

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 1st April 2019 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

CC/18/7/170 R. Haynes attended the meeting in relation to her request to hold a Kind Heart event on Sunday 25th August 2019

Councillor N. Coltman requested some lighting at the front windows in reception to light up the area at night.

171 **Committee members present**

Councillors: T. Burns, A. Clarke (Chairman), N. Coltman, Mrs S. Cottingham, R. Grocock, S. Potts, C. Triandafyllou (Vice Chairman)

Other members present

Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), J. Seale, Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Church)

Officers in attendance: M. Caira, K. Giddings

172 **Apologies For Absence:**

Committee Members

G. Blake Coggins

Other members

Mrs R. Piggott

173 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

174 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 4th March 2019 (Ref 18/6x/153-169), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

175 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 4th March 2019**

Members were advised that K. Giddings and M. Caira were due to meet with East Sussex County Council to discuss the proposed advertising banners to go on various lamp posts in the Town and an update on the meeting would be given at the next Communities meeting.

176 **Kind Heart Festival Event**

R. Haynes addressed the Committee in relation to her request to hold a Kind Heart event on Sunday 25th August in Hailsham High Street. She reported she would be applying for a road closure and that she had spoken to a number of businesses in the High Street and there did not appear to be any opposition to a road closure on a Sunday.

R. Haynes stated that there would be stalls at the event, a street party, plus dance displays, a parade, competitions and a tug of war. She requested the use of the Town Council's gazebos. The Committee agreed to support the event, providing there was no cost to the Council and agreed to the use of some gazebos, barriers and signs. M. Caira advised that the Town Council staff will be able to train the volunteers at the Kind Heart event on how to erect the gazebos.

M. Caira stated that R. Haynes will need to contact Wealden District Council for permission to use Vicarage Field.

176.1 **RESOLVED** that the Town Council will support the Kind Heart Festival Event on Sunday 25th August, providing there is no cost to the Council

R. Haynes left the meeting at 6.12 pm

177 **Halloween Pumpkin Hunt**

M. Caira reported that Demelza Charity had requested support from the Council for their pumpkin hunt in Hailsham High Street on 31st October 2019. Members were advised that the Charity organised 7 pumpkin hunts in the South East in 2018 and the Charity would like to extend the event to Hailsham. Members were informed that local businesses participate in the hunt by giving the children a small prize when they enter the shop and find a pumpkin. A fancy dress competition will also be organised.

The Charity had requested the use of the Town Council's gazebos and help with promoting the event through press releases and social media.

177.1 **RESOLVED** that the Town Council will support the Demelza Pumpkin Hunt, providing there is no cost to the Council

178 **Sussex Wildlife Rescue Ambulance Service Charity Event**

A request had been received from Sussex Wildlife Rescue Ambulance Service to hold a fete on Western Road Recreation Ground on Sunday 1st September. The fete would promote the protection of wildlife with stalls and activities, running from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.

The Committee agreed to the use of the Town Council's gazebos and barriers and were agreeable to the use of the Western Road Recreation Ground providing the request to use Western Road Recreation Ground was given further approval by the Strategic Projects Committee at their next meeting.

The WRAS had confirmed they will liaise with the Cricket Club for the event and the booking of the Cricket Pavilion.

179 **Street Market Update**

M. Caira advised that unfortunately a couple of the street markets had been cancelled recently due to the high winds. He further reported that a recent market had received the highest number of traders for while, with a number of new traders attending.

180 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira reported that Hailsham Forward will be talking to Wealden District Council regarding the Local Plan after the elections.

181 **June 2019 Market**

K. Giddings stated that two bands had been booked for the event, alongside the Long Man Morris Men and a Sensory Tent.

The Committee agreed that the market would finish at 3.00 pm

182 **July 2019 Market**

The Committee were advised that K. Giddings and M. Caira would be meeting with the organiser of the French Market a couple of months before the event to finalise the location of the French stalls

The Committee agreed that the market would finish at 3.00 pm

183 **Christmas Light Switch on 2019**

A quotation had been received from G. Osborne for a "Merry Christmas Hailsham" motif and for icicle lighting around the buildings in this location, from the building line gutter height from the Link Café to the phone box area.

Members were advised that the quotation for the icicle lighting was £1050 and the quote for the 8.5 metre x 0.5 metre motif was £1344.00.

The Committee agreed to purchase the motif and lights and place them in the Market Square location instead of having a Christmas tree here.

183.1 **RESOLVED** to purchase a "Merry Christmas Hailsham" motif and lighting for the area at a cost of £2394.00, to be taken from the Festivities budget

184 **Christmas Market 2019**

Members were reminded that Wealden Brass will be playing a free concert in Hailsham Parish Church on the day of the market, on Saturday 14th December at 2.00 pm

185 **Community Forum**

J. Seale advised that she is currently waiting to speak to Tesco in Hailsham regarding the possibility of some funding from them.

The "Volunteers Hub" was launched last month and had received a very good response from the organisers. J. Seale also advised that it was the Community Forum's 5th birthday recently and she thanked the Council for its continuing support of the Forum.

186 **Bonfire Society**

There was no further update

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Lions Fun Day

G. Constable advised that the fun fair is arranged for the Fun day event on Sunday 7th July and traders are continuing to book stalls for the event.

M. Caira suggested that some traders from the Fun Day event may wish to attend the WRAS event on Sunday 1st September and he asked whether the traders could be notified of this event. G. Constable advised she would pass the event details onto the traders.

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Hailsham Festival

M. Caira stated he had met with Pam Robinson, one of the organisers of the Festival, regarding some of the issues around entertainment at the Street Market

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Hailsham Farmers' Market

B. Pratt advised that the Market have an additional director and a new market trader. The new trader will begin trading at the next Farmers' Market and is booked for three months.

Sussex Wildlife Trust and the World Wildlife Fund for Nature have also expressed interest in having a stall at the markets, but on different months.

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Hailsham FM

G. Constable advised that Hailsham FM will be holding an Easter Quiz on 14th April in conjunction with Environment Hailsham, at Summerheath Hall, between 2-5 pm.

M. Caira thanked the Committee for all their hard work over the last few years.

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

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 3rd June 2019

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