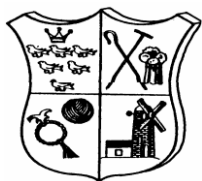


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 14th January 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/18/5x/115 Ms R. Haynes of Hailsham Vegans addressed the Committee regarding a request by Hailsham Vegans to donate some decorations for the Christmas tree in Vicarage Field and place a sponsorship banner on the barriers by the Tree.

116 **Committee members present**

Councillors: T. Burns, G. Blake Coggins, Mrs 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. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire Society), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), J. Seale (Hailsham Community Forum)

Officers in attendance: M. Caira, K. Giddings

117 **Apologies For Absence:**

Committee Members

None were received

Other members

None were received

118 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

119 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 3rd December 2018 (Ref 18/5/98-114), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

120 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 3rd December 2018**

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

121 **Christmas Tree, Vicarage Field**

The Committee discussed the request by Hailsham Vegans. Members considered that the lights on the Christmas tree were sufficient and the tree did not need further decoration. Concerns were also raised over whether adding decorations to the tree would attract vandalism.

The Chairmam suggested Hailsham Vegans may wish to offer a donation towards the Christmas lights instead, and this donation would be recognised in press releases and other public notices.

M. Caira advised that Crane and Co had donated £150 towards the 2018 christmas lights and had been given permission to place a banner on the barriers by the tree. Members discussed this and agreed that while donations could still be given, banners would no longer be placed on the barriers, apart from the Town Council's banner.

121.1 **RESOLVED** that sponsorship banners are no longer placed on the barriers by the Christmas Tree

122 **Street Market Update**

M. Caira reported that the Christmas market was full with 10 traders on the waiting list. Some of the new traders are now attending the free markets in January, February and March and it was noted that the free Christmas market encourages new traders to trade in these months.

123 **Hailsham Forward**

Hailsham Forward had been given a presentation by P. Gibson regarding his proposal to create a virtual shop front for Hailsham. Hailsham Forward are in support of this.

B. Funnell arrived at 6.15 pm

The Committee also agreed to support the Hailsham Virtual shop front as presented by P Gibson

124 **Lamp Columns – advertising banners**

K. Giddings circulated pictures of the fifteen locations of all the lamp posts suggested to hold advertising banners in South Road, London Road, George Street, North Street, High Street and Battle Road.

The Committee agreed to put forward all the suggested lamp posts to East Sussex County Council for their approval.

B. Funnell advised that Hailsham Rotary would be interested in sponsoring 2 of the banners, to advertise Hailsham Rotary Club

124.1 **RESOLVED** to place advertising banners on the following lamp posts, subject to East Sussex County Council approval:

South Road: lampposts 10, 12, 15, 20, 21, 23, 32
North Street: lampposts 6, 14
George Street: outside Bebbles
London Road: lampposts B (opposite Summerheath Road)
High Street: lampposts 7, 12
Battle Road: lampposts 17, 22

125 **June 2019 Market**

K. Giddings advised that the Long Man Morris Men, sensory tent and Sussex Stompers had all been booked for the event.

The Community Groups will be offered a stall free of charge for the event.

126 **July 2018 Market**

Muriel Charles of France at Home had confirmed that they would be able to attend the market on 20th July and that they would reduce the size of their stalls to allow them to fit on Vicarage Field.

Regular traders would also be invited to attend the event and a road closure would be applied for.

K. Giddings advised that Sussex Stompers had also been booked for the event.

127 **Christmas Light Switch on 2019**

It was agreed to hold the switch on event on the same day as Black Friday – Friday 29th November. Mulled wine and roasted chestnuts will be organised for the event

Members discussed the proposal to purchase icicle lights which would be considered by Full Council at the next meeting in January. Members were in support of this proposal.

The Committee agreed they were disappointed with the size of both the Christmas trees in Vicarage Field and Market Street. It was agreed that the size of the tree in Vicarage Field should be approximately 25 foot and 15 foot in Market Street.

128 **Christmas Market 2018 Feedback**

Unfortunately the footfall was not as high at this event as in previous markets, due to the wet weather.

Members were advised that the remaining sweets from the Rotary's Santa and Sleigh were donated to the Youth Café and Hailsham Foodbank.

129 **Christmas Market 2019**

Members discussed holding the market on the 14th December, the same day as the Farmers' Market. B. Pratt advised he would put the proposal to the Farmers' Market at their next meeting.

Members discussed various ideas for the Christmas market, such as holding a procession and agreed to discuss the event in further detail once a date has been agreed.

130 **Community Forum**

J.Seale thanked M. Caira and his wife Lisa, for their help at the Community Forum's Christmas party.

The Forum is currently looking into a lottery grant for 3va to help promote communities.

39 tables are booked for "what can I join" on 26th January. J. Seale reported that a number of new groups are attending the event and there will be demonstrations held through out the day, including the Flower Club, St John Ambulance and various choirs.

131 **Bonfire Society**

The Societies AGM will be held on Monday 21st January.

The Bonfire Society still do not have a site for their bonfire and requested the possibility of using Western Road Recreation Ground or Maurice Thornton Playing Field. K. Giddings advised that this request can be taken to the next Strategic Projects meeting on Wednesday 20th February. As the Town Council only lease the land at Maurice Thornton, permission would also need to be given from Wealden District Council, the owners of Maurice Thornton.

132 **Lions Fun Day**

This years event will again be held alongside Hailsham Active, on Sunday 7th July.

A small funfair which was booked for the 2018 event has also been booked for this years event.

133 **Hailsham Festival**

There was no further update

134 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt advised that the 20th anniversary Farmers Market had been a success, with the MP Nus Ghani and the Mayor in attendance.

Unfortunately some traders had left the Farmers' Market so new traders are being sought.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 4th February 2019

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