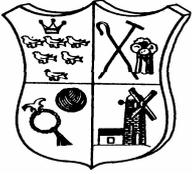


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 4th December 2017 at 6.00 pm.

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

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Committee members present

Councillors: G. Blake Coggins, N. Collinson, Mrs A. Clarke, Mrs S. Cottingham, R. Grocock, Councillor Ms A. O'Rawe (chairman), C. Triandafyllou (vice chairman)

Other members present

Ms G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary) R. Piggott (Bonfire Society), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), J. Seale, D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officer in attendance: M. Caira, K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Committee Members

Councillor T. Burns, A. Willis

Other members

None were received.

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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 6th November 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

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To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 6th November 2017

It was noted that all resolutions would be discussed throughout the meeting

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Additional Planters

M. Caira advised he had met with 2 East Sussex Council Officers, to discuss where the pole planters and bollards can go. This item is likely to be taken to Full Council in January to agree the cost and confirm the location of the planters and bollards.

B. Funnell arrived 6.05 pm.

Members discussed the planters that are currently in the High Street and whether they have a licence. M. Caira reported that East Sussex County Council will not grant a licence for any new planters.

N. Collinson arrived at 6.08 pm

72 **Hailsham Forward**

Members were advised that it has been agreed to continue the street market in the same format. There will be no pitch fees charged to the regular traders in January, February or March.

Hailsham Forward are considering organising a special even next year involving a food week/food festival in April or May and are looking for support from local businesses.

73 **Christmas Light Switch on**

Feedback from the light switch on was very positive. G. Constable reported that the Lions had made 171 candy floss. The Hailsham FM tombola sold out and the open church was also a success with around 140 people.

A small number of the shops remained open for the event, including Millies, Chapter 12, Special Occasions, Bucklers, Homely Maid and the restaurants and takeaway businesses in the Town.

74 **Christmas Market**

Members were advised that everything was in hand, Christchurch and Hailsham Choral Society will be carol singing in the morning with El Banda Burros playing in the afternoon.

Many of the stalls booked will be selling Christmas items.

75 **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott advised that the Bonfire Societies collection had been made up to £600.00 and this will be divided between Now Charity, 2nd Hailsham Scouts and Charles Hunt. The Bonfire event 2018 will be held on 20th October.

76 **Hailsham Festival**

Feedback on the festival was good. N. Collinson confirmed that he will have the dates of next years festival shortly. The Walking Carnival will be held in the same week as the Hailsham Festival. The Festival is no longer an "arts" festival but a mixture of various events to make up the festival, not just art related.

77 **Events 2018**

Members discussed the date for the 2018 christmas light switch on and agreed on Friday 23rd November. This is also Black Friday and members agreed this date may be an opportunity for shop keepers to open late and offer discounts.

As the Christmas market was being held slightly later than in recent years, it was agreed to see how successful the event was before deciding on the date for next year.

78 **World War I Commemoration**

Members discussed an email from Councillor M. Laxton which offered some suggestions for a

commemoration event for the 100 year anniversary in November 2018 of the end of World War I

Councillor Laxton's email is below:

Commemorative marking of WW-1 11 November 2018

*The British Legion will perform there normal parade and service on 11/11/18
I would suggest (as I raised at full council)that as our town has a detailed history of armed forces and active service i.e. the barracks and the history of deer paddock we must mark this occasion .
As residents will be in attendance for the traditional service we should capatalise on the crowd beingpresent .
The town council could put out a flyer to welcome residents to stay on after the service to mark the occasion .
You could put on a musical 1940s themed entertainment with an large gazebo as a stage as weather may be an issue and ask Waitrose to provide coffee and buns through there community stall from 11.30/1pm.You could ask people to bring there own picnic chairs for seating .
Let's bring back the street community atmosphere.
Your agreed community budget set aside a a huge advertising budget so if you re budgeted 1.500 to put on an this event that would suffice .
You could offer Waitrose a donation towards covering some of the costs i.e. £500 for coffee and buns they may even customise the cakes for the occasion
I am happy to liaison with waitrose store manager as he has supported numerous projects that i am currently involved in .
If you decide to support this idea I suggest you book a war themed band very quickly as this will be a popular date and celebrations are taking place across the country .
I can give Karen the details of a 4 piece band dressed in military costume singing 1940 songs or a female trio singing 1940 songs allow between £650 to £1000 for a specialised act for 2x45 mins slots .
I feel our community should be encouraged to recognise this special event that will have impacted on so many families in our town who will have lost loved ones.*

Unfortunately I am at a funeral on Monday or i would have attended to put my suggestion forward .

Perhaps the council will also purchase a WW-1 flag in recognition of 100 yrs to display at the war memorial

Cllr Mary Laxton

Members discussed Councillor Laxton's suggestions in depth.

The Committee considered that as the British Legion organise Remembrance Day every year, the British Legion should be approached to see what their plans are for marking the anniversary. Members agreed that the Communities Committee could work with the British Legion, if they are agreeable to this.

The Committee were opposed to holding an event with music as they felt the mood should be sombre and that a band would be inappropriate. Also, a 1940's band would be in the wrong era.

The Committee discussed the idea of approaching Waitrose and considered that this would be against financial regulations, as there are many other food outlets in the Town and one individual could not be singled out.

As the budget for the events in 2018 has already been allocated, if a further budget was required, the Council would have to be approached for further funding.

It was agreed that either M. Caira or J. Harrison would approach the British Legion and the Council would be led by them in any events to be organised. Once the British Legion has been contacted the Committee will discuss whether to organise a working group for this.

B. Funnell confirmed that the Rotary would be interested in getting involved in the commemoration.

It was agreed the Historical Society could be approached to see if they could display some old photographs.

D. Sinden advised she would speak to Hailsham Parish Church to see if they wish to get involved.

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

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 8th January 2018

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