

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 Square, Hailsham, on Monday 1st November 2021 at 6.00 pm.

CC/21/4x/97 **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)

None were present

98 **Committee members present**

Councillors: G. Blake Coggins, C. Bryant, Mrs A. Clarke (Chairman) N. Coltman (Vice Chairman), J. Puttick, Mrs A. Ricketts

Other members present

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire), B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market) Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

99 **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillor Mrs K. Nicholls and P. Gibson (Hailsham News and Talk) and J. Seale (What's on Magazine)

100 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received.

101 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 4th October 2021 (Ref 21/4/78-96), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

102 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 4th October 2021**

K. Giddings advised that a date has been provisionally booked with France at Home for them to attend a market in Hailsham on Saturday 23rd July 2022

The date will hopefully be confirmed in January 2022

103 **Street Markets**

Members discussed the rules and regulations in place that state that stall holders at the market cannot sell the same goods as the local shops. A. Clarke advised she would contact the Officer in charge at Wealden District Council for the Vicarage Field bookings to discuss this matter further.

K. Giddings reported that there were no new traders currently at the market.

104 **Hailsham Forward**

The first face-to-face meeting since last year had been recently held and everyone had updated the partnership. The key issues that have arisen are the low level of people in the Town Centre affecting business and the negative effect of young people hanging around the Town putting people off from visiting the Town Centre.

The Chamber of Commerce have a plan to help these issues with their BID proposal which the Council has agreed to help fund the initial work. Hailsham Forward will assist the Chamber in their BID as a key priority.

105 **Hailsham Live**

There was no further update

106 **Christmas Light Switch on**

K. Giddings reported that the Manager of Millies in the High Street had asked whether she could attend the Christmas Switch On event with a small number of products from the shop, to sell at the event.

The Committee agreed to this request.

K. Giddings advised that everything was in place for the event, however unfortunately Grovelands School had stated they would not now be able to attend. Hailsham Community College would still be in attendance to sing carols and they would now be attending with some of their Primary School pupils.

B. Funnell stated that in light of the pandemic, the Rotary will still attend with their sleigh and Santa would speak to the children and hand them sweets, but the children would not be encouraged onto the sleigh.

107 **Community Forum**

There was no further update.

108 **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott advised that the recent Bonfire event was a success. A couple of complaints

had been received, one being from the Tennis Club, but this had been resolved.

The Committee agreed the event had gone well and the firework display had been particularly good.

109 **Lions**

G. Constable reported that the Lions are organising a Tea Party in December as well as two tombola's. They will be attending the Switch On event with candy floss.

110 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin stated that in a plan to keep Hailsham Festival alive throughout the year, they would be organising Hailsham Festival Extra, which will comprise of various events throughout the year, with two or three of these being held in the next 6 months.

111 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B Pratt reported that the last Farmers' Market held had been extremely busy. Unfortunately the cheese trader has now left but a new cheese producer has been sourced as well as a new cake producer.

The Committee were advised that unfortunately the Farmers' Market Baker recently passed away. B. Pratt stated he did not know at this time whether or not the Bakery will continue.

B. Pratt further reported that the plans for developing the Cattle Market are at pre - planning stage and a new market must be built and up and running before the old market can close. He stated that as it is likely to be several years before the old Cattle Market closes. there is no major rush at the present time to find a new Cattle Market site.

112 **Hailsham FM**

N. Mullery was unable to attend the meeting but had advised that everything was in place for the Service of Remembrance.

Hailsham FM will provide their own gazebo and will start to set up the PA System around 9.00 am.

K Giddings reported that the Service will also be broadcast on 95.9FM, on-line via the Hailsham FM website and also via smart speakers.

113 **Hailsham Parish Church**

D. Sinden reported that the Church's new door and footpath had made the Church more accessible and more visible and the public will be welcomed through the new entrance at the Switch On event.

On Remembrance Sunday the Church Service will be held at the earlier time of 9.30 am. After the Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial, members of the public are invited back to the Church for coffee.

114 **Remembrance Sunday**

K. Giddings advised there was no Remembrance Sunday meeting held prior to this meeting as the next meeting was due to be held a week before the event, on Monday 8th November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.25 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 6th December 2021

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