

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 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 N. Coltman chaired the meeting in Councillor A. Clarke's absence

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: G. Blake Coggins, C. Bryant, N. Coltman (Chairman), Mrs K. Nicholls, Mrs A. Ricketts

## **Other members present**

Mr T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), 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 Mrs A. Clarke, Ms A. O'Rawe and R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire) and P. Gibson (Hailsham Live)

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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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Ref 20/10xx/186-202), 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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

It was agreed all updates would be discussed throughout the meeting

208 **Street Markets**

M. Caira advised there were still a small number of traders selling essential goods at the market.

He reported he remained hopeful that the market can be expanded again in future months, depending on the pandemic and lockdown restrictions.

209 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira advised that a consultation meeting with Wealden District Council had been arranged for 24th February to discuss the latest plans for the development and any questions relating to these plans should be forwarded to him prior to this meeting.

He further advised that Hailsham Forward had been working to support Wealden Council to promote the local businesses and encourage more people to shop locally. This is vital once restrictions are lifted.

210 **Hailsham Live Event 2021**

K. Giddings advised that P. Gibson was unable to attend the meeting but had emailed the following statement:

*At this stage, we cannot confirm if we will be in a position to go ahead with Hailsham LIVE in 2021.*

*Our early thoughts is that the planned date of July 10th could be too early in the year to promise a successful event due to social distancing measures. We imagine Wealden District Council will enforce strict rules to us as the organisers which in turn will see much lower attendance figures.*

*I think the best option would be to give it another month to see how the vaccine roll out develops.*

*There could be an opportunity for us however to hold the event in September if we feel the rules will be relaxed. We would have to decide around May time if we were looking at September.*

*I will of course update the committee next month.*

T. Biggin raised a concern regarding the possibility of Hailsham Live being held in September, as this may clash with the Hailsham Festival, also in September. K. Giddings advised she would contact P. Gibson and ask him to get in touch with T. Biggin to discuss the dates and any concerns.

211 **Community Forum**

There was no further update.

212 **Bonfire Society**

There was no further update.

213 **Lions Fun Day**

It is unclear at the moment whether the Lions Fun Day will go ahead in July. G. Constable advised the Lions will contact traders in April to see which traders may still be able to attend the event, if it can go ahead.

G. Constable reported that the Lions continue to support local people; they have supplied a washing machine to a young man who was moving out of the YMCA and also provided a television set to a mother and her disabled child.

214 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin asked everyone to encourage families with young people to contribute to the Hailsham Festival gallery. He advised there are already some good pieces of artwork appearing on the gallery, but any level of artwork is welcomed.

215 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt advised the next Farmers' Market is due shortly with traders selling essential goods only, which includes plants, as these are also allowed to be sold, as gardening is seen as an essential activity.

He reported he has been approached by one of the traders selling crafts, asking if they can trade in February rather than March, and he has advised them this will depend on the restrictions at that time.

B. Pratt further reported that the Farmers' Market has seen very good trade recently, as people have stated they feel safer shopping in the open air at the moment, in an outdoor market, rather than inside.

216 **Hailsham FM**

There was no further update.

217 **Hailsham Parish Church**

D. Sinden advised the Church remains closed to face to face services but they continue to hold zoom coffee meetings and general zoom meetings, plus posting on Youtube.

218 **Remembrance Sunday**

K. Giddings suggested the date of the first meeting of the Remembrance Day Sub Committee is set at the next Communities meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.35 pm.

**The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**