

HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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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 1st October 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

Councillor Triandafyllou chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor Mrs A. Clarke

63 **Committee members present**

Councillors: G. Blake Coggins, N. Coltman, Mrs S. Cottingham, R. Grocock, S. Potts, C. Triandafyllou (Chairman),

64 **Other members present**

B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: M. Caira, K. Giddings

65 **Apologies For Absence:**

Committee Members

Councillors Mrs A. Clarke, T. Burns

Other members

Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), R. Piggott (Bonfire Society), J. Seale

66 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

67 **Confirmation of Minutes**

B. Pratt advised of some corrections under the "Farmers' Market" item:

The sentence "Farmers' Market will soon be celebrating their 20th anniversary in December and will be selling programs for this event" should be changed to "the Farmers' Market will soon be celebrating their 20th anniversary in December and the Bonfire Society will be selling programs at this event"

"carol singing will take place at Hailsham Church" should be changed to "there will be carol

singing by Hailsham Parish Church” and “spiced apples” should be “spiced apple juice”

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Wednesday 29th August 2018 (Ref 18/2/40-61), as printed and circulated, may be amended, taken as read, and 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 29th August 2018

At the last Communities meeting the following was resolved:

RESOLVED to recommend to Council to request up to £6,350.00 for the purchase of icicle lighting, to be taken from the Festivities budget

Members were advised that at the Full Council meeting it was agreed to defer the decision of whether to purchase the icicle lights, until next year. Members agreed they would prefer to see an example of the lights in the Town, if it is possible to erect an example along with the Christmas lights, before committing to purchasing them.

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Street Markets

M. Caira reported that last year, in order to assist the street market throughout the winter months when there is less trade, it was agreed to offer the street market traders a free stall in January, February and March. Members discussed offering the traders a free pitch again in January, February and March 2019 as opposed to a discount in these months. M. Caira reminded members that offering a free pitch would mean further funding would be required to allow for the loss in pitch fees.

Members agreed to ask for further funding to allow the street market traders a free pitch in January, February and March 2019

Councillor R. Grocock abstained from voting on the matter

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RESOLVED to recommend to Council to request up to £1,500 to allow for the pitch loss when offering the street traders free markets in January, February and March 2019

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Hailsham Forward

Members were advised that a new version of the Hailsham card will be available soon. Free trials are available on the old cards that expire shortly. Members were told that the Hailsham Card has been a success and over 30 businesses are still signed up to the card.

M. Caira reported that East Sussex County Council have decided against making reductions to the music service.

C. Triandafyllou stated that he has asked Hailsham Forward to look at new projects and all members have been asked for comments on the local plan.

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Lamp Columns – advertising banners

K. Giddings advised that the Christmas Light Contractor, Guy Osborne, has stated that he is available to hire to put up and take down the banners on the lamp columns. He has 10 brackets available which the Council can purchase, which are required to fix the banners onto the columns. Members were advised that G. Osborne charges £12.00 per banner to change the banners, with a minimum of 10 banners to be changed at a time.

K. Giddings advised that she is waiting for a quote from Prismaflex, for the purchase of the banners

It was agreed that the lamp columns selected to advertise the banners would be plotted on a map.

A licence would be requested from East Sussex County Council for 16 banners around the High Street, North Street, George Street, South Road and London Road.

72 **June 2019 Market**

Members discussed the Hailsham Sussex Day event on 15th June 2019. Councillor Blake Coggins advised he would try to book either Harveys Brewery or the Long Man Brewery as well as the drey horses. The local shops will be contacted to see if they wish to offer any discounts or promotions.

73 **July 2018 Market**

K. Giddings advised that the French Market organiser had confirmed that the French Market, Le Marche, were not available on 28th July 2018 but were available on 20th July 2019. Members agreed to change the date of the July market to 20th July 2019 to allow the French Market to attend.

74 **Christmas Market 2018**

D. Sinden confirmed that Wealden Brass will be playing a free concert in Hailsham Parish church at 2.30 pm

Councillor T. Burns will attend the event with roasted chestnuts, C. Triandafyllou will organise a mulled wine stall with assistance from the Council staff.

75 **Christmas Light Switch on events**

Members were reminded that Friday 23rd November is Black Friday which may mean that some of the shops will offer discounts or open late in the evening.

The switch on will be at 6.00 pm, Grovelands School and Hailsham Community College pupils will be singing carols before and just after the switch on.

D. Sinden confirmed that Haisham Parish Church will serve free hot chocolate and refreshments after the switch on, at 6.15 pm.

Councillor T. Burns had also confirmed he will attend the event with roasted chestnuts.

76 **World War I Commemoration**

The Silent Soldier has been placed on the Hailsham Top Club wall, as it could not be fixed to the flag pole on the War Memorial.

77 **Community Forum**

There was no further update

78 **Bonfire Society**

K. Giddings confirmed that it had been arranged to keep the Council run toilets open until 10.00 pm on the evening of the bonfire event, on Saturday 20th October.

The Bonfire Society will be selling programs and promoting the event at the next two street markets.

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Lions Fun Day

There was no further update

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Hailsham Festival

There was no further update

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Hailsham Farmers' Market

B. Pratt thanked Hailsham Forward for organising the former Master Chef winner, Peter Bayless, to attend the Farmers' Market, and he advised this had resulted in an increase in footfall on the day.

Hailsham Bonfire Society will be in attendance at the Hailsham Farmers' Market in October, promoting the bonfire event on 20th October.

The November Farmers' Market is on the day before Armistice Day and they will try and organise something with the street market to link with Armistice Day.

The MP Nus Ghani will be cutting the cake for the Farmers Market 20th anniversary in December and Hailsham Parish Church will be singing carols. Spiced apple juice will also be available.

B. Pratt advised he had put a message out via facebook to invite any former Farmers' Market traders to trade at the 20th anniversary market.

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

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

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