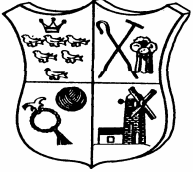


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 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: Mrs B. Beckett (substituting for L. Collinson), F. Berry, G. Blake Coggins, Mrs S. Cottingham, C. Triandafyllou (acting as Chairman in A. O'Rawe's absence),

## **Other members present**

G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), G. Gurr (Hailsham Lions), R. Piggott, J. Seale, Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

### **Committee Members**

Mrs L. Collinson, R. Grocock, Ms A. O'Rawe

### **Other members**

J. Cullen (Hailsham Community College)

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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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

## **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

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

34 **Christmas Light Switch on**

G. Constable advised that the Hailsham Lions can attend the event with candy floss.  
B. Funnell confirmed that the Rotary's Santa and sleigh will be present, handing out sweets to children.

D. Sinden stated that Hailsham Church will have their open church from 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm. Members were advised that Hailsham FM will also be present at the event.

K. Giddings reported that Peter Wilson and choir members will sing from 5.00 pm, with Hailsham Community College and Grovelands pupils singing carols from 5.45 – 6.20 pm, with a break at 6.00 pm for the switch on.

35 **Christmas Market event 2016**

G. Constable advised that the Hailsham Lions are unavailable to attend on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

K. Giddings stated that Tracey Ryland had forwarded an update to her regarding the progress of the Christmas market. T. Ryland had advised that potential traders were due to be contacted from 1<sup>st</sup> September, and she would also be advertising on social media. Steggies, a new children's shop in the Town, were booked to organise some face painting and other children's activities. Hailsham FM is also booked for the event.

Members discussed the location of the Rotary's Santa and sleigh and K. Giddings advised she would check with T. Ryland whether they can be placed outside the Pound Shop, as in previous years. B. Funnell requested a sign to be placed on the sleigh, advising that only children of 12 years and under could visit Santa, due to anti social problems experienced with older children/young adults in past years. Members considered that this was an appropriate age for children wishing to visit Santa and agreed to this. K. Giddings confirmed she would organise a sign.

36 **Local Skills Gap**

There was no further update on the Local Skills Gap.

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

Members were advised that the works were running on time and the street lights have been installed.

38 **Hailsham Forward**

C. Triandafyllou advised that Hailsham Forward met recently to discuss ways to assist smaller companies with grants and confirmed the Chamber of Commerce will be involved in this project.

39 **Summer Markets**

Members discussed mixed feedback from the event. It was agreed the event had been largely successful although some expressed concern that the Italian Market products were a little expensive. The Italian traders have stated they would be interested in coming back to a market in Hailsham next year. It was suggested that Hailsham FM could have played some Italian music for the event and it was agreed to consider music linked to any themed markets for next year.

D. Sinden advised that Hailsham Churches open church had been held from 11.00 am – 2.00 pm but had been rather quiet.

G. Blake Coggins suggested the possibility of inviting a pony agility club to the children's market next year. Members discussed the proposal and best location for the ponies. K. Giddings stated she would speak to Wealden District Council regarding the possible use of their car park for this.

40 **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott advised that the first Bonfire parade of the year was at Uckfield this coming Saturday.

41 **Hailsham Festival**

Members were advised the Festival starts on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

42 **Funfair**

K. Giddings reported that a funfair had taken place on Maurice Thornton Playing Field on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> August. The funfair had gone well and the Councils Works Supervisor had confirmed there was no damage to the field. The organisers of this funfair had approached the Council to ask whether they could return next year and it was agreed they could, but earlier in the year, in June, to allow the field time to recover before the football season begins.

K. Giddings advised that another funfair owner had approached the Council to request they use Maurice Thornton. Members agreed that the second request for a funfair could not be granted as it is only suitable for one funfair to be held per year, to prevent damage to the playing field.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

**The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.**

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