

HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Communities Committee relating to the organisation of festivities and events held at the **James West Centre, Brunel Drive, Hailsham**, on Thursday 1st July 2021 at 6.00 pm.

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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

22. **Committee members present**

Councillors: C. Bryant, Mrs A Clarke (Chairman), N. Coltman (Vice Chairman), Mrs K. Nicholls, J. Puttick, Mrs A. Ricketts

23. **Other members present**

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), J. Seale (What's on Magazine), W. Spicer (Hailsham FM)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

24 **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillors G. Blake Coggins, Ms A. O'Rawe and R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire), B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

25 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

26 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Thursday 7th June 2021 (Ref 21/1/1-20), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

27 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 7th June 2021**

It was agreed all updates would be discussed throughout the meeting

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Street Markets

K. Giddings relayed an update from M. Caira. She advised that the Street Markets still only have one or two traders trading and this is not every week. The problem is the lack of customers at the Street Markets. K. Giddings reported that M. Caira had advised he did not know what else could be done and suggested the market is closed.

Much discussion ensued and members agreed to wait a little longer before making any decisions on the markets.

G. Constable stated she would speak to those trading at the Lions Fun Day on 18th July to see if there was any interest in trading at the Street Markets.

The future of the Street Markets will be discussed again at the meeting in August.

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Hailsham Forward

A further update was relayed from M. Caira by K. Giddings. She advised that Hailsham Forward are still not meeting in person but will later in the year if restrictions are removed.

On a very positive note, Hailsham Forward, working with Hailsham Active, have secured funding to create a tarmac path around the back of Chandlers in Diplocks Way to link through to the back of the Diplocks Housing Estate running behind the industrial units. This will expand the new path network started in Western Road Recreation Ground last year and is one of Hailsham Forward's projects..

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Hailsham Live Event 2021

P. Gibson was not in attendance so there was no further update.

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Community Forum

J. Seale advised that the Community Forum had just had their first meeting since lockdown, in Hailsham Church.

If all restrictions are lifted shortly then they will meet again in September and start to plan for a "What Can I Join" in the New Year.

There was no further update on Volunteers Week.

J. Seale advised that Wealden Council may be releasing some funding to assist groups that cannot meet in their usual location as the location is too small for social distancing.

There was no further update on Sussex Day.

K. Giddings advised that J Harrison has confirmed he will speak to the Mayor in relation to plans for reinstating Hailsham Hero.

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Bonfire Society

K. Giddings read out a letter received from R. Piggott.

R Piggott advised in her letter that The Bonfire Society had their AGM on 25th June at the Charles Hunt Centre. A new Secretary is needed for the Society.

For the Bonfire Event they plan to organise fireworks in the Recreation Ground but may not organise a Parade.

R. Piggott advised she is standing down as Chairman of the Bonfire Society so would no longer be attending the Communities Committee meetings.

Members were advised that Mr David Chapman is the new Chairman.

33 **Lions Fun Day**

G. Constable reported that everything is organised for the event on 18th July and the Lions have the largest amount of stalls ever booked for their event.

34 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin stated that their new website will go live on the 20th July, outlining all the virtual events plus the physical events that will go ahead providing restrictions are lifted.

35 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

There was no further update

36 **Hailsham FM**

W. Spicer advised he would be attending the Communities Committee meetings now on behalf of Hailsham FM. W. Spicer reported that Hailsham FM have had a good year, and advertising to support the station has increased. He further reported he would like to get the local community more involved in the radio station.

37 **Hailsham Parish Church**

There was no further update.

38 **Remembrance Sunday**

K Giddings advised that everything is still going well with the organisation of the event. The letter will go out to all organisations inviting them to the event, in September. A Sub Committee meeting had taken place before the Communities meeting and all details will be in the minutes of the Sub Committee meeting, which will be sent out to the Committee shortly.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 2nd August 2021

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