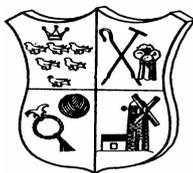


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 June 2018 at 6.00 pm.

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Election of Chairman

Councillor C. Triandafyllou nominated Councillor A. O'Rawe as Chairman, seconded by Councillor B. Beckett

Councillor G. Blake Coggins nominated Councillor A. Clarke as Chairman, seconded by Councillor R. Grocock

3 members voted for Councillor A. O'Rawe and 3 members voted for Councillor A. Clarke

As the vote was a tie and Councillor A. O'Rawe was not present at the meeting, Councillor G. Blake Coggins proposed Councillor A. Clarke chair the meeting with the election of the Chairman to be taken back to the next Communities meeting

All members voted in favour

- 2 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 J. Russell, a street market trader, asked whether there were any developments in the cost of the market? Councillor A. Clarke replied that the Council is working towards organising a small working group to discuss ideas for the market, and a meeting of this working group should be organised in June.

Mrs Berry advised that R. Piggott was not noted as being present at the meeting on 14th May 2018 and that the date on the agenda for 4th June 2018 was incorrect.

- 3 Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor T. Burns nominated C. Triandafyllou as Vice Chairman, seconded by R. Grocock

All members voted in favour

- 4 **Committee members present**

Councillors: Ms B. Beckett (substituting for N. Coltman), T. Burns, G. Blake Coggins, Mrs A. Clarke (Chairman), Mrs S. Cottingham, R. Grocock, C. Triandafyllou (Vice Chairman),

- 5 **Other members present**

R. Piggott (Bonfire Society), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church),

Officer in attendance: M. Caira, K. Giddings

6 **Apologies For Absence:**

Committee Members

Councillors N. Coltman and Ms A. O'Rawe

Other members

Mrs G. Constable

7 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

8 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 14th May 2018 (Ref 17/9/121-136), as printed and circulated, may be amended, taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

9 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 14th May 2018**

Members were advised that the Walking Carnival, due to be held in September, had been cancelled.

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

10 **Hailsham Street Market**

M. Caira reported that the Council had agreed that the Street Markets will now come under the Communities Committee and he proposed that a working group should be created to investigate ways to improve the market and report back to the Committee.

RESOLVED to set up a Street Market Working Group with a membership of Councillors G. Blake Coggins, C. Triandafyllou and S. Cottingham.

11 **Haisham Forward**

M. Caira advised that Hailsham Forward are currently in discussions with the Chamber of Commerce as to who will progress the Business Park Association .

M. Caira also reported he will contact local Residents' Associations to see if they wish to join Hailsham Forward.

12 **30th June 2018 Market**

Many of the regular market traders will be in attendance at the event along with 12-15 local community groups.

D. Sinden advised that Hailsham Parish Church will be open from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm serving free refreshments on the day

Bunting will go up in the High Street from mid June to the end of September

13 **28th July 2018 Market**

D. Sinden advised that Hailsham Parish Church will again be open from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm serving free refreshments

A Cornish Pasty and coffee van is booked along with Harveys of Lewes serving wine and beer. Table and chairs will be placed on Vicarage Field to allow customers to listen to the live music whilst having their refreshments. M. Caira advised that Dominos Pizza have booked a gazebo, to be situated outside their premises and T. Burns is providing an ice cream van for the event.

14 **Christmas Market 2018**

R. Piggott confirmed that the Bonfire Society were able to wear their costumes for the Christmas Market on 15th December. It was suggested that the Bonfire Society could have a collection on the day, providing more than one licence is permitted from Wealden District Council at the event as the Rotary also have a collection on this day with their Santa and Sleigh. K. Giddings advised she would contact Wealden Council for information on the number of collections allowed.

D. Sinden reported that Wealden Brass will be playing at 3.00 pm on the day of the market, in Hailsham Parish Church.

It was suggested that pupils from a local dance school could be asked to dance or sing at the event. A. Clarke stated she would contact Zoe Pennington, the proprietor of a local dance school.

15 **Christmas Light Switch on**

S. Cottingham asked whether further activities could be organised for later in the evening, after the lights have been switched on. M. Caira advised that the local shops have been approached to stay open later in the evening and he hoped to have further feedback on this shortly. D. Sinden advised that Hailsham Parish Church holds its open church after the lights have been switched on, offering free hot chocolate to those visiting the Church.

16 **World War I Commemoration**

Members were advised that the Charities Trust has agreed to the request by the Royal British Legion to place a "Silent Soldier" on the War Memorial. The British Legion have also asked permission to place a Silent Soldier on three other locations - Ersham Road Triangle, Market Square (where the Christmas Tree is located) and the green at Courtlands. The Legion is contacting the relevant parties for permission and will then chose two sites to place two Silent Soldiers.

17 **Community Forum**

M. Caira advised that the Forum is well established now and meets regularly.

18 **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott reported that everything is in hand for the event in October

19 **Lions Fun Day**

There was no further update

20 **Hailsham Festival**

M. Caira stated he had met with Tony Biggin from the Hailsham Festival Committee. He had advised that the Food Festival is now part of the Hailsham Festival, with a number of restaurants in Hailsham now having confirmed they would be taking part in the Food Festival in

September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 2nd July 2018

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