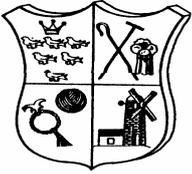


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 2nd November 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 spoke of the recent Bonfire event. She described the event as fantastic but queried the lack of disabled areas and asked if this could be looked at in the future. Mrs R. Piggott advised that there is an area provided for wheelchairs by Garrett Court.

CC/4x/15/84 **Committee members present**

Councillors: N. Collinson (substituting for Ms A. O'Rawe), Mrs S. Cottingham, J. Puttick, C. Tasane, C. Triandafyllou, Ms J. Wells

85 **Other members present**

J. Cullen (Hailsham Community College), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), Rose Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire Society), Ms. J. Seale, Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church), N. Povey (Hailsham Festival FM), Alice Matthews (Sussex Community Development Association)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

86 **Apologies For Absence:**

Committee Members

Ms A. O'Rawe, Mrs C. Collinson O'Toole, A. Triandafyllou

Other members

J. Coates (Air Cadets), G. Constable (Hailsham Lions),

87 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received.

88 **Confirmation of Minutes**

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.

89 **Matters Arising**

K. Giddings stated she had contacted Demelza Charity to ask whether they would like the Council, Rotary and Lions to organise an event on Western Road on the afternoon of 10th June, to lead up to their event in the evening, but Demelza had advised they would prefer their event to be the only event on the day.

90 **Local Skills Gap**

Alice Matthews, the Manager of Community Development Hailsham was introduced to the Committee. J. Cullen informed members a Skills Gap meeting had recently taken place and another was arranged for the following week. A plan will be put together to get a clear list of objectives and the group are looking to work closely with the schools.

J. Seale arrived at 6.05 pm.

Members were advised a scheme has been proposed at the Charles Hunt Centre where local students teach the elderly members at the Centre modern skills such as facebook and the use of the internet, and in turn the members here teach the students life skills and provide careers advice.

D. Sinden arrived at 6.08 pm.

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

It was reported the traffic regulation orders have been put out, and the road improvement works are still on schedule to start in February 2016.

92 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira advised that Hailsham Forward had been looking into organising a loyalty scheme, although this had not come to fruition but a loyalty card had been discussed, offering discounts etc. At a recent stakeholder meeting ways to increase the numbers of traders at the markets on a Thursday had been considered. The same format for the markets had been agreed for 2016, with trading taking place every Saturday other than on the Farmers Market Day. The markets will begin again in either January or March, the month to be decided after consultation with the traders.

Further Business Forums are planned for the future. Local residents have asked that the Town Council organise future resident's forums.

M. Caira reported the Town and Shopping guide now has a list of all local organisations, and it is also intended to include more information on the industrial park in Hailsham.

93 **Communities Budget**

The proposed budget will go to Full Council for consideration in November and will then be finalised in January.

Two summer events on Vicarage Field are planned for 2016. Also being considered is a Christmas switch on event combined with a late night Christmas shopping event plus a bigger Christmas market with a road closure to allow stalls in the High Street. Members were advised that a questionnaire/letter will be sent out shortly to all shop keepers asking them for their views on the suggested events for 2016.

Members were informed that if a larger Christmas event with a road closure is supported, it will be necessary to purchase a further 20 market stalls. A larger event with a road closure would be managed by an outside event organiser who would run the market and entertainment on the day.

J. Seale advised that the Farmers market may be able to assist with the extra gazebos required. J. Seale was thanked for her offer and it was agreed to discuss this further in the future.

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RESOLVED to recommend:

- i) to request funds of £15,000 for the events in 2016
- ii) to request an additional £4,500 for additional 20 gazebos, to be taken from the Ripleys capital receipt

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Christmas Light Switch on 2015

The layout of the event was discussed. Power will be taken from the War Memorial for the Rotary's Santa and sleigh, the Choir from Hailsham Community College and Grovelands School will be placed in three gazebos, next to the Hailsham FM gazebo. Members were informed that Toyah Wilcox is playing at the Hailsham Pavilion that evening and it was agreed to contact her to see if she would like to be involved in the event in some way.

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Christmas Market 2015

Christ Church will be singing carols by the War memorial between midday and 1.00 pm. S. Cottingham reported she will be assisting with the children's games in the Quintins and J. Cullen advised he should be able to organise some students from Hailsham Community College to also assist with the children's games.

It was decided to organise a small meeting with K. Giddings, M. Caira, A. Orawe, N. Povey and C. Triandafyllou the week before the market, in the event of any last minute requirements.

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Events 2016

The two summer events will be held on Saturday 25th June 2016 and Saturday 30th July 2016. The June event will be a children's market, and the July event will be focused around food and drink. An Italian Market has also been booked for Saturday 30th July. Although both markets will have a theme, the regular Saturday traders who are not selling items within the theme will still be invited to attend the events.

It was agreed to consider the finer details of Christmas 2016 at the next meeting, and therefore place this on December's agenda for further discussion.

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VC Stone

Members were advised that 2016 will be the 100th anniversary of Nelson Carter being awarded the Victoria Cross. As Nelson Carter was born in Eastbourne but lived in Hailsham, Hailsham along with Eastbourne will have a memorial stone, with the VC stone in Hailsham placed by the War Memorial. The Trustees of the War Memorial will have the final say on exactly where it is placed here.

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Bonfire Society

R. Piggott reported the Bonfire event was a great success, she reiterated that there is an area for wheelchairs by Garrett Court. She reported however that many of the shops in the toilet scheme would not allow members of the public to use their toilets on the night. N. Collinson asked her to email him the details and he advised he would contact Wealden Council about this.

£1021 was raised in the bonfire collection which will be given to various charities. R. Piggott advised that Hailsham Bonfire Society are in discussions regarding moving the

event to an earlier date in the month, but no dates have yet been confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 7th December 2015.

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