

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 11th January 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

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Committee members present

Councillors: G. Blake Coggins, C. Bryant, Mrs A. Clarke, Mrs K. Nicholls, Mrs A. Ricketts

Other members present

Mr T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market) Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillor N. Coltman, Councillor Ms A. O'Rawe and R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire)

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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 7th December 2020 (Ref 20/10x/168-185), 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 7th December 2020

It was agreed all updates would be discussed throughout the meeting

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Street Markets

M. Caira advised that under the current lockdown regulations traders can only sell essential items and there are only 7 spaces available at the market, to allow for social distancing.

Only one of the traders is trading at the moment, selling sweets, biscuits, crisps and soft drinks. M. Caira advised that he has checked the rules in regard to the goods sold by this trader and it is legally allowed for him to do so.

Councillor A. Clarke expressed concern at this stall being allowed to continue trading in the current climate and considered it was encouraging members of the public to leave the house unnecessarily.

Much discussion ensued and Councillors A. Ricketts, K. Nicholls, C. Bryant did not agree with the suggestion to prevent the trader from attending the market as they did not agree that this trader was encouraging members of the public to leave the house unnecessarily. They considered it was safer to shop outside than inside.

It was agreed no action would be taken to prevent the trader from attending the market.

Councillor A. Clarke requested her objection to the sweet trader continuing to trade at the market be noted.

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Hailsham Forward

M. Caira reported that Hailsham Forward has been, in conjunction with Wealden District Council, concentrating on efforts in relation to helping the High Street and with some government funding, to provide information on supporting High Streets.

M. Caira advised he had been involved in detailed consultation with the Aspires Project, and “culture” is now part of the Master Plan. This has culminated in the Design Team asking him for some input in terms of how the open space on the new design will work, in terms of markets and events, with the design to be carbon neutral.

M. Caira stated he did not consider there would be a large enough area for an event such as the Hailsham Live event though, once the car park has gone.

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Hailsham Live Event 2021

There was no further update

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France at Home

K. Giddings advised that the French Market France at Home had requested to come to Hailsham on Saturday 24th July.

The Committee agreed in principle they would welcome France at Home to come to Hailsham in July, subject to government guidance regarding the pandemic at the time and depending on whether any restrictions are still in place.

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Community Forum

There was no further update.

196 **Bonfire Society**

There was no further update.

197 **Lions Fun Day**

G. Constable reported that the Lions are no longer able to meet under the current restrictions, but are currently continuing to support anyone who requires their assistance.

198 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin shared a poster with the Committee.

He advised that with regard to Hailsham Festival this year, there will definitely be a “virtual” festival at least, and will be entitled “Hailsham Virtual Festival Plus”.

T. Biggin further advised that Hailsham Festival will be again organising the Childrens’ Art Trail and this is being opened now for entries to encourage as many children as possible to be involved. It is open to children up to and including the age of 14.

199 **Hailsham Farmers’ Market**

B. Pratt advised that the Farmers’ Market held their markets in December and January, with all the social distancing regulations in place. Hailsham FM and the Lions were in attendance in December.

B Pratt reported that only essential merchandise was sold in January. He further advised that most craft traders do not trade at the beginning of the year so only food stalls were booked at the Market for January anyway.

200 **Hailsham FM**

There was no further update.

201 **Hailsham Parish Church**

D. Sinden stated she was very pleased Hailsham Church were able to have face to face services over Christmas, however now they will be returning to YouTube and zoom whilst the current restrictions are in place.

D. Sinden advised the local community were continuing to look after one another through this current lockdown.

202 **Remembrance Sunday**

It had been agreed to hold the first meeting of the Remembrance Day Sub Committee in March, the exact date to be agreed at the beginning of March.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 1st February 2021

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