

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 6th January 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

Councillor Coltman chaired the meeting in Councillor Clarke's absence

CC/19/6x/99 **Committee members present**

Councillors: C. Bryant, N. Coltman, Mrs K. Nicholls, Ms A. O'Rawe, 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. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), Mrs J. Seale (Community Forum), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

100 **Apologies For Absence:**

Committee Members

Non were received

Other members

B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market)

101 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

102 **Confirmation of Minutes**

J. Seale advised that minute 99 stated "What can I join will be held between 2-4 pm" but she advised the times were incorrect and were 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 2nd December 2019 (Ref 19/6/89-98), as printed and circulated, may be amended and taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the

Chairman.

103 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 2nd December 2019**

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

104 **Hailsham Live Event**

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

- A full event management plan has been submitted to Wealden District Council along with a security plan
- Licences are due to be obtained
- The Lord Lieutenant is due to attend the event but if he cannot his Deputy will attend
- The East Sussex High Sherriff will also attend the event
- The MP Nus Ghani will be attending the event
- Katy Bourne from Sussex Police has been invited
- The Cattle Market owners have agreed to allow parking on the Cattle Market site
- P. Gibson is applying for CIC status for Hailsham Live – this is in progress as the form needs to be re-submitted as the wording needs to be changed
- Hailsham Voices, Sussex Stompers and Wealden Brass all due to be involved in the event
- P. Gibson is meeting with the local schools to see if they wish to be involved in the event
- The UK's Tribute to "Pink" and Rockitmen are being considered for the two bands for the evening event
- The event will be announced to the public in Friday 10th January

P. Gibson left the meeting at 6.10 pm

105 **Street Markets**

M. Cairra advised that there had been a good turnout for the Christmas market. The pitch fees have now been waived for the traders, for January, February and March. M. Cairra has also received enquires from 4 new traders, since Christmas, who potentially may wish to trade at the market.

106 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Cairra reported that 60 people had attended the Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast in December.

As Hailsham Forward is now a CIC the first reports to the Inland Revenue and Companies House have been submitted.

M. Cairra reminded everyone of the new Hailsham Card which his available to purchase.

107 **Christmas Light Switch on 2019**

Members praised this years Christmas lights and J. Seale reported that people are now coming from further afield to see Hailsham's Christmas lights.

Members agreed on Friday 27th November as the date for the 2020 Christmas light switch on.

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Christmas Market 2019

The Committee agreed that the event had gone well. It was further agreed that the profile of the Find the Elf competition and the fancy dress competition could be raised this year. Councillors K. Nicholls and A. Ricketts volunteered to cover the primary and secondary schools between them to advertise the competitions.

B. Funnell stated that Hailsham Rotary wish to continue organising the Santa and sleigh for the event.

Members were informed that the surplus sweets had been given to the foodbank and Youth Café,

R. Piggott reported that the Bonfire Society had had a successful day at the event, D. Sinden also reported that the Church had received a good number of visitors including some new residents to Hailsham, and the concert by Wealden Brass had been a success.

The Committee discussed the date of the Christmas market 2020 and agreed on Saturday 12th December, providing the Farmer's Market are agreeable to that date.

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Community Forum

J. Seale advised that "What Can I Join" will be held on 25th January and that there had been much interest in this event. She advised that this year they are trying to focus on what children/young people can join to try and encourage younger people through the door.

The Deputy Head at Grovelands will be attending the Forum meetings.

J. Seale confirmed she had asked the members of the Community Forum whether they have anyone they wish to put forward for the Hailsham Hero Award.

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Bonfire Society

The Bonfire AGM will be held on 17th January at 7.30 pm, at the Charles Hunt Centre. R. Piggott added that the Society need a new Secretary.

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Lions Update

G. Constable reported that the Lions Fun Day event this year will be held on Sunday 5th July.

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Hailsham Festival

T. Biggin reported that Hailsham Festival Extra had been launched and the radio play of "Its a Wonderful Life" held on 14th December was successful.

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Hailsham Farmers' Market

There was no further update.

Hailsham FM

The Hailsham Festival AGM will be held on 20th January

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 3rd February 2020

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