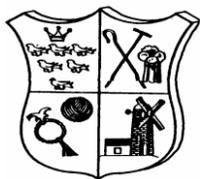


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 6.00 pm.

The Committee held one minutes silence in memory of Councillor Glenn Moore, who had sadly passed away on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

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, N. Coltman, Mrs S. Cottingham, R. Grocock, S. Potts, C. Triandafyllou (Chairman)

## **Other members present**

Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire Society), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), N. Mullery (Hailsham FM)

Officers in attendance: M. Caira, K. Giddings

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

### **Committee Members**

Councillor T. Burns and Mrs A. Clarke

### **Other members**

J. Seale

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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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Ref 18/5x/115-134), 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**

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

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**Street Market Update**

M. Caira advised that the previous week's street market had unfortunately been cancelled due to staff sickness and no members of stall being able to attend the market. Two traders had attended as they have their own gazebos.

M. Caira advised that currently, on average there are 7/8 traders per week.

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**Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira reported that Paul Gibson has created a Hailsham Shop Local Listing, listing every local business. If a business owner wishes to, they can pay to have a more interactive listing. The address for the website is [www.hailshamshoplocal.co.uk](http://www.hailshamshoplocal.co.uk)

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**June 2019 Market**

K. Giddings advised that the Long Man Morris Men, sensory tent and Sussex Stompers had all been booked for the event and the Community Groups will be offered a stall free of charge for the event. R. Piggott enquired whether she needed to fill in a form for the event for the Bonfire Society and was advised that forms will need to be filled out to ensure an allocated space, and to contact the office for a form.

Bunting will be placed in the High Street and St Marys Walk from mid June to the end of September.

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**July 2019 Market**

A French market has been booked for the event and a further meeting with the organiser of the French market had been arranged for May. The organiser of the market had stated she would be able to confirm which stalls would be able to attend at the meeting in May and at this meeting it would be finalised whether there was enough room for all the French stalls that wish to attend.

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

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

M. Caira confirmed he will send a letter to all traders by the end of February, advising them of the road closure and inviting them to participate in the event if they wish.

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**Christmas Light Switch on 2019**

Members were advised that the purchase of the icicle lights was approved at the recent Full Council meeting. The lights will be placed down the High Street. K. Giddings stated that a meeting will be arranged with herself, M. Caira and G. Osborne to look at all the lighting requirements for this year.

The Christmas light switch on will take place on Black Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November. Mulled wine and roasted chestnuts will be arranged for the event.

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**Christmas Market 2019**

B. Pratt confirmed that the Farmers' Market were agreeable to the Town Council holding their Christmas market on the same day as the Farmers' Market. Therefore the agreed date for the

Christmas Market was Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

It was decided to only have one Father Christmas in the vicinity, between both markets.

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### **Community Forum**

J. Seale had given her apologies but asked for an email updating the Committee to be read out.

J. Seale advised that the “What Can I Join” event had been a huge success, with over 400 attending. A number of people had signed up for the volunteers hub, the 40+ stallholders were very pleased with the event and Hailsham Bowling Club had succeeded in signing up 35 new members. Various choir groups had attended the event and had been positively received. Visitors had been asked how they found out about the event and the highest had been by word of mouth, secondly through “What’s on” in Hailsham and thirdly through the press. A Community Group Forum meeting was to be held the following week on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

J. Seale thanked Nigel Coltman in her email, thanking him for attending the event in his Mayoral role and for speaking to so many people at the event.

G. Constable also praised the What Can I Join event, stating that Hailsham Lions now have the potential for 5 new members.

M. Cairra requested that a letter is sent to J. Seale and J. Coates formally thanking them both for all their hard work.

Members agreed to invite some of the choir groups that attended the event to the summer markets.

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### **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott advised that the Bonfire Society are still looking for a site to hold their bonfire and fireworks event.

Members noted that the Societies request to use the Western Road Recreation site for their event had been considered at the last Full Town Council meeting and this request had now been referred to the next Strategic Projects meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

G. Blake Coggins suggested using Maurice Thornton Playing Field for the event, if Western Road Recreation Ground was deemed unsuitable, and he advised he would bring this up at a Town Farm Residents’ Meeting and report back.

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### **Lions Fun Day**

G. Constable reported that the organisation of the event was going well and that stalls holders were already contacting her to request a place at the event.

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### **Hailsham Festival**

There was no further update.

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### **Hailsham Farmers’ Market**

B. Pratt reported that the prime aim of the Farmers’ Market now is to obtain more stall holders for the market. The last two years have seen a huge fall in traders at the market. He stated that many people still state that they have not heard of the Farmers’ Market in Hailsham and stated that posters advertising the Farmers’ Market will be put in the new Post Office, when it is re-opened, and also various shops in the Town.

In respect of holding both the Farmers’ Market and Town Council Christmas Market on the same day, he advised that he is keen to do this but to bear in mind that both markets have a

different ethos, one is a produce market and one is a general market.

Members discussed possible reasons why the footfall is low at the Farmers' Market and considered it may be the location and that the public do not wish to walk the distance to the market. Ideas were discussed to help this, including using either Cuckmere Buses or a Horse and Carriage to collect shoppers and take them to the Farmers' Market.

B. Pratt stated that he was encouraged by the support received from the Chamber of Commerce, the Town Council and the Communiites Committee.

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### **Hailsham FM**

N. Mullery advised that Hailsham FM is promoting itself as much as possible and that its membership is increasing.

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

**The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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