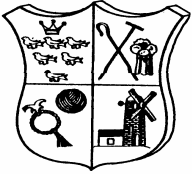


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 11th July 2016 at 6.00 pm.

Prior to commencement of the formal business of the meeting, a period of not more than 15 minutes will be assigned for the purpose of permitting members of the public to address the assembly, or ask questions on matters relevant to responsibilities under the direction of this committee, at the discretion of the Chairman.

None were present

The order of formal business to be transacted will thereafter be as follows:

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Committee members present

Councillors: F. Berry, Mrs M. Burt, N. Collinson (substituting for A. O'Rawe), G. Blake Coggins, Mrs L. Collinson, Mrs S. Cottingham, R. Grocock, C. Triandafyllou (acting as Chairman in A. O'Rawe's absence),

Other members present

G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), J. Cullen (Hailsham Community College), R. Piggott, J. Seale, Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

17 **Apologies For Absence:**

Committee Members

Ms A. O'Rawe

18 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

19 **Confirmation of Minutes**

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on Monday 6th June 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

20 **Matters Arising**

None were received.

21 **Local Skills Gap**

J. Cullen advised he will be writing to all the new members of the Local Skills Gap Group

this week. He also advised that there may be someone available from Hailsham Works that can take on the task of ringing all the local businesses regarding the questionnaires which were sent out.

D. Sinden arrived at 6.05 pm.

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

Members discussed the road works which have recently commenced in the Town. Councillor F. Berry advised that the Site Manager for the road works will shortly be based in the old Wizard shop in the Quintins shopping centre.

23 **Hailsham Forward**

Members were informed that a number of Hailsham Cards have been sold and the feedback on the cards is very good.

Councillor F. Berry reported that two traders had left the street market on Saturday due to a parking issue with another trader. Councillor Berry was advised to contact R. Gillett, the Market Manager, or M. Caira, Hailsham Town Councils Deputy Town Clerk, with these concerns.

24 **Summer Markets**

K. Giddings advised that she had met earlier with some of the schools involved in the children's market and the feedback had been very positive. J. Seale stated that she had received all positive feedback for the day and also advised that there had been some visitors from out of Town, on the day, not just residents of Hailsham. The Committee discussed the times of next years children's market and it was suggested that the day could finish slightly earlier, at 3.00 pm.

N. Collinson arrived at 6.15 pm

K. Giddings advised that 16 Italian market stalls had been booked for the food and market event on 30th July. N. Collinson confirmed that Chapter 12 will be in attendance.

25 **Christmas Light Switch on**

Members were informed that the photographer Tony Penrose would be switching on the Christmas lights. Members agreed to hold the switch on at 6.00 pm, slightly later than usual to allow for the late night shopping beforehand, with the event finishing around 6.30 pm. D. Sinden stated the open church would begin after the switch on. Members discussed the carol singing and agreed there would be a mixture of Grovelands School and Hailsham Community College pupils and other carol singers, with times to be arranged. It was agreed the pupils would sing carols from approximately 5.45 – 6.20 pm, with a break for the switch on. M. Burt advised she would contact P. Wilson regarding his carol singing group, to invite them to participate.

26 **Christmas Market event 2016**

K. Giddings advised that a meeting had been held with Tracey Ryland, the organiser of the Christmas market. Members agreed for the title of the market to be "Hailsham Christmas Extravaganza". K. Giddings asked whether the Committee would like a limit on the number of charity stalls at the event and it was agreed to see how many other stalls are booked, before a decision is made on this. K. Giddings confirmed she would invite T. Ryland to the next Communities meeting in August.

27 **Hailsham Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott reported that 1500 torches had now been made. As the road works will not be quite finished by 22nd October she advised that the Bonfire parade will be adapted around this.

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Hailsham Festival

Councillor N. Collinson reminded members of the 19th July launch, he advised there are even more acts than in previous years over the festival week and the programmes will be available on 13th August.

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Funfair

A request had been received from J. Mitchell to hold a funfair on either Maurice Thornton Playing Field or Hailsham Country Park. Members agreed that Hailsham Country Park was not an option for a funfair. K. Giddings advised that another funfair is booked on the Playing Field in August and members agreed to decide whether to agree to this request once the agreed funfair has taken place in August.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on **Tuesday 30th August 2016.**

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