

HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Communities Committee relating to the organisation of festivities and events held **VIA THE INTERNET** on Monday 17th August 2020 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

N. Coltman chaired the meeting in A. Clarke's absence

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Committee members present

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

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Other members present

Mr T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival) Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), Mr B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), P. Gibson (Hailsham Live), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church), Mr R. Wickson (Hailsham Rotary)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

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Apologies For Absence:

Committee Members

Mrs R. Piggott , Mrs J. Seale

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 3rd February 2020 (Ref 19/7/115-131), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

137 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 3rd February 2020**

D. Sinden gave an update on the activities of Hailsham Church. She advised that the Church building had re-opened at the end of July and was opening once a week. All services were available to view on YouTube and the Church ran "Life on Lockdown" in the first week of June, which was very popular.

M. Caira reported that the Council will now be informing members of the public of services in lockdown and post lockdown through the Wealden Eye and there will be information in the next issue of the Wealden Eye. The cost for this will be entered into the budget for next year's Costed Report, which will be submitted to the Committee for approval at the October Communities Meeting, for final agreement at the Full Council meeting in November.

138 **Street Markets**

M. Caira advised that the Street Markets have been able to re-open, but unfortunately four of the regular traders do not wish to trade until conditions are back to normal and only two or three of the regular traders are trading at the market. The other traders have confirmed they will return in the future.

139 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira advised that Hailsham Forward has been fairly dormant in lockdown but recently had a zoom meeting in response to the Hailsham Aspires project.

He advised he will forward a formal response to the Hailsham Aspires project at the end of the week in time for the Council's Extra Ordinary Council meeting this week.

140 **Hailsham Live Event 2021**

The VE Day event arranged for May 2020 had been cancelled and the postponed event to be held to coincide with VJ Day in September had also been cancelled, due to the pandemic.

P, Gibson advised that the Hailsham Live Event would now be held next year, on 10th July 2021. He further advised that only one exhibitor had reported they could not make the event next year due to a prior booking. 2,500 tickets had been sold just before lockdown so P. Gibson stated he hoped next year's event would prove as popular with ticket bookings.

A range of films had been produced for VE Day and £125 had been raised and donated to the Royal British Legion.

B. Pratt advised that 10th July would be the same date as the Farmers' Market and suggested the two events could work together. It was agreed P. Gibson and B. Pratt would speak about this nearer the time.

141 **Christmas Light Switch on**

N. Coltman advised that Eastbourne Council had cancelled all its Christmas events for this year due to the pandemic.

Members discussed the switch on event and agreed it would not be possible to have an event as social distancing would not be able to be achieved. It was agreed to have the lights switched on at 6.00 pm on Friday 27th November but not to have any event to coincide with that.

141.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to hold a "nonofficial" switch on, on 27th November at 6.00 pm with just

the switching on of the lights but no events taking place

142 **Christmas Market**

Members agreed that due to the current situation it would not be possible to hold a Christmas market but that the usual Saturday trading market could take place.

B. Pratt advised that there is plenty of space at the Farmers' Market site to allow for social distancing, if any of the traders wish to join them there.

It was agreed the Lions would attend with their candy floss stall at the Farmers' Market on the 14th December 2020.

B. Funnell advised he would notify the Rotary that the Santa and Sleigh would not be required for this year.

142.1 **RESOLVED** that the official Christmas Market for 2020 with music and entertainment will be cancelled, but that the normal street market can take place on the day

143 **Community Forum**

As J. Seale could not attend the meeting there was no further update on the Community Forum.

144 **Bonfire Society**

K. Giddings advised that the Bonfire event had been cancelled for this year, due to the pandemic.

145 **Lions Fun Day**

G. Constable advised that the Lions will be re-opening their bookshop on 20th August, with reduced times, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The book shop is located next to the Stable Doors in Market Street. She advised that the books are "isolated" for 72 hours before being available to the public.

Members were advised that the postponed event for the 50th Anniversary of the Lions that was due to be held this year has been postponed until 2021.

146 **Hailsham Festival**

It was confirmed that the Hailsham Festival week has also been cancelled due to the pandemic.

T. Biggins advised that some of the activities are still taking place – a virtual art trail will take place for the full length of the Festival week. Poems and short stories submitted by members of the public are going well, and these will be put into a book. Unfortunately, the film competition and children's lockdown art had not been particularly successful.

The Community Musical is likely to take place in September / October of next year.

147 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt advised that Hailsham Farmers' Market did not win the Farmers Market of the year award, earlier this year.

The Hailsham Farmers' Market re-opened in July, but B. Pratt reported that Uckfield and

Crowborough Farmers' Market are not re-opening until the Autumn.

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Hailsham FM

G. Constable advised she has resigned from Hailsham FM but is still involved in the fund raising.

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

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 5th October 2020

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