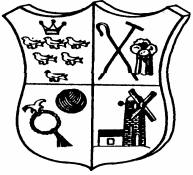


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 5<sup>th</sup> October 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 informed the Committee that after attending a meeting in August she had agreed to contact the residents behind the Residents Forum, by email. The residents have now set up a group called "The Hailsham Voice" of which Ms Browne is the Chairman. The Vice Chairman is Julia Walters and the Secretary to the Group is Helen Deehan. They have a twitter account, face book page and website "[www.hailshamvoice.co.uk](http://www.hailshamvoice.co.uk)".

Ms Browne advised that the purpose of the Group is to inform, bringing awareness of issues in a clear and understandable way to the community and to give local residents a voice. She advised that many residents have various concerns they would like raised but they feel they are not always able to voice these issues. Hailsham Voice will be raising community concerns in a clear and concise way with Town and District Councillors and Wealden District Council. Ms Browne reported she has contacted the Town Council asking if Hailsham Voice can be more involved in the Residents Forum meeting arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> October and whether she will be able to chair the meeting. She stated that there are concerns with the over development of Hailsham and the lack of consultation on this.

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: N. Collinson, Mrs S. Cottingham, J. Puttick, Ms A. O'Rawe, C. Tasane, Mrs A. Triandafyllou, C. Triandafyllou

## **Other members present**

G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), J. Cullen (Hailsham Community College), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), Rose Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire Society), Ms. J. Seale, Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church), J. Tipler (Hailsham Festival)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

## **Committee Members**

None were received.

## **Other members**

J. Coates (Air Cadets)

69 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received.

70 **Confirmation of Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.

71 **Matters Arising**

None were received.

72 **Local Skills Gap**

J. Cullen advised that he had met with Patreena Mayson, the CEO of Furniture Now and Bryony Lowin, Careers Advisor for Hailsham Community College, who had reported on the careers advice undertaken at Hailsham Community College across all age groups. P. Mayson outlined the work undertaken by Now Charity Ltd and how this could assist and aid in the skills gaps requirement, both within Hailsham Community College and the wider community.

A further meeting has been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> November, where clear objectives for the skills gap working group will be agreed and owners assigned.

J. Cullen advised he would send A. O'Rawe his contact details.

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

Members were advised the improvements to the Town Centre are due to commence in February 2016.

74 **Hailsham Forward**

C. Triandafyllou reported that the Business Forum had been hosted by Hailsham Forward on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and 18 local traders had attended the meeting. Proposals for a late night shopping event and a road closure for Christmas 2016 were discussed. He advised there were no major objections to the road closure and traders seemed keen on a late night shopping event, however as only a small number of traders had attended the meeting it had been agreed a letter and questionnaire would be sent to all local traders asking for their views on the proposals for Christmas 2016.

75 **Cycling on the Pavement**

J. Cullen raised the problem of cyclists riding on the pavement in the High Street. He stated the number of adults cycling very fast past shop doors has increased and is causing a danger. Much discussion ensued, members were advised a cycle lane was not included in the proposals for the work to the High Street and some members agreed that although cycling on the pavement was illegal and dangerous, many cyclists cycle on the pavement because of the danger caused to them by the cars parked in the High street which is already very narrow. It was agreed that the public should be made aware that cycling on the pavement is illegal and the Committee agreed to place this as an item on the agenda for the next Strategic Projects Committee to consider an awareness campaign for this problem.

76 **Communities Budget**

Members were advised that at the last Full Town Council meeting it was resolved that the

Communities Committee would be responsible for their own budget, rather than having to refer to the Full Town Council for permission, subject to the Communities Committee presenting to Full Council a forward plan of its proposed projects and costings for the next 12 months. It was agreed the projects and costings for events for 2016 would be discussed at the next Communities meeting in November in preparation for a proposal to go to Full Council in December.

77 **Christmas Light Switch on 2015**

K. Giddings advised that Santa and his sleigh will be placed on Vicarage Field in the same place as last year. Power will be provided by the Town Council as well as the sweets to be handed to the children. K. Giddings stated that the start time for Santa was likely to be 4.00 pm but she would confirm this shortly. Balloon Modelling has been booked for the event. D. Sinden advised that the open church will be from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm with some live background music. Hailsham Community College and Grovelands School will be singing carols at 5.15 pm, to finish just before the switch on at 5.30 pm and then again at 5.35 pm to 5.50 pm. Song sheets will be handed to the public to create a "community sing".

J. Tipler left the meeting at 6.55 pm.

78 **Christmas Market 2015**

D. Sinden advised that open church will be arranged for 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. She advised that Christ Church had asked if they could perform some carols; this was agreed and D. Sinden will report back with suggested times. There will be no other live music on the day. C. Tasane and S. Cottingham stated they had volunteered to help with the children's games in the Quintins Shopping Centre. K. Giddings confirmed they will have a table and chairs set out in this area. James Cullen stated he would approach the Hailsham Community College students to see if they are available to help on the day. Members discussed organising a chestnut stall. K. Giddings will ask M. Hagger if she has a contact for this.

K. Giddings confirmed that balloon modelling and face painting has been booked and that she had approached the Pound Shop in the High Street and they had given permission for Santa and his sleigh to be placed in the usual spot, adjacent the Pound Shop. K. Giddings will ask the manager of the shop whether the Rotary can have power from their shop, for the sleigh. Members requested some barriers are placed alongside the sleigh area.

79 **Christmas 2016**

Members were advised that a similar market to the one being held this year could be organised, or a road closure could be put in place with stalls down the High Street. A further option would be to gain permission from Wealden District Council to place a market in one of their car parks. N. Collinson advised that there is a call for a larger market and all traders must be contacted to investigate their views on this.

80 **Western Road Recreation Ground**

Members discussed the suggestion to hold a Bank Holiday fete in 2016 and agreed to postpone this idea for the current time. It was suggested an event could be organised involving the Town Council, Hailsham Rotary and Hailsham Lions in the afternoon of the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016, to tie in with the Demelza charity event taking place on the recreation ground that evening. K. Giddings will contact Demelza for their thoughts on this for further discussion at the next meeting.

81 M. Caira arrived at 7.30 pm.

### **Summer Fete 2016**

Members agreed to book an Italian market for the Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016 market.

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### **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott distributed programmes for the fireworks event on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

G. Constable and J. Seale left at 7.35 pm

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### **Hailsham Festival of Arts & Culture**

N. Collinson advised that the overall series of events for the Festival were a great success. He advised he was happy to take on board any suggestions for next years events.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 2nd November 2015.

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