

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 6th September 2021 at 6.00 pm.

CC/21/3x/59 **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)

There were no members of the public present.

60 **Committee members present**

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

Other members present

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), P. Gibson (Hailsham Live) R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire), B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

61 **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillor Ms A. O'Rawe and B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), J. Seale (What's on Magazine), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

62 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

63 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 2nd August (Ref 21/2/39-58), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

64 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 2nd August 2021**

It was agreed all updates would be discussed throughout the meeting

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Costed Report

Members discussed the costed report for the 2022 events and were in favour of the report

K. Giddings advised that the report will now go to the next Full Council meeting for approval.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council to approve the Costed Report for 2022

Members further discussed the Christmas market event in 2022 and agreed it would be held on Saturday 10th December 2022

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Street Markets

K. Giddings reported that Wealden Council are currently allowing a maximum of 12 gazebos on Vicarage Field. K. Giddings further advised that the Town Council are now offering the Town Council gazebos to traders and are charging £15.00 per gazebo. It is still free of charge for any trader who brings their own gazebo.

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Hailsham Forward

There was no update

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Hailsham Live

P. Gibson advised he would email the Council Finance Officer a copy of any accounts in relation to the Hailsham Live event. He further advised that his company is a Limited Company and any accounts can be viewed on the Companies House website anytime after each financial year.

P Gibson confirmed that he is planning to organise another Hailsham Live event in 2022. He reported he is still looking at possible dates for the event, and may consider hold the event over two days. It will probably not be viable to hold a free event.

P. Gibson addressed the concerns raised by J. Seale at the last meeting. He advised that he had spoken to all the traders who attended the event and had not received any negative comments.

He also advised that stalls had been placed in the laybys in the High Street, there were no stalls placed directly in front of any shops.

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Christmas Light Switch on

K. Giddings reported that there were no members of the Council's outside work team to work at the switch on event in the evening but there were staff available to set up the gazebos and barriers in the daytime, in readiness for the event.

K. Giddings reported that G. Osbourne, the Christmas Lights contractor, will be employed to take down gazebos and barriers in the evening once the event has finished.

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Community Forum

There was no further update.

71 **Bonfire Society**

R. Piggott confirmed that the Hailsham Bonfire Society will be holding fireworks and a parade on Saturday 16th October.

72 **Lions**

G. Constable advised that the Lions continue to assist members of the community.

She stated that the Lions will be holding a Tea Party in December and that the Lions sponsored Environment Hailsham with their quiz event.

73 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin reported that the open morning in Vicarage Field and the quiz with Environment Hailsham had gone well.

The String musical had gone ahead and had been sold out, but the event had to be socially distanced as Hailsham Pavilion is still required to social distance. Social distancing however will be removed at the Pavilion on 1st October.

T. Biggin advised that Wealden Council had originally stated that Hailsham Festival would be charged if they wished to place a gazebo on Vicarage Field, due to "change of use", although they had now advised that there would be no charge.

N. Coltman suggested that the Town Council contact Wealden Council about this. K. Giddings advised she would speak to the Town Clerk in relation to this and ask him to liaise with T. Biggin.

P. Gibson left the meeting at 6.45 pm

74 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt thanked A. Ricketts for her help with the leaflet drop for the Farmers' Market. He stated he was keen to work with the Town Council again with the joint Farmers' Market and street market in December 2022.

B. Pratt advised that the Farmers' Market continues to trade well, and that since the pandemic, there has been an increased interest in local produce. He further advised that the Farmers' market may have some new traders wishing to trade at the market.

75 **Hailsham FM**

Members were advised that Hailsham FM had confirmed that they would be present at the Remembrance Sunday event and the Christmas light switch on

76 **Hailsham Parish Church**

There was no further update

77 **Remembrance Sunday**

K. Giddings advised the Remembrance Sunday meeting had taken place prior to this meeting and the minutes of this meeting would be sent to all the members of the Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 4th October 2021

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