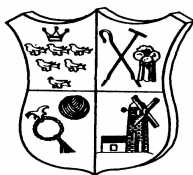


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 3rd July 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, Mrs A. Clarke, Mrs S. Cottingham, R. Grocock, A. O'Rawe, (Chairman), M. Pinkney, C. Triandafyllou (Vice Chairman)

Other members present

Mrs G. Constable, R. Piggott (Bonfire Society), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), J. Seale,

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

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Apologies For Absence:

Committee Members

None were received

Other members

J. Cullen (Hailsham Community College) and D. Sinden (Hailsham 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 5th June 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 5th June 2017

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

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Additional Planters

M. Caira advised he had contacted East Sussex County Council but had received no further update at the current time.

20 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira reported that the Hailsham Card has been revamped and re-launched and more shops have joined the Hailsham card scheme, offering discounts. The Stakeholder group will be meeting on 14th July to discuss whether Hailsham Forward will become a Community Interest Company, which would allow it to be a legal entity in its own right.

Summer Events 2017

21 **June 24th market**

Members were advised that feedback from Town Centre businesses was mixed, some had very good trade, others reported it was “normal” for a Saturday. All agreed they would like to be involved in a similar event in 2018.

Members discussed the advertising of the event and agreed it had been advertised extensively. M. Caira stated that the Town Council had advertised the event on the Town Council face book and had provided a link on this page to the face book page of any shops that had requested this. He advised that the shops who had advertised the event on their own face book page as well had reported a particularly busy day.

Both G. Constable and R. Piggott stated that the Lions and Bonfire Society did not do as well on the day as they had hoped to.

The Committee discussed the siting of some of the stalls by the church yard steps and away from all the activity in the High Street and asked why they had been placed there? M. Caira advised that a few traders had asked for spaces after the deadline so they had made room for them in this area. Another stall here was the sensory tent, who had requested a quiet position in the Town and had been placed here for that reason.

The organiser of the sensory tent had reported having a very successful day.

The tea cup ride had been quite quiet, taking only £62.00. Half of these proceeds will go to St Wilfrid’s Hospice.

Members requested that costs for the placing of bunting across the High Street be looked into for next year.

Members agreed to discuss next years dates for the summer events at the next Communities meeting in August.

22 **July 29th event**

K. Giddings confirmed that bunting would be placed on stalls on the day and also around Vicarage Field.

Two bands have now been booked for the day – Peter Willson String quartet and El Banda Burros, with Hailsham FM playing music in between.

G. Blake Coggins advised he would contact some traders that sell “street food” to see if they are able to attend the event.

23 **Lions Fun Day**

G. Constable reported that they have 25 plus stalls booked, and events such as a dog show, mini stream train, punch and judy, quad bikes and old fashioned games.

24 **Christmas 2017**

Two market traders have signed up to the event. There was no further update and members agreed to discuss the event in more detail at the next meeting

25 **Christmas Light Switch on 2017**

M. Cairra stated he would send a further mail out to all shop keepers to see if they wish to participate in the late night shopping event.

26 **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott advised that many of the procession torches have been made and everything else is in place.

27 **Hailsham Festival**

Councillor A. O'Rawe confirmed that the Festival Committee are still looking for volunteers to help organise the festival.

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

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on **Wednesday 30th August 2017.**

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