

# 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 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 6.00 pm.

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## **Election of Committee Chairman**

Councillor G. Blake Coggins nominated Councillor Mrs A. Clarke

Seconded by Councillor N. Coltman

All members voted in favour and elected Mrs A. Clarke as Chairman

## 2. **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

## 3. **Election of Vice Chairman**

Councillor J. Puttick nominated Councillor N. Coltman as Chairman

Seconded by Councillor Mrs K. Nicholls

All members voted in favour of Councillor N. Coltman as Vice Chairman

## 4. **Committee members present**

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

## 5. **Other members present**

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

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

## 6. **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillors Ms A. O'Rawe and Councillor C. Bryant and R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire), Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

7. **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

8. **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Ref 20/12 219-235), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

9. **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

K. Giddings advised the organiser of the French Market, France at Home, had contacted her and that the planned French Market would not be able to go ahead in July, due to the travel restrictions. K. Giddings advised she has arranged to speak to the organiser again in October to arrange a new date for the French Market to come to Hailsham in the Summer of 2022.

10. **Street Markets**

K. Giddings advised that M. Caira had emailed her an update on the markets. She reported that there had been a very poor response from traders since all traders were allowed to return to markets, there were only two traders in total who have traded and on occasions only one at the market.

K. Giddings reported that M. Caira had therefore suggested all past traders are written to and told that unless they can support the market it will have to close, and it was suggested they are given until the next Communities meeting to respond and make a final decision in July.

Much discussion ensued and the Committee agreed they would like to wait a bit longer and see if the situation improves after 21<sup>st</sup> June, in the event of restrictions being completely lifted on that date.

It was agreed this item would be put on the July agenda for further discussion.

11. **Hailsham Forward**

K. Giddings advised she had received an update from M. Caira who had stated that Hailsham Forward has not been able to work as normal due to restrictions but will continue to support business and the voluntary sector as best they can, in the hope that later this year they can return to normal.

12. **Hailsham Live Event 2021**

P. Gibson reported that they continue to work to government guidelines and have been advised by Wealden District Council that it is unlikely the event will have to be cancelled.

Social distancing will be in place at the event, as well as hand sanitiser and even if restrictions are not removed on 21<sup>st</sup> June the event can still go ahead.

The management plan is also updated on a weekly basis.

P. Gibson confirmed that the High Street will be closed at 8.00 am and some stalls will be placed in the laybys in the High Street.

Entertainment will begin at 11.00 am. The Royal British Legion will assist in marshalling the event and will be collecting for their charity on the day.

The Farmers' Market will be running on the same day and visitors to the event will be directed also to the stalls at the Farmers' Market.

It is expected that a limit of 2,000 people will be allowed at the event.

13. **Community Forum**

J. Seale advised that the Community Forum are re-starting their meetings in Hailsham Parish Church.

J. Seale stated she had contacted M. Caira in respect of Volunteers Week, Hailsham Hero and Sussex Day and K. Giddings relayed M. Caira's response. K. Giddings stated that in respect of Volunteers Week, M. Caira had advised that this was not something he was aware of and did not think the Committee was aware of Volunteers Week either, but it was suggested this could be looked at in the future, possibly under the Community Groups Forum and placed on future agendas for discussion.

J Seale had also asked about Hailsham Hero and K. Giddings advised she would try and find out what was happening with this.

In relation to Sussex Day, the Committee had arranged an event for Sussex Day a number of years ago. It was agreed the Committee could look into whether it would be possible to organise something in relation to this next year.

Members discussed the Town Crier and it was reported that G. Rowe, the current Town Crier, had retired from this role, so a new Town Crier would need to be appointed at some point.

14. **Bonfire Society**

It was reported that the Bonfire Society had just organised their first meeting.

15. **Lions Fun Day**

G. Constable stated that the Lions had received a good response regarding attendance of stall holders at their Fun Day event on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July and they have arranged for Jane Torville to open the event.

16. **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin advised that the Festival has a number of face to face events arranged and they hope that these can go ahead in September,

The final day of the Festival, Nostalgia Day, on 18<sup>th</sup> September, will be held at the Cattle Market.

T. Biggin reported that the full theatrical version of String will be held next year but a showcase version will be held at Hailsham Pavilion on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

17. **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt advised that Uckfield Farmers' Market has closed. The Heathfield Market did close temporarily but is due to re-open this month.

18. **Hailsham FM**

N. Mullery reported that Hailsham FM will be at the Hailsham Live event and are currently advertising the event.

A treasure hunt is planned for the summer, involving the local shops and parks.

19. **Hailsham Parish Church**

There was no further update.

20. **Remembrance Sunday**

K. Giddings reported that a meeting of the Sub Committee had been held prior to the Communities meeting and all was going well with the organisation of the event.

The minutes of the meeting would be circulated to all Committee members.

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

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

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