

HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



CC/18/2/40

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 Wednesday 29th August 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

41 **Committee members present**

Councillors: G. Blake Coggins, Mrs A. Clarke (Chairman), Mrs S. Cottingham, R. Grocock, S. Potts, C. Triandafyllou (Vice Chairman),

Other Councillors Present: Councillor Mrs M. Laxton

42 **Other members present**

Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), R. Piggott (Bonfire Society), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), J. Seale

Officer in attendance: M. Caira, K. Giddings

43 **Apologies For Absence:**

Committee Members

Councillor T. Burns

Other members

Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

44 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

45 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 2nd July 2018 (Ref 18/1x/21-39), as printed and circulated, may be amended, taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

46 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 2nd July 2018 2018**

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

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Christmas Lighting Contract

Members were informed that Christmas 2018 is the last year of the Christmas light contract and the contractor, Guy Osborne, has asked whether the Committee will consider extending the contract. Members were advised that G. Osborne's proposal for Christmas 2019 was £10,304.00 which includes the installation, maintenance and removal of the Christmas lights and the supply of 4 Christmas trees to go on Vicarage Field, Market Square, and 2 trees for the Council offices.

G. Osborne had also quoted separately for further maintenance and replacement of lights next year, if required:

Replace all LED components in 18x colour changing stars that have been mounted along Vicarage Field main frontage to allow a further 3 seasons display - **£950.00**

2. Renewal of 400m High Street cross string zig-zag lighting, due to age, reliability and brightness. Two Options available:

a. Like for like pealights with random twinkle (ice white in colour) - **£1,840.00**

b. Icicle lighting (as per picture supplied) Warm white with ice white twinkle - **£6,350.00**

3. Renewal of St Marys Walk warm white pealights – like for like - **£540.00**

Members discussed the proposals and agreed to extend the Christmas light contract for a further year. The future costings for replacement lights were also discussed and it was agreed to request up to £6,350 for purchasing icicle lighting

47.1 **RESOLVED** to extend the Christmas lighting contract with Mr G. Osborne for a further year, to Christmas 2019 at a cost of £10,304. The Christmas lighting contract to then be reviewed for Christmas 2020

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

48 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Cairra advised that Hailsham Forward is currently working with the Farmer's Market and the former Master Chef winner, Peter Bayless, has been invited to attend the September market, in which he will perform a cookery demonstration.

Hailsham Forward are working with the Chamber of Commerce regarding their remit to potentially extend their membership to the business parks and a proposal will be put formally to the Chamber of Commerce.

There is now a food element to the Hailsham Festival and there will be a re-vamp of the Town and Shopping Guide.

49 **Lamp Columns – advertising banners**

K. Giddings advised that the banners can be ordered through a company called Signtec and the cost of the banners depends on the size required and how many banners are ordered. Members agreed the banners could also be used for community use.

Members queried whether the company supplying the banners also installs the banners, the cost for the brackets required to put the banners up, plus the cost of installation. K. Giddings advised she would look into this.

Members were asked to consider which lamp posts they would like the banners to be placed on, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Costed Plan

Members discussed the proposed costed plan. Members were advised that the current budget is £15,000 but there would also be further funds available to carry over.

Councillor M. Laxton suggested that any posters/flyers for events could be sent to the PTA's of the local schools and that social media could be used more.

K. Giddings advised that Hailsham Active had requested a sum of £300 to cover their sponsorship of the Hailsham Lions Day and it was agreed to add this to the costed plan, taking the total amount requested to £15,825.00

- 50.1 **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council to approve the proposed costed plan for the community events in 2019 with an additional £300.00 to be allocated to Hailsham Active for their sponsorship of Hailsham Lions Fun Day

£15,825 to be taken from the Festivities Budget
£4,500 to be taken from the Revitalisation Fund

51 **June 2019 Market**

Members discussed linking the 2019 event to Sussex Day, which will be held on Sunday 16th June 2019. It was agreed to name the event "Hailsham's Sussex Day" and hold the event on Saturday June 15th 2019

Members suggested booking Morris Dancers and Councillor G. Blake Coggins confirmed he would ask the Kings Head if they can attend the event and possibly also book the Harveys of Sussex Dray Horses.

Members also agreed to place the Sussex flag on display on the day of the event.

52 **28th July 2018 Market**

Members agreed the event was a success, despite the poor weather. It was agreed to have a similar theme of food and drink for 2019, with the addition if possible of a French market.

53 **July 2019 Market**

K. Giddings reported she had emailed the organiser of the French Market, Le Marche, to invite them to the market on 27th July 2019 but had not yet received a response and would contact them again.

54 **Christmas Market 2018**

Councillor M. Laxton asked whether it would be possible to give permission to the yarn crafters at Dippy Doodahs to place yarn bombing on the bollards in the High Street.

Much discussion ensued and it was agreed that as the bollards have reflective strips on them it would not be suitable to place yarn bombing on the bollards. It was agreed to place the yarn bombing on the lamp posts, and possibly some on the planters in the High Street, providing permission is given from East Sussex County Council.

K. Giddings advised that the Sussex Stompers are booked for the event, plus a hog roast, mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, the Rotary's Santa and carol singing from Christchurch.

55 **Christmas Light Switch on events**

It was agreed Hailsham FM could have a tombola at the switch on event. The Lions will be providing candy floss and The Rotary's Santa will be present handing out sweets. Dominos Pizza will be contacted again regarding the design a Christmas pizza competition.

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World War I Commemoration

The British Legion have confirmed that the Silent Soldier will be placed beside the War Memorial. Planning permission will not be required for the Silent Soldier.

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Community Forum

J. Seale advised there had not been a meeting of the Community Forum in August.

The Community Forum will be holding a “what can I join” event in St Mary’s Church on the last Saturday in January. Members were advised that the previous “what can I join” event had been a success with many groups gaining new members.

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Bonfire Society

R. Piggott stated that the first bonfire event of the year will be held in Uckfield this coming Saturday. The Hailsham Bonfire Society have not yet been granted permission from Wealden District Council to hold their event this year. R. Piggott was advised to contact Councillor N. Collinson regarding this as he is also a Wealden Councillor.

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Lions Fun Day

G. Constable reported that the event in July had been a success, with good feedback from the stall holders. G. Constable further reported that there had been a problem with some stall holders leaving the event early and therefore the Lions would have to stipulate next year that the stall holders must stay for the duration of the event.

Next year’s event may be brought forward two weeks.

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Hailsham Festival

Members were advised that brochures for the event were being circulated. G. Constable reported that there were only eight seats left for the performance of Grease.

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Hailsham Farmers’ Market

B. Pratt stated that the Farmers’ Market will soon be celebrating their 20th anniversary in December and will be selling programs for this event.

The MP Nus Ghani will be cutting the cake for the anniversary and carol singing will take place at Hailsham Church with spiced apples and roasted chestnuts.

B. Pratt advised that an attempt to beat the world record for the changing of a tractor tyre would take place at a Farmers’ Market in early 2019.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 1st October 2018

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