

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 19th August 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

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Committee members present

Councillors: G. Blake Coggins C. Bryant, Mrs A. Clarke (Chairman), N. Coltman (Vice Chairman), Mrs K. Nicholls, Mrs A. Ricketts

Other Councillors Present: Councillor P. Holbrook

Other members present

Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), N. Mullery (Hailsham FM), Mrs R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire Society), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), Mrs J. Seale, Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

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Apologies For Absence:

Committee Members

Councillor Ms A. O'Rawe

Other members

None were received

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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 1st July 2019 (Ref 19/1x/19-35), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

40 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 1st July 2019**

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

41 **Street Market Update**

M. Caira advised that a meeting would be taking place in the week with the market traders. The results of the meeting will be taken to the November Communities meeting for further discussion.

42 **Hailsham Forward**

A public consultation has now been launched in relation to Wealden District Council's Town Centre Regeneration Plan. This is being held opposite the Health Centre in Vicarage Field and the consultation will take place up until November. Hailsham Forward are meeting with Anne Newton to try and agree improved green space in the Local Plan. M. Caira reported that S. Wennington from Hailsham Active will also be present at the meeting.

43 **Costed Report**

The costed report had been circulated to all members. It was agreed that the report would be put on the October agenda to allow the Committee time to review the report and discuss details of the report at the next meeting

44 **Community Levy Projects**

Members were asked to consider any possible projects which could be put forward, in the Communities Committee remit, for funding from Community Levy funds. It was agreed for members to consider this and suggest any projects at the meeting in October

45 **July 2019 Market**

Members were advised that the feedback from the market had been generally good. France at Home had reported that trading for them was not as good as they would have liked, but that they may consider returning to the event next year. K. Giddings advised she would contact France at Home in September and report back to the next meeting. It was agreed the French traders could be offered free pitches if they agreed to return next year.

46 **May Bank Holiday 2020**

Members were advised that the Bank Holiday in May 2020 had been changed from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May, to commemorate VE Day. Members discussed a proposal by P. Gibson to hold an event on the Friday Bank Holiday. Some concern was raised at holding the event on Western Road Recreation Ground, in case of wet weather. It was agreed it would be prudent to hold the event on an area of hard standing.

It was agreed that K. Giddings would contact the British Legion, B. Pratt would have an informal discussion with the Cadets and Councillor Blake Coggins would speak to the Scouts to see whether they would like to be involved in the event to commemorate VE Day.

M. Caira will invite P. Gibson to the next meeting to discuss the matter further.

Members agreed that the event would need to be sympathetically organised.

Christmas Light Switch on 2019

K. Giddings reported that Hailsham Community College and Grovelands School pupils will be singing carols at the event.

The Christmas light switch on date is also Black Friday. The local shops will be contacted to see if they wish to open late on this day.

Christmas Market 2019

A meeting of the Christmas Sub Committee had been held prior to the Communities meeting.

The following was agreed:

- Mrs Claus will judge the Elf fancy dress competition at the Farmers' Market Cattle Market site at 12.00 midday
- Alexa Clarke and Anne Marie Ricketts agreed they would dress up as elves
- Apart from one trader, the Farmers' Market traders will trade for the whole day, from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. The trader that wishes to leave early can be positioned where they can leave early without any disruption
- The Young Farmers have agreed for their tractor to be used on the day
- A competition will be organised for children to "Find the Elf" in various shops in the Town. A form will be given to all children stating "This form must be handed in to Mrs Claus between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm"
- Mrs Claus will judge the Elf fancy dress competition at the Farmers' Market Cattle Market site at 12.00 midday
- K. Giddings to book live music and carol singing for the event
- It was agreed that the Rotary's Father Christmas would stay by the sleigh, in the High Street and Mrs Claus would cover the Cattle Market site
- The Committee confirmed that the Rotary's sleigh could still play their christmas music while Hailsham FM and the bands are playing
- The Rotary's sleigh will be in attendance from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Community Forum

J. Seale advised that Tesco were due to speak to the Community Forum re community funding.

The Community Forum is currently closed for the holiday season.

Bonfire Society

A request was made for the Council to open the public toilets on the evening of the event.

M. Caira advised he had attended a meeting at Hailsham Police Station to discuss the health and safety aspects for the Bonfire event. The emergency services were present at the meeting along with Wealden District Council Licencing and Road Closure and East Sussex County Council Emergency Planning Officer.

Lions Fun Day

G. Constable advised that the event was a success, there was not as big a footfall as last year however. The Rock Choir, dog show and Adventure Boys proved particularly popular.

Hailsham Festival

The Festival programmes are now in circulation.

The launch of the market is at Hart Reade on the 6th September.

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Hailsham Farmers' Market

B. Pratt advised that the market now has stalls selling bread, preserves and cards. The "Coffee Kitchen" is now in attendance at the market, and is proving popular.

The Farmers' Market traders have agreed to extend their hours for the Christmas market on 14th December, to 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

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Hailsham FM

N. Mullery advised that the radio station is extremely busy, they are promoting local charities and planning to go to local schools in December to record the pupils singing carols which will then be played every day on the radio throughout the Christmas period.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 7th October 2019

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