

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 4th March 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

CC/18/6x/153 **Committee members present**

Councillors: T. Burns, G. Blake Coggins, A. Clarke (Chairman), 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), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Church)

Officers in attendance: M. Caira, K. Giddings

154 **Apologies For Absence:**

Committee Members

None were received

Other members

Mrs J. Seale

155 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

156 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 4th February 2019 (Ref 18/6/135-152), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

157 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 4th February 2019**

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

158 **Street Market Update**

M. Caira advised that three new traders had joined the market and a further two traders were considering joining.

159 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira reported that P. Gibson had recently undertaken a leaflet drop around the Town encouraging local businesses to sign up to the Hailsham Shop Local Listing.

160 **June 2019 Market**

There was no further update

161 **July 2019 Market**

M. Caira stated that all Town Centre businesses will receive a letter with information on the events coming up and inviting them to participate. 15 businesses need to sign up for the Hailsham Sussex Day in June, to allow the promotions and advertising to go ahead.

162 **Christmas Light Switch on 2019**

Members were informed that M. Caira and K. Giddings had met with G. Osborne to discuss the storage of the Christmas lights. The small size of the two Christmas trees supplied by G. Osborne last year had been discussed and G. Osborne had advised that it is only possible now to have a small tree at Market Square as the bollards make it too difficult to get a large tree in position here. A large truck with a lift is required for lifting a larger sized tree here and the bollards prevent a truck getting too close to the site.

Members were advised that G. Osborne had suggested an alternative to a tree in this location, such as a "Merry Christmas from Hailsham" motif and lighting all around the buildings here. It was agreed to ask G. Osborne for a quotation for a motif and lighting, in comparison to a tree and discuss further when the quotation is received.

163 **Christmas Market 2019**

B. Funnell arrived at 6.15 pm

It had been agreed for the Farmers' Market and Christmas Market to be held on the same day with only one Father Christmas at the market. The Father Christmas to be organised by the Rotary Club.

D. Sinden advised that Wealden Brass would be playing again at St Marys Church at 2.30 pm on the day of the market.

Members discussed organising a Christmas Sub Committee and it was agreed to consider this at the Communities meeting in June.

164 **Community Forum**

There was no further update

165 **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott thanked the Council for allowing the Bonfire Society the use of Western Road Recreation Ground for their Bonfire event.

The Bonfire Society will be holding a jumble sale at the Charles Hunt Centre on 16th March

between 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

166 **Lions Fun Day**

G. Constable reported that everything is in order for the event, a dog show is also organised again for this year and they are just waiting on confirmation on the funfair

167 **Hailsham Festival**

There was no further update.

168 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt reported that he had received some enquires from potential new stall holders, mostly craft sellers, not produce. He advised that there are currently 4 stall holders at the Farmers' market, plus the Cuckmere Community Bus. Three stalls left the market at the end of 2018.

Members were advised that the Farmers' Markets social media organiser has received some new enquiries from potential stall holders.

The Committee discussed the Farmers' Market and the Hailsham Street Market both trading together one Saturday, on Vicarage Field, to try the idea as a one off event. The idea of the Farmers' Market having a charity stall at the Community Event in June was also discussed. It was suggested that the Farmers' Market stalls could be placed in the section that runs up to Waitrose, with their banner on show by their stalls.

169 **Hailsham FM**

G. Constable advised that the "Friends of" section of Hailsham FM will be separated from the limited company.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.33 pm.

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

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