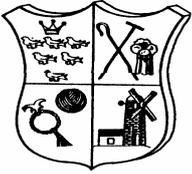


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 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.

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: Mrs S. Cottingham, Ms A. O'Rawe (Chairman), J. Puttick, C. Tasane, A. Triandafyllou

## **Other members present**

Councillor G. Blake Coggins, G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), J. Cullen (Hailsham Community College), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), Rose Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire Society), G. Osborne (Festive Illuminations)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

### **Committee Members**

C. Triandafyllou

### **Other members**

Councillor N. Collinson, Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church),

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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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

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## **Matters Arising**

None were received.

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## **Local Skills Gap**

J. Cullen advised a meeting had taken place on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Now Charity.

He reported that 380 questionnaires had been sent out but only 10 responses received. This was not enough feedback to make decisions on; therefore M. Caira would be contacting the companies by telephone to undertake a quick survey.

Members were advised a careers fair had taken place the previous week with approximately 60 stalls and was open to students from the age of 14.

J. Cullen also advised that The Sussex Community Development Association who provide computer and finance courses had both their courses now fully booked.

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### **Christmas Light Switch on event 2016**

Members were advised that the Christmas lights had gone to tender and G. Osborne would be undertaking the Christmas lighting contract for the next three years.

G. Osborne reported that the same scheme would be provided as last year, with the addition of a children's motif, two additional swags across the High Street and some colour changing stars. Members agreed the children's motif would be placed outside Prezzo, at the top of the High Street, and the additional swags between Slate Base and Handyman and Costa Coffee and Pipers Newsagents. The colour changing stars will be placed on Vicarage Field.

It was agreed to make the decision regarding the type and colour of the children's motif at the next Communities meeting in April.

M. Caira advised that the lighting columns will be replaced as part of the road improvements due to begin in May.

It was agreed to hold the switch on event on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

G. Osborne left the meeting at 6.20 pm.

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

M. Caira advised that the contract for the road improvements has been let and the traffic regulation orders have been passed. The works will start in early May and are likely to begin with making Vicarage Lane one way. Some members expressed concern at the time taken to begin the road improvements and suggested a letter is sent to East Sussex County Council advising of these concerns.

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### **Hailsham Forward**

Members were advised that the Hailsham card will be launched towards the end of March and once businesses are signed up they will start promoting the card. M. Caira stated that Eastbourne has just signed up to the scheme and a total of 240 businesses are now signed up in 3 towns.

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### **Summer Markets**

A meeting had been held with representatives from Grovelands, Marshlands, Whitehouse Schools and Hailsham Community College and they have all agreed to be involved in the children's market on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Grovelands will organise a "pick the lolly" game, and a thrown a bean bag into a dragons mouth game, Marshlands will organise a tuck shop, lucky dip and a throw the hoop game, Whitehouse are organising a "hook the duck game and a tombola.

G. Constable advised the Lions will attend with candy floss.

K. Giddings reported that Hawkes Farm school were unable to get involved as they have a fete on the same day as the children's market, but they have advised they would like to be involved in any further children's markets.

A follow up meeting with the schools will be held at 5.00 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

G. Blake Coggins advised that Park Mead school would also like to be involved in the event. K. Giddings advised she would contact them with details of the event.

K. Giddings reported she will contact Freedom Leisure's Active Play and the local supermarkets to see if they wish to be involved.

Members discussed the food and drink market on 30<sup>th</sup> July. J. Cullen advised he had an ice cream van contact and would speak to them about attending the market.

153 **Christmas Light Switch on**

A O'rawe stated she will contact Jayne Torvill to see if she is able to switch on the Christmas lights. Members agreed to ask Dominos to get involved again with the design a pizza competition with the 2 winners also switching the lights on.

J. Cullen confirmed Hailsham Community College and Grovelands will organise a choir, possibly with the involvement of Wealden Brass Band.

B. Funnell confirmed the Rotary's Father Christmas will be in attendance.

154 **Christmas Market event 2016**

Members were advised that Tracey Ryland had been appointed to organise the Christmas market and she will provide a report on this for the April Communities meeting. M. Cairn reminded members that the Council had previously agreed to purchase more gazebos at a cost of £4500. These gazebos had now been sourced and the Committee agreed to the purchase of these.

155 **Hailsham Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott stated that the Bonfire Society is currently making the torches for the procession and that sponsorship is going well.

156 **Hailsham Festival**

There was no further update.

157 **HM Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations**

S. Cottingham had been asked to approach St Marys Church as to whether a light could be placed on the church tower. She advised however that the Church were unable to support this idea because of insurance limitations. It was suggested perhaps the church could ring the church bells for this event. S. Cottingham will approach the Church about this.

**N.B.** St Marys Church has agreed to ring the church bells for the Queens birthday.

Members also considered investigating the hiring of a search light for the event. K. Giddings will look into this

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 11 April 2016.

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