

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 12th April 2021 at 6.00 pm.

CC/20/12/
219

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

220

Committee members present

Councillors: Mrs A Clarke, G. Blake Coggins, C. Bryant, N. Coltman (Chairman), D. Cottingham (substituting for Mrs A. Ricketts), Mrs K. Nicholls

Other members present

Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), P. Gibson (Hailsham Live), N. Mullery (Hailsham FM), T. Mullery (Hailsham FM), B. Pratt (Farmers' Market)
Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Cairn

221

Apologies For Absence:

Councillors Ms A. O'Rawe, Mrs A. Ricketts, and T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire)

222

Declarations of Interest

None were received

223

Confirmation of Minutes

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 1st February 2021 (Ref 20/11/203-218), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

Members also noted the notes of the discussions on Monday 1st March 2021

224

To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 1st February 2021

It was agreed all updates would be discussed throughout the meeting

225 **Street Markets**

M. Caira advised that as of this coming Saturday all traders are allowed to return to the street markets, however some traders are not ready to return yet as they do not feel comfortable trading in the current environment.

Traders have been offered a free pitch until restrictions are lifted and the Committee were asked whether they were in favour of continuing the offer of free pitches, which would then be reviewed again in June.

It was suggested that the new businesses in the Town could be invited to trade at the street markets and M. Caira confirmed he would look into this

225.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to continue the offer of free pitches for traders, to be reviewed again once restrictions have been lifted

226 **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira advised he has spoken to the Chamber of Commerce and they are hoping to resume their business breakfasts in the summer and are still working through a number of projects.

227 **Hailsham Live Event 2021**

P. Gibson advised that the road closure application has been submitted for the event.

The event is now planned to be held in Vicarage Field and the car park by Freedom Leisure and twenty stalls have been booked.

A meeting has been arranged with Wealden Council towards the end of the month to consider the number of stalls which may be allowed, after restrictions are due to be lifted on June 21st. P. Gibson advised he has arranged children's rides, a small stage in the Town Centre for live entertainment, morris dancers, and a brass band. There will be only one food vendor on site, to ensure that business is not taken away from local food shops and takeaways.

Members were advised that even if restrictions are completely lifted on 21st June those attending the event will still be encouraged to hand sanitise and social distance.

Councillor N. Coltman thanked P. Gibson for his perseverance in trying to organise the event, which had to be cancelled last year.

B. Pratt advised that this day will also be the Saturday of the Farmers' Market and he suggested holding discussions to link the two events.

P. Gibson advised that he had spoken to the owner of the Cattle Market who has confirmed that some of the area of the Cattle Market can be used for car parking for the event.

228 **Community Forum**

J. Seale reported she is trying to organise meetings again in the Church Hall after 21st June and has contacted members of the Community Forum to see how they feel about

meeting physically again or whether they would rather continue to meet remotely at the moment.

D. Sinden advised she would check to get confirmation but she thought it was unlikely that the Church would be open for meetings again before September.

229 **Bonfire Society**

D. Cottingham advised that the Bonfire Society continue to plan the event in the hope that this will go ahead in October

230 **Lions Fun Day**

G. Constable confirmed that the Lions Bookshop will re-open on Monday.

The Fun Day event is planned to go ahead in July.

The Lions also plan to attend a street market shortly.

231 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin was unable to attend the meeting but had sent the following update:

Plans for our 2021 blended festival are progressing well. If circumstances permit we hope to hold about 10 live events as well as virtual ones during the festival fortnight (Sept 4-18)

The festival finale will comprise a showcase concert of String, our community musical. A dozen local solo singers will be joined by the acclaimed poet, Roger McGough (BBC Poetry Please) who will be the narrator. A Hailsham nostalgia day is being created around the show.

We are currently registering singers for audition - we'll be grateful if the committee could please encourage people to visit www.hailshamfestival.uk

232 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt advised he has arranged a meeting with McCarthy and Stone, the developers who are purchasing the Cattle Market site.

He further reported that he was concerned that the Cattle Market will be moved to an out of town site and that this won't be a viable trading site.

233 **Hailsham FM**

N. Mullery advised Hailsham FM have been interviewing shop traders. M. Caira confirmed that Hailsham FM can carry out live broadcasting at the street markets and N. Mullery stated he would email M. Caira with dates.

B. Pratt thanked Hailsham FM for their support at the Farmers' Market.

234 **Hailsham Parish Church**

D. Sinden advised that "in person" services had begun in mid March with social distancing measures in place.

Due to the recent sad passing of Prince Philip, D. Sinden advised that the Church would be open from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm on Monday and Tuesday for anyone who wished to sign the Book of Condolences. There would also be a Service of Commemoration on Sunday at 6.00 pm, for 45 minutes.

D. Sinden further reported that the Church is planning to open to external groups in September.

235

Remembrance Sunday

K. Giddings advised that the Remembrance Day Sub Committee had met for the first time just before the Communities Meeting and the notes of the meeting would be circulated to the Committee.

Hailsham FM confirmed they would provide the PA system for the day and would also broadcast the event live on the day.

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

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 7th June 2021

Global/Minutes & Agendas/Communities