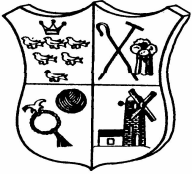


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 February 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: Mrs B. Beckett (substituting for L. Collinson), G. Blake Coggins, Mrs A. Clarke, N. Collinson, R. Grocock, Mrs S. Cottingham, Ms. A. O'Rawe (Chairman) C. Triandafyllou (Vice Chairman)

Other Councillors present:

Councillor Mrs M. Laxton

Other members present

J. Cullen (Hailsham Community College), 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

Mrs L. Collinson

Other members

G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

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Declarations of Interest

Councillor R. Grocock declared a personal interest in the agenda item "Additional Planting in the High Street" as he is a member of Environment Hailsham

Councillor N. Collinson declared a personal interest in the agenda item "Extra event proposed" as he attends Hailsham Active meetings.

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Hailsham Forward

Due to the nature of the discussions under this agenda item, members agreed to move this item to confidential business and place the item to the end of the agenda

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Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on Monday 16th January 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 16th January 2017

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

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Hailsham and Hellingly Movement & Access Strategy

There was no further update

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Additional Planting in the High Street

R. Grocock presented some examples of different planters to the Committee. It was agreed that the acquario planter was the preferred choice.

RESOLVED to defer a decision on the number of planters required until the roadworks are progressed further and a survey of the footways can take place establishing how many planters would be needed to prevent parking on the new footways.

N. Collinson arrived at 6.12 pm

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Hailsham Hero

Councillor A. O'rawe explained that discussion and nominations for Hailsham Hero would now be placed on the Communities Committee agenda. The deadline for nominations for Hailsham Hero had now been extended to 28th February 2017. Councillor A. O'Rawe asked for nominations for this year and for non Council members of the Committee to volunteer to sit on the Panel. J. Cullen and J. Seale volunteered to sit on the Hailsham Hero panel.

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Extra event proposed

Councillor M. Laxton presented a list of costings to the Committee for the "Lions Club Community Fun Day with Hailsham Active" on Sunday 23rd July, and asked whether the Committee would financially support the following :

2 disabled portable toilets – £285 plus vat
3 St John's Ambulances in attendance - £300 for the duration of the day .
Hire of a sensory tent - £210
Hire in of mobility friendly hand peddled bikes . £200 plus VAT

Councillor M. Laxton reported that The Town Council's crest would go on all the advertising for the event and the Town Council Flags could be displayed by the entrance to the field.

Members confirmed that there is no capacity to fund this from the Communities budget and agreed to ask the Full Council whether funding could be obtained to support the request.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that a sum of £1000 is allocated to the Hailsham Lions to support the Hailsham Get Active Day event on Sunday 23rd July on Western Road Recreation Ground

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Summer Events 2017

K. Giddings advised that she had invited the local schools to attend a meeting to discuss their role in the childrens' market on Saturday 24th June, but no representatives from the schools had

attended. Much discussion ensued and members agreed that rather than name the 24th June market the “childrens’ market”, to name it “celebrating Hailsham day”.

M. Laxton addressed the Committee regarding the provision of childrens rides for the event. She stated she had been in touch with a company that provides rides and in particular proposed the Council book some tea cup rides through this company. M. Cairra queried whether the tea cup ride in question was disabled friendly; M. Laxton stated that she had spoken to the provider of the tea cup ride and he had confirmed that a ramp could be made, which would provide a reasonable adjustment and allow the tea cup ride to be disabled friendly and allow access for wheel chairs.

Councillor G. Blake considered that it would impossible for the Council to only provide rides that are entirely disabled friendly and that the Council should not refrain from booking other rides because they are not suitable for wheel chair access.

K. Giddings confirmed she would contact the local schools again to see if they wish to get involved on the day.

Members asked K. Giddings to provisionally book the tea cup ride for the event.

It was agreed that local charities/community groups should be invited to this event.

Members discussed the food and drink summer marrket on 29th July. Councillor G. Blake Coggins advised he would contact Harveys of Lewes to see whether they could provide a beer stand. He also advised he would contact a local musician to see if he was willing to perform on the day. Councillor A. O’Rawe advised she will contact Bella Pizza in the Town and also a local vineyard owner to see if he can provide any wine for the event.

It was agreed to either have a hog roast at the event or a pizza van, but not to book both.

Hailsham FM will be invited to attend all the Council events and markets.

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Christmas 2017

Councillor M. Laxton circulated details of a laser light show, which she proposed for the Christmas light switch on, and could be held in Hailsham Churchyard. Members requested K. Giddings send out letters to all the large buisnesses in the Town, requesting sponsorship for the laser light show and asking them to respond by 6th March. It was agreed the letter should be sent from either the Town Clerk or Mayor. Members decided that this attraction could only be booked if enough sponsorship was raised from local businesses to pay for it.

J. Cullen confirmed that Groveland School and Hailsham Community College would be involved in the switch on, on Friday 24th November.

Members discussed the Chrirstmas market planned for 16th December. M. Cairra proposed that traders are offered a pitch and gazebo free of charge, to encourage traders to attend the event. It would be attempted to secure 40/50 quality stalls for this event. A deposit would be taken from each trader which they would receive back at the end of the market day, to ensure traders did not just book a gazebo at the event and then fail to attend. Members agreed to this proposal.

J. Cullen confirmed he had spoken to Tesco and they had advised they would like to be involved in the Christmas market.

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Bonfire Society

R. Piggot reported that a craft fair was organised for 1st April at the Charles Hunt Centre, as well as the Bonfire Societies annual quiz on 12th May.

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Hailsham Festival

N. Collinson reported that this years Hailsham Festival would be held on 14th – 24th September. He stated that volunteers were needed to join the Haisham Festival Committee and requested the Council put out a press release asking for volunteers.

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Confidential Business

RESOLVED that due to the special and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, and possible disclosure of personal or legal information not in the public interest at the present time, the following items of business be transacted following the temporary exclusion of members of the Public and Press, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders No. 1E. The reason for exclusion is:

(b) terms of tenders, and proposals, and counter-proposals in negotiations for contracts

All non members of the Committee left the meeting.

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Hailsham Forward

Councillor C. Triandafyllou reported that the Town Council were looking to recruit an individual to help with the sourcing of traders for the street markets. M. Caira advised that research has been undertaken to find a company that can provide background research and source market traders. The Market Traders Association had been contacted but they had not responded to the enquiries and other Councils have been contacted, but it had not been possible to find any companies that can provide this service. Two individuals have provided quotes however, one to provide new traders and source potential traders, and one to provide background research to assist in the running of the markets. Much discussion ensued and it was agreed to employ Mrs T. Ryland to undertake research on the operation of the market with existing and former market traders and to secure more quality stalls for the market over the coming months.

Members agreed that proven results would be needed after a number of months.

Councillor A. Clarke abstained from voting.

RESOLVED that Mrs T. Ryland is employed by the Council to source new traders for the street market

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 6th March 2017.

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