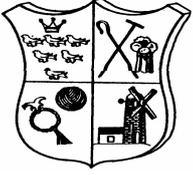


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 October 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.

Councillor M. Pinkney suggested to the Committee that a sign is placed by the Christmas tree which is located in the Town Centre, stating that the tree is provided by Hailsham Town Council, so that members of the public know who sponsors the Towns Christmas tree.

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

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Committee members present

Councillors: Mrs B. Beckett (substituting for L. Collinson), Mrs A. Clarke, G. Blake Coggins, Mrs S. Cottingham, Ms. A. O'Rawe (Chairman) C. Triandafyllou (Vice Chairman)

Other members present

G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), R. Piggott (Bonfire Society), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Committee Members

Mrs L. Collinson

Other members

Mrs G.Gurr (Hailsham Lions)

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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 Tuesday 30th August 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the

Communities Committee on 30th August 2016

It was noted that all resolutions would be discussed throughout the meeting

47 **Local Skills Gap**

There was no further update on the Local Skills Gap.

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

Members were advised that the road works are progressing well, there had been a slight delay in laying the tarmac, but the works should be finished 5 weeks before Christmas.

49 **Hailsham Forward**

C. Triandafyllou advised that the number of traders attending the Saturday market had reduced significantly and he suggested the Committee obtain funding from the Hailsham Regeneration budget to employ T. Ryland to bring more traders into the Town for the Saturday markets and also organise a bigger market on the last Saturday of every month, with music and entertainment, to begin in March 2017. Members were advised that there is £32,030 in the Revitalisation fund.

Councillor N. Collinson arrived at 6.15 pm.

R. Grocock suggested the timings of the market should be looked into as the Town becomes very quiet after midday.

RESOLVED to recommend that £5,000 of the revitalisation budget is funded to employ T. Ryland to source traders for the Saturday markets and organise a larger market on the last Saturday of every month, beginning March 2017

50 **Christmas Light Switch on**

Members agreed to organise a plaque for the Christmas tree, stating that the tree is funded by Hailsham Town Council.

K. Giddings advised she had no further information on whether any local traders would be involved in the light switch on event.

K. Giddings stated that the switch on event will begin at approximately 4.30 pm, with the Rotary's Santa handing out sweets, and carol singing from 5.00 pm through to 6.30 pm, with a break at 6.00 pm for the switch on.

D. Sinden advised that Hailsham Parish Church will again have their open church, handing out free refreshments with background music, from 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm.

51 **Christmas Market event 2016**

K. Giddings reported that T. Ryland had advised that over 500 potential traders had been contacted and approximately 32 spaces had been booked so far, including four regular traders that attend the Saturday markets. She also stated that T. Ryland was in the process of organising a hog roast for the day, and would be able to confirm this later on in the week.

Members were asked to confirm whether they wished the Council to book a snow globe for the event at a cost of £1950.00 plus vat. Members of the public could pay to spend 3 minutes in the snow globe and have their picture taken by a photographer. Members agreed to book the snow globe for the event charge a fee per person to enter the snow

globe.

A. O'Rawe reported she will speak to Pizza Bella in South Road, to invite them to attend the market.

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Bonfire Society

R. Piggott informed the Committee that although the road works will still be ongoing, the Bonfire parade route will be the same as last year as East Sussex County Council have confirmed the Bonfire Society can go ahead with their usual route, including the laying of the wreath at the War Memorial. The Committee requested the Town Council toilet remains open for the duration of the Bonfire event.

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Hailsham Festival

N. Collinson reported that the festival had gone well, with many different events and there had been a good turn out by the public. He stated that the Gournay en Bray art trail had been particularly good.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 7th November 2016.

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