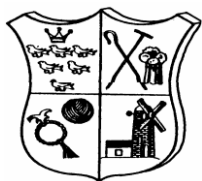


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 3rd December 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.

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Committee members present

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

Other members present

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

Officers in attendance: M. Caira, K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Committee Members

Councillors Mrs A. Clarke

Other members

Mrs 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 5th November 2018 (Ref 18/4x/82-97), as printed and circulated, may be 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 5th November 2018

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

103 **Street Market Update**

M. Caira advised that unfortunately the recent street market had been cancelled due to the high winds. Some new traders had been due to attend this market but were also booked in for the Christmas Market.

104 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira advised that the Town Guide is only electronic currently and to put it in print will be costly so Hailsham Forward are looking at ways to make the guide more assessible, possibly by creating an app.

105 **Lamp Columns – advertising banners**

Members noted suggestions put forward for suitable lamp post columns for the banners. K. Giddings advised she would take pictures of the chosen lamp posts showing their location in the road and bring to the next meeting for a final decision to be made.

Members were reminded that a licence would be required from East Sussex County Council for the banners.

106 **June 2019 Market**

G. Blake Coggins reported that it was doubtful that Harveys of Lewes Dray would be able to attend this event but they may be available for the July market.

M. Caira advised he would contact the shops in the New Year to see if they wish to be involved in the event.

107 **July 2018 Market**

M. Caira and K. Giddings had met with M. Charles, the organiser of Le Marche, the French Market booked for the July event. Some concerns had been raised at the meeting by M. Charles that the french traders would not be able to leave their vans parked next to their stalls, on Vicarage Field, to allow them access to their goods. M. Charles had stated she would speak to her traders in the New Year to see how many wish to attend the event. She would then be able to ascertain whether there would be enough room in the High Street for those traders that need to keep their vans parked by their stalls.

M. Caira advised that it should be possible to update the Committee on the French Market attendance at the January meeting.

108 **Christmas Light Switch on 2018**

Feedback on the light switch on event was generally good, the event was well attended and G. Constable advised that the Lions were very busy on the night, selling 227 candy floss.

It was noted there was a lack of space for the public to stand in front of all the gazebos, due to the positioning of some of the gazebos, and it was agreed to re-look at this layout for next years event.

Members agreed that the strings of light across the High Street are “lost” due to the new lamp posts in the High Street and it was suggested that the strings of light need to be replaced.

The Christmas light contractor, G. Osborne, had loaned the Council some icicle lights which he had installed in George Street. Members agreed the lights were very effective and B. Pratt advised he had received many positive comments on the lights.

Members were reminded that consideration to purchase these icicle lights would be discussed at the Full Town Council meeting in January. All members agreed they would be in favour of purchasing these lights. If the purchase of the lights is approved they will be installed in the High Street, replacing the current lights.

109 **Christmas Market**

M. Caira advised that all 38 pitches for the Christmas market are booked and 7 stall holders are on the waiting list. The Kind Heart Festival have booked 9 stalls.

110 **Community Forum**

J. Seale thanked Hailsham Forward for donating the food for the Community Forum Christmas party.

J. Seale reported that due to the recent success of a social media training event, the Community Forum are organising a further two workshops with Ditsy Media, for further social media training, showing how groups can raise awareness of their group.

“What can I join” is organised for 26 January 2019 and spaces are filling up fast. This will be held in Hailsham Parish Church.

111 **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott stated that 2019 event will be held on Saturday October 19th.

The Bonfire Society are still waiting on confirmation from Wealden District Council regarding their bonfire site. C. Triandafyllou stated he would look into this in his capacity as a Wealden Councillor.

112 **Lions Fun Day**

The 2019 Fun Day will be held on Sunday July 7th.

G. Constable confirmed the event will again be jointly held with Hailsham Active.

113 **Hailsham Festival**

There was no further update.

114 **Hailsham Farmers’ Market**

B. Pratt advised that he had organised a food van selling burgers, bacon and sausage rolls for the next Farmers’ Market and he hoped this might be a permanent fixture at the Farmers’ Market. A Father Christmas has been booked for the Christmas Farmers’ Market and Nigel Coltman confirmed he would attend the event in his mayoral capacity. The MP Nus Ghani will be there from 10.00 am and will cut the cake.

He advised he may look into changing the layout of the market in a way that would allow visitors to the market more access to walk around the stalls.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 14th January 2019

