

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 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

None were present

N. Coltman chaired the meeting in A. Clarke's absence

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: C. Bryant, N. Coltman (Chairman), Mrs K. Nicholls, Mrs A. Ricketts

Other Councillors Present: Councillor P. Holbrook, T. Powis

## **Other members present**

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

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

### **Committee Members**

Councillors G. Blake Coggins and Ms A. O'Rawe

### **Other members**

R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire Society)

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 (Ref 19/1/1-18), 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**

Councillor Holbrook asked whether the traders from the Town Council's Twinned Town, Gournay en Bray, had been invited to the summer market to trade alongside the French Market. K. Giddings advised that she had spoken to Councillor J. Puttick who had advised he would speak to his twinning contact for Gournay en Bray and invite them to the market.

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

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**Street Market**

**Update**

M. Caira advised that the last market turnout had been very poor with only two traders. The street markets are due to be reviewed in November.

**Sub Committee**

Members of the Street Market Sub Committee were confirmed to be:

- Councillor G. Blake Coggins (pending his agreement as he was not present at the meeting)
- Councillor Anne Marie Ricketts
- Mrs J. Seale

It was agreed to organise a Street Market Sub Committee meeting shortly and also invite the street market traders.

M. Caira reported that at the moment Wealden Council does not charge the street market for the use of Vicarage Field however the new company that now manage the site are suggesting that use of the site is charged for. He will update the Committee as soon as there is more information.

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**Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira reported that Hailsham Forward have been invited to meet with Kelvin Williams and they will be posing some questions on the Town Centre redevelopment plan.

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**June 2019 Market**

Members discussed the event and agreed that it was busy in terms of event space and there had been a good atmosphere on the day. Some of the shopkeepers who had offered promotions in their shops stated that many of their shoppers were not aware of the event. Many comments received on this were that the public questioned do not read papers or use social media. It was considered therefore to put more banners up in future to advertise the events.

G. Constable stated that the Lions did not have a particularly successful day and considered that the name "Sussex Day" did not attract parents with children.

It was agreed to reconsider the name of next years event.

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**July 2019 Market**

The road closure has been approved and the French stalls will be placed in the laybys in the High Street. The entertainment plus other stalls will be placed on Vicarage Field.

**Christmas Light Switch on 2019**

Councillor Holbrook stated he knew of some speedway bikes that could be brought to the event as a children's attraction. Members were in favour of this idea, but it was agreed that this could only be possible if there was enough room on Vicarage Field and permission was given by Wealden District Council.

**Christmas Market 2019**

Councillors A. Clarke, A Ricketts, K. Nicholls and Mr B. Funnell, Mr B. Pratt had all volunteered to be on the Christmas Sub Committee. K. Giddings advised she would arrange the first meeting shortly.

K. Giddings advised some brief discussions had taken place with B. Funnell and B. Pratt and the following ideas had been put forward for the Christmas market:

- Advertise the free parking at the Farmers' Market (on the day and prior to the event)
- Children's elf fancy dress competition – the judging to take place before midday at the Farmers' Market, Santa to also be present, once judging is over Santa to return to sleigh in High Street
- Hailsham Mayor to judge the children's fancy dress competition
- As well as sweets, Santa to hand out apples (sign on the santa sleigh to say the apples are from a farm in Herstmonceux)
- Auction room at the Farmers' Market could be used for Santa to change
- Santa to go from High Street to Farmer's Market by tractor (B. Pratt to confirm if the tractor is available)
- When Santa is at the Farmers' market there will be a sign on the Santa sleigh saying where he is, to encourage shoppers to go to the Farmers' Market
- B. Pratt to organise some carol singing at the Farmers' Market (at separate times to entertainment in the High Street)
- K. Giddings to organise a flyer listing all the entertainment and times and whether the entertainment is located in the High Street or Farmers' Market
- Flyers can be handed out in the High Street, listing all entertainment and directing people to the Farmers' Market

It was agreed K. Giddings will email the PTA's of all the local schools to advertise the fancy dress competition.

B. Pratt advised he will speak to the Young Farmers to see if they would like to be involved in the event.

Members also suggested having a Santa Run, possibly with the Hailsham Harriers.

**Community Forum**

J. Seale stated that the Forum will not meet again now until September as they are involved in the book launch and they will then begin preparing for "What Can I Join". They are also holding a mini "What can I join" at the Lions Fun Day event on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**Bonfire Society**

There was no further update.

**Lions Fun Day**

G. Constable advised that the Lions have a new president, however the new president is unavailable to attend the Communities meetings so G. Constable will still be attending the Communities Committee meetings as the Lions representative. She reported the Lions are all

set for the Fun Day event, they have up to 60 singers from the Rock Choir and a competition will take place with the winners receiving 2 tickets to see the Adventure Boys film at Hailsham Pavilion on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Other activities include a dog show, funfair, BBQ, and many stalls. G. Constable further reported that Hailsham Active have lots of sports activities booked.

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### **Hailsham Festival**

M. Caira advised he had met with Mr T. Biggin and P. Robinson to discuss the Festival. The programme for the Festival will soon be available.

Craft work shops, face painting, live music and a display by the Flower Club are all organised. The Town Council are providing gazebos and power.

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### **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt confirmed that the two new traders have booked for 3 months. The next Farmers' Market is on 13<sup>th</sup> July and not 6<sup>th</sup> July. He has also had enquiries from 3 potential new stall holders.

J. Seale left the meeting at 7.02 pm

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### **Hailsham FM**

G. Constable reported that Hailsham FM had a very successful first year party and the radio station now has several new members.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

**The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

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