Air Cadets will also be approached to see if they are available to organise mulled wine for the event and the supermarkets in the Town will be contacted to see if they wish to hand out any festive food in the evening.

Dominoes pizza will be contacted for the yearly "Design a Pizza" competition.

43 **Christmas Market**

Councillors A. Triandafyllou and C. Triandafyllou queried the necessity of insurance for stalls holders at the market. M. Caira advised that all stall holders must have public liability insurance.

The manager of the Quintins shopping centre had advised that a maximum of three charity stalls could be placed in the shopping centre. K. Giddings will contact the owner of St Marys Walk to ask if she would allow a small number of stalls to also be placed in St Marys Walk. C. Tasane volunteered to help at the event.

44 **Summer Markets**

Councillors A. Triandafyllou and C. Triandafyllou proposed a fete to be held on Western Road in the summer of 2016. It was agreed to discuss this at a later date.

July 25th Market

K. Giddings advised that Mrs D. Sinden had provided some feedback on the event, stating that she enjoyed the live music and the cream tea provided by Dippy Doodahs, she also

thanked Hailsham FM for promoting the open church. The open church had run from midday to 3.00 pm and they had received around 30 visitors.

J. Cullen had also given feedback; he praised Hailsham FM for promoting businesses in the Town.

C. Tasane considered that the live bands were very good, but there had been reports from some traders that the music was too loud. He also reported that Hailsham FM had not mentioned the businesses in St Mary's Walk.

M. Caira advised of a complaint received by the local Blind Society, who had reported that one blind resident had difficulty crossing the road as he could not hear the beeping of the crossing which signalled it was safe to cross, due to the location of the speakers. It was agreed this problem would need to be resolved, and the speakers on Vicarage Field would have to be turned to face the opposite way to prevent this from happening again.

N. Collinson advised he will speak to the Indian Restaurant, Rajdutt, in the High Street, to ask if they would like a stall at any of the events.

29th August

Members were advised the event runs from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. Hailsham FM will be present all day and a hog roast will be on site from midday to 4.00 pm. No bands have been booked for this event.

Members agreed more advertising is needed for all events.

- 44.1 **RESOLVED** to recommend funds are taken from the Revitalisation Fund to pay for advertising for the forthcoming events.

G. Constable left the meeting at 6.58 pm.

45 **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott advised everything is organised for the event, but more funding is required.

It was agreed a larger police presence is needed at the event.

46 **Hailsham Festival of Arts & Culture**

Councillor N. Collinson advised the meeting that the final draft of the programme was being put together and will be produced for the pre-launch event on 12th August. The programme will include an arts trail with lots of events. The start of the Festival is Saturday 12th September and will run for 10 days. There will be a barn dance in Arlington on the Friday night before the opening on the Saturday.

He was unable to arrange the installation of bunting for the event this year as the cost of hiring a cherry picker was prohibitive. Rose Piggott suggested talking to Guy Osborne to see if he could assist.

Councillor Collinson confirmed that 12,000 programmes will be produced and distributed for the Festival and if no other venue is found Hailsham Festival FM will broadcast from the old Court House.

K. Giddings left the meeting at 7.10 pm

47 **Hailsham Forward**

Minutes of the Hailsham Forward Executive Team had been circulated prior to the meeting. M. Caira advised the meeting on the latest work of the Hailsham Forward Project and

highlighted a number of activities.

Advertising banners/boards on the highway: Hailsham Forward has been working with East Sussex Highways to try and deal with unlicensed boards and banners on the highway together with cars for sale on the highway and promotional vehicles positioned on grass verges across the town.

Residents' Forum 7th July: M. Caira provided some background to establishing the Forum and the way the first forum was operated. He confirmed that the next forum will take place on Friday 16th October in the Civic Community Hall and the public will be asked to put forward suggestions for the topic. Feedback at the meeting from a member of the public was received, which requested more structured and managed future meetings. It was agreed that any further input from the public on how the future forums should operate will be welcomed and that any ideas should be sent direct to M. Caira.

Lyoness Loyalty Scheme: Hailsham Forward is currently working with Lyoness an international loyalty scheme provider to try and establish a loyalty scheme in Hailsham. This will be presented to the first business forum on 2nd October.

Christmas Late Night Shopping Event 2016: Hailsham Forward is looking at the possibility of such an event for Hailsham in 2016.

Signposting on the Cuckoo Trail in the town centre: Following some feedback from users of the Cuckoo Trail Hailsham Forward is looking at installing signage as you come into the town centre section of the Cuckoo Trail to encourage people to visit the town centre facilities/shops etc.

48 **Reconnecting the Town**

M. Caira advised the meeting that Hailsham Forward have been working on this issue for a few months, the main focus to deal with this issue was the establishment and development of the three local forums, community, residents' and business .

49 **Local Skills Gap**

M Caira confirmed that the first meeting of the working group will take place on 13th August at 9.00am. Councillor O'Rawe asked if she could join the group if she is available, this was agreed.

50 **Tourist Signs on A22**

M. Caira advised the meeting that the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk recently met with East Sussex Highways to discuss the signage into and within the town.

East Sussex Highways have identified that some of the signage within the town is out of date or missing and their advice to the Town Council is to review this signage and produce details of what is required to bring the information up-to-date. This should include details of car parking. A detailed plan will then need to be produced for East Sussex Highways to review. It is not recommended to sign post drivers into Hailsham when the internal signs are inadequate.

Following any implementation of a new signage scheme then it would be appropriate to consider installing signs on the A22.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.36pm.

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