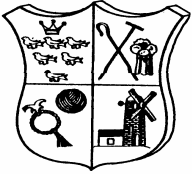


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 6.00 pm.

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## **Election of Committee Chairman**

Councillor Mrs M. Burt nominated Councillor A. O’Rawe, seconded by Councillor R. Grocock

Four members voted in favour. Councillor F. Berry voted against, and Councillor C. Tasane abstained from voting.

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:

## 2 **Election of Vice Chairman**

Councillor M. Burt nominated Councillor C. Triandafyllou as Vice Chairman, seconded by Councillor N. Collinson

Three members voted in favour, Councillors F. Berry and C. Tasane abstained from voting.

## 3 **Committee members present**

Councillors: F. Berry, Mrs M. Burt, N. Collinson (substituting for A. O’Rawe), Mrs S. Cottingham, R. Grocock, C. Tasane (substituting for G. Blake Coggins), 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,

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

## 4 **Apologies For Absence:**

### **Committee Members**

Councillors G. Blake Coggins, L. Collinson, Ms A. O’Rawe

### **Other members**

Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

5 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor N. Collinson declared a personal interest in the agenda item for Hailsham Forward as he is a member of Hailsham Forward, a personal interest on the agenda item for the Bonfire Society, as he is the President of the Bonfire Society, and a personal interest on the agenda item for Hailsham Festival, as he is on the Hailsham Festival Committee

6 **Confirmation of Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

7 **Matters Arising**

None were received.

8 **Local Skills Gap**

J. Cullen updated the Committee. He advised that the Conservative MP Nus Ghani was recently on a visit to Hailsham Community College and that she has offered to write to all the local businesses on Parliamentary paper, in the hope that this will encourage businesses to respond.

Councillor S. Cottingham arrived at the meeting at 6.12 pm

Councillor N. Collinson stated that there has been a change in the Councillor membership of the Local Skills group which should also bring with it fresh ideas for the group.

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

Members were advised that the road improvements in the Town are due to begin on 1<sup>st</sup> July. This will take place in two phases, with the work to the High Street to commence first, finishing in October, and the Vicarage Lane road improvements to commence in January 2017. Although members stated that the road works will be finished in time for the Christmas switch on and market, K. Giddings expressed concern that if there was a delay in any of the work this may affect the Christmas events and suggested the possibility of booking the Civic Community Hall for the Christmas market, in case of any delays to the schedule and also to cover for inclement weather on the day.

10 **Hailsham Forward**

Members were advised that between 20-25 new businesses had joined the Hailsham Card scheme in Hailsham.

Members were advised the Street market will now be held every Saturday. J. Seale expressed disappointment at this and stated she was not aware that the possibility of holding the street market every Saturday was going to be discussed and agreed at the last Hailsham Forward meeting, of which she was not present. N. Collinson was of the opinion that the two markets will be of benefit to each other; he considered that shoppers coming to the Town Centre to visit one of the markets are then likely to go to the other.

F. Berry suggested a sign could be placed at the Hailsham Market, advertising that the Farmers Market is also in the Town. N. Collinson advised that this idea had been proposed and would be put in place.

11            **Summer Markets**

J. Cullen asked the Committee their thoughts on holding a children's market in 2017, if this years market is a success? Members were in support of this.

12            **Christmas Light Switch on**

Members discussed who to appoint to switch on the Christmas lights and S. Cottingham suggested the film maker Tony Penrose, who lives in East Sussex. S. Cottingham advised she will contact him.

13            **Christmas Market event 2016**

Members discussed booking the Community Hall as a back up for the Christmas market. K. Giddings advised she will check the availability and cost of the hall and bring this information to the next meeting.

14            **Hailsham Bonfire Society**

Members discussed the affect the roadworks would have on the Bonfire parade and it was agreed the route for the bonfire parade may need to be re-looked at, depending on the road works at that time.

15            **Hailsham Festival**

The Hailsham festival will run from 8-18<sup>th</sup> September. There will be more activity placed on Vicarage Field than the High Street, due to the road works. N. Collinson reported that the Festival had had a successful launch event and are organising another launch at 6.00pm on 19<sup>th</sup> July, at Chapter 12. The programmes for the event will be ready for the 19<sup>th</sup> July launch. Hailsham FM will be broadcasting online throughout the festival.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

**The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

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