

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 3rd June 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: C. Bryant, G. Blake Coggins, A. Clarke (Chairman), N. Coltman (Vice Chairman), R. Grocock, Mrs A. Ricketts, C. Tasane (substituting for A. O'Rawe)

Other Councillors Present: Councillor P. Holbrook

Other members present

T. Burns, Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), Mrs R. Piggott, B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), J. Seale

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Committee Members

Councillor Ms A. O'Rawe

Other members

N. Mullery (Hailsham FM), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Church)

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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 April 2019 (Ref 18/7/170-190), 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 1st April 2019

K. Giddings advised that the Kind Heart Festival planned for August had been postponed and it was anticipated it would be arranged to be held in October 2019

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

6 Street Market Update

K. Giddings reported that the two new traders were doing well at the market with one trader selling out of cakes by 11.30 am last Saturday.

It was agreed to appoint a Sub Committee for the street markets at the next meeting.

J. Seale asked to be informed of any new traders so she can promote these for the Council.

7 Hailsham Forward

K. Giddings advised that one of the key things that Hailsham Forward is looking into at the moment is health and well being and how this can be encouraged in the Hailsham and Hellingly Plan. Wealden Council had stated that they recognise there is a lack of facilities such as open space, particularly in the South of Hailsham. Hailsham Forward wish to discuss with Wealden Council various ways to improve the environment such as introducing footpaths to open spaces to prevent the need to cross roads.

8 Advertising posters on lampposts

K. Giddings reported that M. Caira and herself had met with East Sussex County Council regarding the proposal to place advertising banners on various lampposts around the Town.

She advised that East Sussex had raised a number of points regarding the banners:

- Banners cannot be placed approaching a junction or crossing point
- Any lampposts over 20 years old must be tested to ensure the post is stable enough to take the weight of the banner. The cost of this will be £20 for a structural survey on each lamppost and this survey will need to be carried out on a yearly basis
- A further cost is £57.20 for a licence for a banner, per lamppost, per year

Members agreed for K. Giddings and M. Caira to continue discussions with East Sussex Council and report back to the Committee at a later date.

9 June 2019 Market

K. Giddings stated that all was in place for the event, with some of the local shops offering promotions. She further advised that the bunting was due to go up in the Town in the next few days.

10 July 2019 Market

Members enquired as to how many banners would be available to advertise the French Market. K. Giddings advised she would contact M. Charles to ask her to provide as many banners as possible.

K. Giddings stated she would speak to the contact for Gournay en Bray to see if any of the traders there wish to come to the event.

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Christmas Light Switch on 2019

It was agreed to switch the christmas lights on at 6.00 pm.

Dominos Pizza would be contacted again to see if they wish to hold the "Design a Pizza" competition, with the two winners switching on the lights, alongside the Mayor.

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Christmas Market 2019

It had been agreed that the Farmers' Market would hold their market on the same day but would stay at their usual location.

Members discussed whether anyone wished to volunteer to dress up as an elf. Councillor A. Clarke stated she would volunteer. T. Burns also agreed to volunteer to dress up as an elf.

It was suggested that a children's fancy dress competition could be organised for the day, and the free parking available in the Cattle Market could be advertised, to encourage shoppers to visit the Farmers' Market.

It was agreed to set up a Christmas Sub Committee to discuss the Christmas events in detail.

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Community Forum

J. Seale advised that the Volunteers Hub from the Food Bank had started up. The Community Forum are also due to meet with the PPG and Hailsham Active to discuss issues around well being.

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Bonfire Society

R. Piggott advised that the torches are currently being made.

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Lions Fun Day

G. Constable advised that many stalls were booked in for the day, along with a Punch and Judy, dog show and performances from the Rock Choir.

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Hailsham Festival

M. Caira will be meeting with Tony Biggin later in the week and will update members at the next meeting.

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Hailsham Farmers' Market

B. Pratt advised that the market has gained some new traders, with a new bread trader and a new trader selling preserves.

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Hailsham FM

G. Constable reported that the radio station was going well, with two new members. Hailsham FM will be involved again in the Hailsham Festival in September. The programmes are proving a success with a gardening show being held every other Sunday between 6.00 – 7.00 pm, in which members of the public can ring the station and ask gardening questions.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 1st July 2019

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