



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Communities Committee

AGENDA

Notice is given of a meeting of the Communities Committee, to be held at the Fleur-de-Lys Council Chambers/Meeting Rooms, Market Street, Hailsham, on

Monday 6th July 2015 at 6.00pm

Prior to commencement of the remainder of 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.

The order of formal business to be transacted will thereafter be as follows:

1. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies for absence of appointed members.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive notice of declarations of personal or prejudicial interests in respect of items on this agenda.
3. **Minutes of previous Meeting -**
 - 3.1 A) To approve the Minutes and Reports of the Meeting of the Communities Committee (Ref: CC/15/2/1-20) held on 1st June 2015.
B) To consider any matters arising.
4. **Christmas Light Switch On Event**
To discuss the planning and organisation of the event
5. **Christmas Market Event**
To discuss the planning and organisation of the event
6. **Summer Events**

To discuss the recent event on 26th June

To discuss the planning and organisation of July 25th and August 29th events

7. **Hailsham Bonfire Society**

To discuss the 2015 event

8. **Hailsham Festival of Arts & Culture**

To receive a verbal report on the Hailsham Festival of Arts & Culture 2015.

9. **Hailsham Forward**

To receive an update on the activities of Hailsham Forward. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2015 are attached for information.

10. **Hailsham and Hellingly Movement & Access Strategy.**

To receive a verbal update on the Movement and Access Strategy.

11. **Reconnecting The Town**

To discuss ways to overcome the disconnection of the various business areas of the town.

12. **Local Skills Gap**

To discuss how to identify the skills gap that may exist in the town and what can be done to overcome any skills gap identified.

13. **Tourist Signs on the A22**

To receive a verbal update on the progress made on the Tourist Signs and to consider how to move this project on based on the progress made to date.

Dated this 29th day of June 2015

Committee Membership:

Councillor Mrs. S. Cottingham
Councillor N.A. Collinson
Councillor Mrs. C. Collinson-O'Toole
Councillor Mrs. S Henstock
Councillor Ms. A. O'Rawe
Councillor J. Puttick
Councillor C. Tasane
Councillor C. Triandafyllou
Councillor Miss J. Wells



JOHN HARRISON
Town Clerk

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 6th July 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.

Mrs A. Franklin, owner of Beyond the Fringe in Hailsham High Street and Mr M. Adams, owner of Hailsham Jewellers in Hailsham High Street addressed members regarding the proposed High Street road improvements. Mr Adams reported that 90 % of the traders in the Town were against the proposed works and he advised a petition had been passed to East Sussex County Council but the Council had not confirmed receipt of this. Mr Adams stated that he was aware some changes were needed in the High Street but not quite the sweeping changes that are proposed. He also stated that the concerns of the traders were not being listened to.

Ms A. Franklin advised that the dates set for the proposed works keep changing and she expressed concern that the dates set for the work are getting closer to Christmas.

C. Triandafyllou advised that the road works will not impact on Christmas and the road works would be delayed to 2016 if the timings proposed impacted on Christmas. N. Collinson stated that the traders concerns had been taken into account by East Sussex Council as it had originally been proposed for a 30 minute parking time limit in the High Street but this had been increased to one hour, to allow for the traders objections. Councillor Collinson advised that part of the proposals were for signage to be placed in the car parks, directing the public to the High Street to encourage them to shop in the Town. He considered that trader's fears over reduced traffic in the High Street were unfounded; the proposals to have less cars parked in the High Street would actually encourage the public to shop there.

M. Caira confirmed that the petition had been received by East Sussex County Council.

It was agreed to set up a meeting as soon as possible with Councillor N. Collinson, Councillor C. Triandafyllou, Mr Adams and Mrs Franklin.

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Committee members present

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

Other members present

Ms. J. Seale, Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church) Rose Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire Society),

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings & M. Caira

22 **Apologies For Absence:**

Committee Members

Mrs S. Henstock and Ms J. Wells

Other members

G. Constable

23 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received.

24 **Confirmation of Minutes**

C. Tasane advised that the sentence “Councillor C. Tasane suggested Peter Lambert, from Britain’s Got Talent, is contacted to be chairman” was incorrect and should read:

“Councillor C. Tasane suggested Peter Lambert, from Britain’s Got Talent, is contacted to see if he is available to switch on the Christmas lights in the Town on 21st November”

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on Monday 1st June 2015 were amended and confirmed as a correct record.

25 **Matters Arising**

None were received.

26 **Christmas Light Switch on**

K. Giddings advised that Peter Lambert had stated he would turn on the Christmas lights and there would be no charge for this.

27 **Christmas Market**

It was agreed the supermarkets would be contacted in September to see if they wish to be involved in either the Christmas market or the light switch on.

M. Caira advised there is a business forum on 2nd October and all the businesses in the Town will be written to in early September. He stated that the Christmas events can be mentioned in this letter.

Members were advised the skate rink had been booked for the Christmas market.

The Committee Clerk was asked to book Hailsham Choral Society, Grovelands School and Hailsham Community College for carol singing at the events.

Councillor N. Collinson advised that a national campaign for small businesses – “small business Saturday” is on the same day as the market. It may be possible to incorporate this into the event.

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Summer Markets

26th June event

The feedback for the event was as follows:

Members agreed there were not enough children's stalls or children's entertainment present at the market.

D. Sinden advised the Church youth Band had given very positive feedback for the event, and had enjoyed being involved in the day.

All members agreed that Hailsham FM and the dance organised by Freedom Leisure had been a very positive addition to the event and it was agreed to invite Freedom Leisure to the next event on 25th July.

There had been some complaints from the traders that the live music was too loud.

Members considered that in future a themed market must have more stalls relating to the theme and incentives could be offered to stall holders whose products relate to the theme.

Members discussed the Vintage market on 25th July and agreed there are currently not enough vintage stalls. A. Triandafyllou reported that Dippy Doodahs have agreed to organise a tea party and will use the tables and chairs provided by the Council on Vicarage Field. The tea party was discussed and it was agreed that bunting could be placed on the stalls and some party accessories could be ordered. The Chapter 12 wine and beer stall will also be placed next to the tables and chairs on Vicarage Field.

Members were reminded a hog roast is booked for the day and this will be placed next to the war memorial.

A O'Rawe encouraged all councillors to attend the markets to show their support.

Members agreed the "International" market on the 29th August should be re-named "summer market". The tables and chairs will also be set up on Vicarage Field for this event.

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Bonfire Society

R. Piggott advised the bonfire society members are in the process of making torches. She stated that the Bonfire Society is holding a tombola in the Quintins on 25th July and agreed to ask the members to dress up on the day.

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Hailsham Festival of Arts & Culture

Councillor N. Collinson advised the meeting that the programme was well established and included an art trail with 16 venues and 40 artists taking part, sponsored by Hart Reade. The start of the Festival is Saturday 12th September and will run for 10 days. There will be a barn dance in Arlington on the Friday night before the opening on the Saturday. The programme is being designed at the moment and will be ready for distribution by mid-August. Councillor Collinson asked for assistance in getting bunting put up in the High

Street for the event. M Caira stated that East Sussex Highways would have to agree to any bunting that crosses the highway and suggested that Councillor Collinson contact Robin Hayward at East Sussex Highways for details and permission.

31 **Hailsham Forward**

Minutes of the Hailsham Forward Executive Team had been circulated prior to the meeting. M. Caira advised the meeting on the latest work of the Hailsham Forward Project and highlighted both the new Residents' Forum taking place on 7th July and Business Forum taking place on 2nd October as part of the drive to re-connect the town. He also highlighted the Lyonsess Loyalty Scheme that is being considered for Hailsham and that will be the main topic at the Business Forum in October.

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

As there has not been a MASHH Steering Group meeting for some there is no update at this point. The next MASHH meeting is scheduled for 17th July and an update will be available following this meeting.

33 **Reconnecting the Town**

M. Caira advised the meeting that Hailsham Forward have been working on this issue for a few months, and as detailed in the Hailsham Forward minute above was in the process of establishing a residents' and business forum to help in the process of reconnecting the town.

J Seale questioned the development of the community forum suggesting that it had now stagnated. She proposed that contact with a group set up in Herstmonceux should be made that have been working in the community and have set up a group of volunteers. She also suggested that it would be good to get speakers to future meetings and to look to set a regular day for the meeting.

It was agreed that Councillor N Collinson meet with M Caira and M Hagger to discuss the development of the Community Forum.

34 **Local Skills Gap**

M Caira apologised for not organising a meeting of the working group as previously agreed. He confirmed that this will be done following the residents' Forum on 7th July.

Cllr C Tasane questioned the proposal by Cllr Ms J. Wells there should be some form of club where 16 – 25 year olds can meet and get help with finding work including CVs, interview techniques etc, as there was already such a service provided by Hailsham Works. Cllr A O'Rawe stated that they are two different schemes and the working group should consider all the issues and possible solutions.

35 **Tourist Signs on A22**

M. Caira advised the meeting that the Town Clerk was in the process of organising a meeting with East Sussex County Council, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council on the proposed scheme for the signage

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.39pm.

