

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 February 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

CC/19/7/115 **Committee members present**

Councillors: K. Balsdon (substituting for A. O’Rawe) A. Clarke (Chairman), G. Blake Coggins, C. Bryant, N. Coltman (Vice Chairman), 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. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers’ Market), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

116 **Apologies For Absence:**

Committee Members

Ms A. O’Rawe

Other members

Mrs J. Seale (Community Forum)

117 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

118 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 6th January (Ref 19/6x/99-114), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

119 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 6th January 2020**

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

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Hailsham Live Event

P. Gibson updated the Committee on the progress of the Hailsham Live event:

- The Royal British Legion are working with ATC and Army Cadets on the parade that will take place around 12.30pm. It may be possible to get the Police Cadets involved.
- Lord Lieutenant will be invited to inspect the parade once formed-up in front of the stage. Other branches of the Legion may bring their standards to the parade.
- Veterans will be invited to parade with the cadets.
- A bugler has not been secured and S. Leonard has offered to supply a recorded last post if one is not found.
- 1,000 tickets have been made available and to date 800 have been booked.
- P. Gibson has met with most of the schools who want to be involved, he will be meeting with Whitehouse School the following day
- Sponsors have signed up including Haulaway, Crane & Co, Chandlers Hailsham, and The Royal Indian
- East Sussex Circus will be attending to do workshops for children.
- The food and drink traders have been booked, including The Long Man Brewery working with Fizz & Friends, pizza oven, burger van, Bay Tree Foods, ice cream van and tea and coffee van.
- Entertainment including; choirs dance companies, cheerleaders and Sussex Stompers has been confirmed.
- 16 charities have been booked
- Hailsham Parish Church Bells will be rung at 7.00 pm, to mark VE Day
- Freedom Leisure will have an open day on the day of the event
- Sussex Past (Michelham Priory) are keen to take part in the event.
- The Wealden Eye will be providing a programme for the day as part of one of its publications.
- Full details of the exhibitors that have booked can be found on the Hailsham Live

P. Gibson left the meeting at 6.10 pm

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Christmas Lights Contract

M. Caira reported that the Christmas light contract was due for renewal and asked members if they were agreeable to put the contract to tender. All members were in agreement to put the Christmas lighting contract to tender.

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RESOLVED to tender the Christmas light contract scheme for Christmas 2020 – Christmas 2022

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Street Markets

M. Caira advised that the street markets are still under the free period, which will run until the end of March.

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Hailsham Forward

Members were informed that the Quintin's Shopping Centre will shortly be fully let, as Spec Savers are expanding their business, to the adjacent unit.

124 **Christmas Light Switch on 2020**

Members noted the light switch on date of Friday 27th November.

125 **Christmas Market 2020**

K. Giddings reported that a hog roast has been booked for the event on 12th December.

B. Pratt confirmed that the Farmers' Market would again like to be involved in the Christmas Market this year.

126 **Community Forum**

J. Seale had given her apologies for the meeting but advised of the following statement which was available to view on the Community Groups Forum Facebook page:

397 more people now know what there is to join in Hailsham. I hope we've saved some people from a lonely and isolated existence and added to the social contact of those already out there or seeking new friendships and interests.

Thanks to all the loyal and dedicated members of the Community Groups Forum (Hailsham Forward) who made it such a success for the people of the Town and to the new organisations we welcomed this year. We had 40 groups there with a special focus on youth groups. There have been some lovely positive comments about the event. Three years on I think we may have just about got it right this year, but there are still some small tweaks I need to make to the administration of the event, but that's me, not you.

Thanks to all those that came at 8.30am to help set up, to the church wardens, caretaker and Rev David Bourne and team HPC, for allowing us to use this beautiful venue again for bringing together our community.

Trying to keep under the radar as always, a special and equal thank you to Julie Coates my co-facilitator for all your support and help with the event. I couldn't do it without you, and thanks for keeping my brain pointing in the right direction. Those others that also helped with administering the event ([Julie Hollister](#), SCDA) and those that provided muscle power, before and afterwards. Not forgetting the fab refreshments provided by Sue Wilson and the Friends of Demelza team.

Thanks to Mayor, Cllr Paul Holbrook, who shared some kind words to all the exhibitors before opening and stayed all day chatting to everyone. He's an amazing community representative.

If you have any photographs of the day that you could post on the Community Groups Forum (Hailsham Forward) Facebook page, that would be lovely to share with everyone and to use new ones for future promotion of the event. Also, if you have any feedback on how we can improve the day, please bring your ideas to the next Community Groups Forum on 10th February.

Finally, thanks to every one, including exhibitors, who came along, mixed, mingled and networked across all their co-stands, enjoyed Demelza's refreshments, chatted to the youth group leaders, filled out a questionnaire and picked up some information. See you on the last Saturday of January 2021. Same place, same time.

If you hear of anyone that didn't find what they were looking for, then please ask them to message me or go to the What can I Join in Hailsham Facebook page for even more ideas.

127 **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott reported that the Bonfire Society Annual General Meeting had been successful, and some new members had joined the Bonfire Society, through the Community Forum's "What Can I Join".

128 **Lions Update**

G. Constable advised that this year's Fun Day will be the final one for Hailsham Lions but that Hailsham Active will take over responsibility for the event from next year.

129 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin advised he did not have any further updates.

130 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt reported that voting had closed for the "Farmers' Market of the Year" Award and he thanked everyone that voted for Hailsham Farmers' Market.

He further stated that the Market had gained a new bread maker. The Farmers' Market were also considering linking to the Hailsham Festival and B. Pratt advised he was liaising with T. Biggin regarding this possibility.

131 **Hailsham FM**

G. Constable stated that the Annual General Meeting for Hailsham FM had recently taken place and there had been some changing of roles within the radio station.

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

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 2nd March 2020

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