

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 6.00 pm.

## **Public Forum**

To deal with any questions or brief representations from members of the public relevant to the remit of the committee, in accordance with Standing Order 1. and Hailsham Town Council policy. (15 Minutes)

No members of the public were present

Councillor A. O'Rawe chaired the meeting in Councillor A. Clarke's absence

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: C. Bryant, 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)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillors G. Blake Coggins and Mrs A. Clarke and R. Piggott

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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 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (Ref 20/8/132-148), 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 Communities Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

It was agreed all updates would be discussed throughout the meeting

155 **Hailsham Parish Church**

D. Sinden reported that the church services are up and running now, in a Covid secure environment and this is all going well.

Regarding Remembrance Sunday this year, she advised that the Church's Vicar, Rev. D. Bourne, had met with J. Harrison and P. Holbrook to discuss holding a small private service after the laying of the wreaths.

156 **Remembrance Sunday**

K. Giddings advised that the Remembrance Sunday event on November 8<sup>th</sup> this year would be scaled down, due to the pandemic. D. Sinden advised that the holding of a small private service at 12.30 pm with dignitaries and the some members of the Town Council had also been discussed after the wreath laying and K. Giddings stated she would double check the details of this with the Town Clerk and email the Committee with confirmation.

The service will not be advertised and will be by invitation only.

K. Giddings advised that from next year onwards the Town Council would be organising the Remembrance Sunday event and asked if any members wished to be on the Sub Committee for this.

P. Gibson, B Funnell, Councillors C. Bryant, N. Coltman, K. Nicholls and C. Tasane all volunteered to be on the Sub Committee.

157 **Street Markets**

M. Caira advised that the few traders that currently attend the market are not getting a great deal of business and some are even losing money some weeks. It was suggested to members that the Town Council could either drop the price for a stall from £15/ £10 or close the market until the pandemic crisis ends.

M. Caira advised that the issue with closing is that it may be difficult to restart the market again in the future. Members were asked to decide whether to lower the charge for the market stalls until end of December, (as January to March is already free) or to consider closing the market until further notice.

Members discussed the options and agreed to waive the charge for the traders completely.

157.1 **RESOLVED** that there will be no further charge for the Street Traders for a stall, from the current time until the end of March

158 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira reported that the Town Council has been working to assist measures to help the High Street and working with Wealden Council on their plans to redevelop the Town Centre.

159 **Costed Report**

Members noted the report for next year's events and related costings and supported the report.

159.1 **RESOLVED** to approve the Costed Report for 2021 events

160 **Hailsham Live Event 2021**

P. Gibson confirmed that the Hailsham Live event is planned for 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and they were ready to proceed if Covid guidelines allow this in July. He advised that they would not start promoting the event until it was clearer on whether events on this scale would be allowed, and a decision on whether to go ahead and begin promoting the event would be made at some point in March.

B. Pratt confirmed that if the event was allowed to go ahead, the Farmers' Market would be keen to be involved in some way.

161 **Community Forum**

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

162 **Bonfire Society**

As R. Piggott could not attend the meeting there was no further update on the Bonfire Society

163 **Lions Fun Day**

G. Constable advised that the bookshop sales are going well, particularly with jigsaws. The Lions plan to hold their Fun Day on 18<sup>th</sup> July on Western Road Recreation Ground, providing guidance at the time allows this.

G. Constable further advised that the Lions continue to sponsor charitable causes, and will be sponsoring some of the flower pots in the Town.

164 **Hailsham Festival**

T, Biggin reported that Hailsham Festival had been extremely successful online and had been very well received. The Children's Art and Literary Anthology were linked to social media with daily updates and the Festival was included in the Department of Cultural Media and Sports website's daily blog. T. Biggin further advised that their community musical is going ahead, on a much smaller scale, but this is flexible enough to add further people if circumstances change. He stated that this will go ahead next September/October.

T. Biggin informed members of the Festival website URL - [www.hailshamfestival.co.uk](http://www.hailshamfestival.co.uk) - and advised it contains prominent links to the virtual festival events.

165 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt reported that the Farmers' Market had held three very successful markets recently and may have some new traders, one of which is starting at the November market.

He stated that Hailsham FM had been very supportive of the Farmers' Market, in advertising the markets and providing music.

He further advised that BBC Sussex Radio had also supported the markets with interviews and helping with publicity.

B. Pratt expressed concern that there is currently no provision for the Farmers' Market when the Cattle Market moves. Councillor A. O'Rawe advised she would help look into this and may be able to gain further information from the developer.

### **Hailsham FM**

166 There was no further update

167 Councillor N. Coltman joined the meeting at 6.52 pm and requested he be put on the Sub Committee for Remembrance Sunday event

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

**The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

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