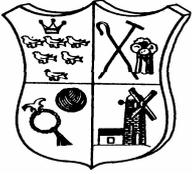


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 6.00 pm.

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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.

Mrs Rehberg of Hailsham Cellars addressed the Committee regarding their decision to have a road closure for the “Celebrating Hailsham” event on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. She stated she was against this idea as the High Street traders have already suffered for months with the closure of the High Street for the road improvements to the Town. She stated that takings were down for her business and asked whether there was an alternative to closing the road on 24<sup>th</sup> June? Mrs Rehberg asked whether it was the Communities Committee that agreed for the High Street to be re-opened for the Bonfire Societies event last October and stated that this had set the road works back 2/3 weeks.

Mrs Piggott advised that the Bonfire Society had obtained permission from Wealden District Council to close the road for their event.

Mrs Rehberg also queried a comment that had been made in the Town Councils newsletter that the road works were progressing well and advised she did not agree with this statement.

Mr Rehberg stated that none of High Street traders wanted the road to be closed in June and asked if the Committee could arrange an alternative to this.

C. Triandafyllou asked whether the traders had any suggestions and Mrs Rehberg reported she would contact the Clerk with some suggestions.

Mr Hendry of Haywards Carpets complained about the congestion in the Town due to the current road works and stated that it was causing mayhem in the Town and had cost traders tens of thousands of pounds. He asked whether any compensation scheme had been set up for the traders?

C. Triandafyllou advised that the works were being undertaken to improve the Town Centre and to attract more visitors into Hailsham in the future. He stated that the Town Council was not involved in the undertaking of the road works, the road works had been organised by East Sussex County Council.

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: Mrs B. Beckett (substituting for L. Collinson), G. Blake Coggins, Mrs A. Clarke, R. Grocock, C. Triandafyllou (substituting as Chairman in A. O’Rawe’s absence)

## **Other Councillors present:**

Councillors F. Berry, N. Coltman, P. Holbrook

## **Other members present**

Mrs G. Constable, J. Cullen (Hailsham Community College), R. Piggott (Bonfire Society), B.

Pratt (Farmers' Market) J. Seale

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

113 **Apologies For Absence:**

**Committee Members**

Councillors Mrs L. Collinson, N. Collinson, Mrs S. Cottingham, Ms A. O'Rawe

**Other members**

None were received

114 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor A. Clarke declared an interest in the agenda item for summer events 2017 as her husband is the proprietor of a High Street shop and had been in attendance at the meeting as a member of the public, objecting to the closing of the High Street on June 24th. Councillor Clarke left the meeting when the road closure was discussed.

115 **Confirmation of Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

116 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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

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

There was no further update. C. Triandafyllou advised that this item would be removed from the Communities Committee agenda until further notice.

Councillor P. Holbrook enquired about the road works in the Town and asked whether the new one way system in Vicarage Lane was legal? He asked whether the public had been given sufficient notice on this. C. Triandafyllou advised that East Sussex County Council had published their public consultation before the road works had begun and P. Holbrook would need to speak to East Sussex County Council if he required further information.

Councillor F. Berry advised he had spoken to East Sussex Councillor W. Bentley on this matter

118 **Hailsham Forward**

There was no further update

119 **Hailsham Hero**

Councillor N. Coltman reported that approximately 10 nominations had been received, to include 2 new nominations. He suggested that a sub title of "Community Award" is added to "Hailsham Hero" to make it clear what the award is for. Members were agreeable to this.

120 **Summer Events 2017**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> market**

Councillor Clarke left the meeting at 6.25 pm

K. Giddings advised she had spoken to James Davis of Centre Events, regarding the booking of a tea cup ride for the 24<sup>th</sup> June event. At the previous meeting Councillor M. Laxton had suggested that a ramp could be made to allow this ride to be accessible for disabled use. Members were advised that Centre Events had agreed that a ramp could be made if the Council wished to do so, but had stated in their opinion that a ramp was unnecessary, because if a disabled child required lifting into the ride they would need to be lifted in by the child's parent, whether there was a ramp available or not. K. Giddings notified members that Centre Events had stated that no ride could be completely accessible for a disabled individual, but that the Council would make reasonable adjustments to the ride, as best they can.

Members were advised that Barwells Solicitors had agreed to sponsor the tea cup ride and that half the proceeds would be given to St Wilfred's Hospice.

Members discussed the road closure and whether it would be possible to fit the market and attractions on Vicarage Field, if it was decided not to close the road. K. Giddings advised she would obtain the dimensions of the tea cup ride to see if it would be possible to fit this on Vicarage Field along with Hailsham FM and the market stalls. It was agreed to defer the decision on a road closure at the next Communities Committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Councillor Clarke returned to the meeting at 6.35 pm

K. Giddings stated that a raffle would be organised for 24<sup>th</sup> June, Herstmonceux Observatory and Eastbourne Theatres had already donated tickets for prizes. A sensory tent and balloon modelling had also been booked for the event. Members were advised that none of the local PTA groups for the schools were able to attend the event on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

G. Constable advised that the Lions would be in attendance at the 24<sup>th</sup> June event with their candy floss stall

B. Pratt suggested the Cattle Market could be used for parking if it was available on the day, for the Town Council events this year.

### **July events**

Councillor G. Blake Coggins reported he has arranged for Harveys of Lewes to attend the 29<sup>th</sup> July market and is waiting for confirmation on whether a local band can also attend this event.

G. Constable advised that the organisation of the Lions funday with Hailsham Active in July is underway, with stalls and attractions already booked.

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### **Christmas 2017**

The Committee were asked whether they would like T. Ryland to manage the Christmas Market this year. Much discussion ensued and members decided against employing T. Ryland to organise the market but to organise it in house. It was agreed to consider whether or not to have a road closure for this event at a later date.

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**RESOLVED** to recommend that the Christmas Market event on December 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 is organised "in house"

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### **Christmas Light Switch on 2017**

At the previous meeting Councillor M. Laxton had proposed a laser light show for the Christmas light switch on, to be held in Hailsham Churchyard. The quotation for the 5 minute display was £9,000 and members agreed the funding of this could only be achieved through sponsorship and asked K. Giddings to contact a number of local businesses and shops to ask whether they would like to sponsor such an event. K. Giddings advised she had contacted 17 local

companies to ask them for sponsorship for the laser light show. The companies contacted were:

Tesco Supermarket, Waitrose Supermarket, Asda supermarket, Iceland Supermarket, Jolleys Pet Store, Chandlers BMW, Boship Hotel, Whiteman and Parrish, Parker Building Supplies, Metaltech, Wickes, Jewson, Steam Rock Capital, Ripleys, Irit Meyer (Owner of St Marys Walk) Hailsham Roadway and Argos.

Members were advised that there had been no offers of sponsorship and agreed therefore not to pursue the proposed laser light show.

123 **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott advised that the Bonfire Society are currently undertaking fundraising

124 **Hailsham Festival**

There was no further update

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

**The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.**

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