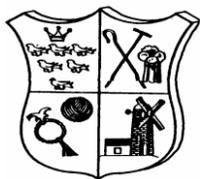


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 5th November 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

B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), J. Seale (Hailsham Community Forum), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: M. Caira, K. Giddings
Also present: Ms R. Haynes (Kind Heart Festival)

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Apologies For Absence:

Committee Members

Councillors Mrs A. Clarke

Other members

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

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Declarations of Interest

None were received

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Street Markets

M. Caira advised that there had been some complaints from the traders regarding the level of noise from the live music organised by Hailsham Festival. He reported the Street Market had originally lost two traders over this problem, however one trader had agreed to return to the street market. The other trader was due to attend the Christmas event and would make a decision whether to return to the street market after that. M. Caira confirmed he had spoken to the festival organisers to make sure the street market traders are not disrupted again.

M. Caira further reported that there are currently 12/13 stalls at the weekly markets. Trade is going well at the moment and due to this some of the current stall holders have increased the number of stalls they hire.

The markets are now being advertised in What's on and Hailsham FM as well as social media.

Councillor Coltman asked whether there would be a review of the street markets next year? It was agreed to allow more time to see if the extra advertising increases the number of traders at the market and to put the review of the street markets on the agenda for November 2019.

J. Seale advised she has been speaking to the Council on a weekly basis as well as speaking to stall holders to see what traders are attending the weekly markets so she can advertise this information in her magazine.

86 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira stated that the 2019 version of the Hailsham Card is now available, some new businesses have already signed up. The 2018 card is being given away as a taster and can be used up until the end of December.

Members were advised that a press release will be organised for the new card, and the public will be encouraged to buy the Hailsham Card from the Town Council offices. One of the projects being looked at is whether a printed version of the Town and Shopping Guide could be created, for those that are not on the internet.

87 **Lamp Columns – advertising banners**

Members discussed the locations for the banners. It was agreed to look at locations before the next meeting and discuss further then.

88 **Hailsham Heritage Trial**

M. Caira advised that Trail Tale have contacted the Council to advise they have started to produce an app for smart phones to provide Heritage Trails. It was agreed that an App would encourage people into the Town to walk the heritage route and this in turn may increase trade in the Town.

Members were shown a copy of an agreement and concern was expressed in respect of the current agreement which asked that details of the App are included in everything the Council produces. This would mean re-printing of some documents and would incur extra costs. Members agreed to sign up to the App if the agreement is changed to amend this stipulation and when any material is amended or created then the reference to the App could be included.

88.1 **RESOLVED** that the Council sign up to the Trail Tale App providing the condition within the agreement is amended.

89 **June 2019 Market**

K. Giddings confirmed the Long Man Morris Men are booked for the event.

Councillor G. Blake Coggins advised he is waiting to hear back from Harveys Brewery regarding their attendance on the day.

90 **July 2018 Market**

K. Giddings stated that the French Market is booked. She will be meeting the organiser of the market along with M. Caira to ensure there is sufficient room for all the French market stalls and that their electricity needs can be met.

Christmas Light Switch on 2018

K. Giddings confirmed that everything is booked for the event – arrangements have been agreed with Hailsham Community College with regard to the carol singing, the Rotary will attend with Santa and his Sleigh, the Lions will be selling candy floss, Hailsham FM will be in attendance, and the roasted chestnut stall has been booked.

Members were advised that Dominos pizza have confirmed they wish to organise another “Design a Christmas Pizza competition” and the two winners will switch on the lights alongside the Mayor. Dominos Pizza will also be handing out free pizza on the night.

Christmas Market

K. Giddings reported that everything is in place for the market, Christchurch will be singing carols in the morning with the Sussex Stompers playing in the afternoon and Hailsham FM playing Christmas music in between.

The hog roast is booked, along with mulled wine, roasted chestnuts and the Rotary’s Santa and his sleigh.

Wealden Brass will be playing a free christmas concert at Hailsham Parish Church from 2.30 pm.

Members were introduced to Rebecca Haynes who organised the Kind Heart Festival in October. R. Haynes stated that she will have approximately 9 stalls on Vicarage Field as well as approximately 30 stalls inside the Civic Centre which will host a number of charities intended to create a network of support for people facing either personal or financial difficulties or loneliness over Christmas.

Community Forum

J. Seale advised she is looking to run workshops to help people promote groups or events through social media. She advised she is currently putting together a directory of sports, art and activity groups that exist in the Town.

A “What can I join” has been organised for Saturday 26th January 2019.

J. Seale reported she is trying to organise a Christmas party for members of the Forum and asked if Hailsham Forward may be able to assist. M. Caira advised he would discuss this matter further with her after the meeting.

Bonfire Society

R. Piggott was not present at the meeting but had asked K. Giddings to relay the following information:

The Bonfire event on 20th October had been one of their best evenings, with a total collection made of £1071.26 which was split between 2nd Hailsham Scouts, the Charles Hunt Centre, ABC Playgroup and WRAS.

Hailsham Bonfire Society will be attending a carol service in Uckfield on 16th December.

R. Piggott thanked the Committee and Town Council for their support of the bonfire event.

Councillor G. Blake Coggins stated that many people had said they considered this year’s bonfire event to be one of the best so far, and he thanked R. Piggott and the Bonfire Society for organising such a fantastic event.

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Lions Fun Day

There was no further update

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Hailsham Festival

R. Haynes advised she would be meeting with Hailsham Festival to discuss the possibility of one day of the Festival being dedicated to the Kind Heart Festival.

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Hailsham Farmers' Market

B. Pratt expressed concern that the Farmers' Market is at a critical point at the moment, due to the loss of some traders. He was hopeful that trade would improve and thanked Hailsham Forward and the Town Council for their support and for their help in ensuring that the Farmers' Market is seen as part of the Town.

B. Pratt reported that everything is in place for the Christmas Farmers' Market. He enquired whether they would be able to hire the Rotary's Father Christmas for the event and it was agreed he would discuss this matter further with B. Funnell.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 3rd December 2018

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