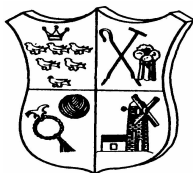


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 8th January 2018 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: T. Burns, Mrs S. Cottingham, R. Grocock, 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

Mr M. Weller (Royal British Legion)

Officer in attendance: M. Caira, K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Committee Members

Councillors G. Blake Coggins, Mrs A. Clarke, A. Willis

Other members

D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

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Declarations of Interest

None were received

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Confirmation of Minutes

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 4th December 2017 (Ref 17/5/66-78), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

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To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 4th December 2017

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

84 **World War I Commemoration**

The Chairman welcomed Mr M. Weller from the Royal British Legion. Mr Weller advised that the British Legion will be discussing their plans for the World War I Commemoration in February. The Committee agreed they would be keen to assist the British Legion where possible in any organised event. Mr Weller advised he would contact K. Giddings after the meeting in February to discuss the proposed plans.

85 **Additional pole planters and bollards in the Town Centre**

M. Caira advised he has contacted Robin Hayward from East Sussex County Council and is still waiting for the engineers to report back. This item is still planned to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting at the end of January.

86 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira reported that a need for better CCTV in the Town has been highlighted due to an increase in crime in the Town Centre. He also advised that a meeting has been arranged with the Farmer's Market to see how Hailsham Forward can work with them.

87 **30th June 2018 Market**

Members were advised that the emphasis will be on involving High Street traders and community groups for the Celebrate Hailsham Day. All community groups will be contacted and invited to the event. K. Giddings advised she will book some entertainment for the day and will contact Hailsham FM to confirm they are available to play at all the markets.

M. Weller confirmed that the British Legion may wish to get involved in the event.

88 **28th July 2018 Market**

El Banda Burros have already been booked and further entertainment will be booked for the day.

Members agreed that Le Marche should be contacted and if possible booked in for the summer market 2019.

89 **Christmas 2018**

Members were informed that the feedback that had been received on the recent Christmas market was very positive; traders had welcomed the offer of a free pitch on the day, the carol singing and live music proved very popular, and it was agreed that the products on the stalls had been very varied with a good mix of Christmas products.

Members agreed the following for the Christmas market 2018:

- The date of the Christmas market 2018 to be Saturday 15th December
- There had been some requests to finish the Christmas market at 3.00/3.30 pm and the Committee agreed to a finish time of 3.30 pm for the 2018 event
- To offer a free market pitch to traders on this day
- All traders to be notified of the date of the 2018 market as soon as possible

With regard to the Christmas light switch on, it was agreed that the switch on time would be 6.00 pm on 23rd November

90 **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott reported that the Society had an event at the Charles Hunt Centre on the morning of the Christmas market and that this had also gone very well

The Bonfire Societies AGM will be held on 15th January, there is a jumble sale at the Charles Hunt Centre on 21st April along with a summer fair on 21st July.

91 **Hailsham Festival**

M. Cairn confirmed that the emphasis on the festival is changing this year, with a move towards a general festival rather than just art related.

92 **New Years Resolution Event**

J. Seale advised that a "New Year's Resolution" event would be held on 27th January at Hailsham Church. 26 tables were booked for the event. The Deputy Mayor has agreed to open the event as requested by Jenny.

J. Seale reported that many of the Community Groups are looking to recruit new members and she will be handing flyers out at the next street market to promote the event, this coming Saturday

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 5th February 2018

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