

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 2nd December 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

Councillor Coltman chaired the meeting in Councillor Clarke's absence

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Committee members present

Councillors: C. Bryant, G. Blake Coggins, N. Coltman, Mrs K. Nicholls, Mrs A. Ricketts

Other members present

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), P. Gibson (Hailsham News), Mrs R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire Society), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), Mrs J. Seale (Community Forum), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

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Apologies For Absence:

Committee Members

Mrs A. Clarke and 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 4th November 2019 (Ref 19/5/73-88), 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 4th November 2019

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

94 **Street Markets**

M. Caira reported that there will be incentives for the traders again in January, February and March 2020, with traders being offered a free pitch for those months.

95 **Hailsham Forward**

The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to expand into the industrial parks in Hailsham and Polegate.

Members were advised of a Chamber breakfast this coming Thursday.

96 **Hailsham Live Event**

Funding for the event had been approved at Full Council in November and Wealden District Council have approved the use of the bottom end of the Freedom Leisure Car Park for the event.

P. Gibson reported that the first Steering Group meeting will be held this coming Thursday. Members were advised that events and festivals are taking place nationally to commemorate VE Day, over the Bank Holiday weekend. He further reported that the Hailsham Live event has been given approval by the authority organising VE Day nationally, and approval has been given for Hailsham Live to use the VE Day logo.

B. Funnell arrived at 6.10 pm.

J. Seale asked about the involvement of the community groups on this day and which charity will benefit from the event? P. Gibson advised that all community groups will be invited to attend the event, however a particular charity had not yet been allocated for the fund raising.

Members were advised that VE Day will be marked at specific times throughout the day at the event on 9th May.

Councillor A. Ricketts advised she did not wish to be on the Steering Group as she did not consider the event to be an appropriate event to mark VE Day.

D. Sinden asked if Hailsham Parish Church could be involved on the day, providing it was appropriate for the Church to be involved in this event.

P. Gibson left the meeting at 6.25 pm

97 **Christmas Light Switch on 2019**

Members agreed that the event had been a success and praised the new additions to the Christmas lights in the Town. Feedback from the Hailsham Lions and Hailsham FM was very positive and M. Caira reported that all the restaurants and takeaway restaurants had had a busy evening.

D. Sinden reported that between 80 and 100 people had attended the open church after the switch on and that there had been a great atmosphere in the church.

98 **Christmas Market 2019**

K. Giddings advised she had contacted Poundland and they had given permission for the Rotary to use their power for Santa's sleigh.

11 businesses are taking part in the Find the Elf competition.

M. Caira advised that pitches have now all been taken and there are 4 people on the waiting list for a pitch.

B. Pratt confirmed that the tractor is organised for the event, and some of the young farmers will be in fancy dress.

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Community Forum

J. Seale thanked Hailsham Forward for funding the Community Forum Christmas party, which will be held on Wednesday.

“What Can I Join” will be held between 2-4 pm on 25th January and the event will also be held in the Charles Hunt Centre, for any activities which are particularly suitable for older people.

M. Caira stated that the Council would like 3 representatives from the Community Group Forum to be on the judging panel for the Hailsham Hero award.

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Bonfire Society

R. Piggott advised that the Bonfire carol service is on 15th December in Uckfield. She thanked the Council for allowing the Bonfire Society the use of Western Road Recreation Ground for their bonfire event in 2020.

Members agreed that the Bonfire event in October was a success and the clean up afterwards went well.

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Lions Update

G. Constable advised that the Lions had two tombola's, one in Hailsham and one in Langley. They are unable to attend the Christmas market due to other commitments.

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Hailsham Festival

T. Biggin thanked the Council for the funding recently approved for Hailsham Festival.

He advised that Hailsham Festival are shortly to launch “Festival Extra”, in which they hold other events, separate to the September event. This will be launched with a radio play of “Its a Wonderful Life” on 14th December at Summerheath Hall at 7.30 pm

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Hailsham Farmers' Market

B. Pratt advised that the Hailsham Market has been nominated for the Sussex Food Awards. He reported that voting closes mid January. The Farmer's Market will advertise this at the Cattle Market on the day of the Christmas Market.

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Hailsham FM

G. Constable reported that Hailsham FM are trying to obtain charity status.

She praised Hailsham FM for the way they linked into the Remembrance Sunday event, and advised that his had worked very well.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 6th January 2020

