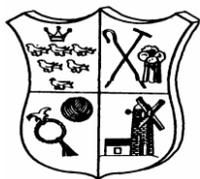


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 10th January 2022 at 6.00 pm.

CC/21/5/133 **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)

134 **Committee members present**

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

Other members present

G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), P. Gibson (Hailsham News and Talk), B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market) Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

135 **Apologies For Absence:**

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival) and Mrs R. Piggott (Hailsham Bonfire)

136 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received.

137 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 6th December 2021 (Ref 21/4xx/115-132), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

138 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 6th December 2021**

It was agreed all updates would be discussed throughout the meeting

139 **Street Markets**

K. Giddings advised that further to the request to speak to Wealden in regards to the rules and regulations of who can trade at the street markets, the Town Clerk had spoken to Julie Martin at Wealden. J. Martin had advised that there is no formal rule written down, more of a “gentleman’s agreement” between the Town Council and Wealden Council, to protect the local shop keepers. J. Martin had advised though that she was happy to look at each individual trader asking to trade, and then agree whether or not it was acceptable for them to trade at the market. The Town Clerk had enquired whether it would work better for a criteria to be put in place, but J. Martin had considered this would make trading more difficult, so suggested she looks at each trader individually.

K. Giddings stated that now when a trader contacts the Town Council to ask to trade at the street markets, the complete list of the goods they wish to sell will be emailed to J. Martin and she will make the final decision and providing there is not an obvious conflict with any shops, most traders should be allowed to trade.

K. Giddings further advised that J. Martin had stated that there was a “pop up” shop available to be used, the old William Hill shop, and this could be used by a potential trader as a trial to trade, on a daily basis if necessary.

P. Gibson reported that he had some discussions with local shop keepers and many were in favour of a busy street market, as this would bring further trade into the Town.

K. Giddings relayed an update from M. Cairra, stating that the Town Council are still getting three/four traders to the market and are getting a few enquiries from new traders.

140 **Hailsham Forward**

K. Giddings relayed a further update from M. Cairra. stating that the website had been updated now and the updates have been sent to bring the Town and Shopping Guide up to date. Future meetings are now under review with the latest changes to the Covid restriction.

141 **Hailsham Live**

A “Platinum Jubilee Plan” by Hailsham News and Talk was circulated to the Committee

P. Gibson proposed he could use the £6000 allocated in the Costed Plan for the Hailsham Live event and use this instead for the Jubilee events, as the Hailsham Live event would not be going ahead this year, instead he would be concentrating on events for the Jubilee celebrations.

P. Gibson stated that he would be able to organise an event on the Thursday 2nd June, but to be able to organise other events over the rest of the bank holiday weekend, he would require some administration assistance and asked whether the Town Council would be able to provide this?

K. Giddings stated that she could not confirm whether it would be possible to allocate any admin support to help organise these events, but she would speak to the Town Clerk and ask him to look into whether any officer time could be allocated to help with this.

The Committee agreed they supported the proposals for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, as outlined in the Hailsham News Platinum Jubilee Plan.

P. Gibson advised that the Hailsham Live event would be planned to go ahead for next year, on 8th July 2023.

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Christmas 2022

K. Giddings reported that she had been contacted by Councillor M. Laxton who had enquired whether any Christmas lighting could be placed at the end of George Street. K. Giddings advised that the Christmas lighting across the highway in George Street can only go as far as Hailsham Pavilion/The George Hotel, as after that the width of the road is too wide to support lighting across the highway.

Motifs could be placed on lamp posts however, and K. Giddings provided a break down of the costs for four motifs to be placed on four lamp posts at the end of George Street.

The costs will be approximately £380 per motif (2 meters tall and 0.8 meters wide) and £180 per each new live feed. Only 3 new live feeds are needed, so the approximate total cost is £2,060

Members discussed the type of design of the motifs and it was suggested a competition could be arranged involving local school children, to design the motifs. This will be looked into and the Committee will further consider the type of design for the motifs at the next meeting, subject to agreement on funding at the Full Council meeting

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RESOLVED to recommend to Council to allocate £2100 from the Revitalisation budget for 4 new Christmas motifs to be placed in George Street, the design of the motifs to be decided by the Communities Committee

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Community Forum

G. Constable advised that the open day is planned to go ahead although this will be dependent on the current covid situation

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Bonfire Society

K. Giddings advised that R. Piggott had written to say that she will no longer be attending the Communities meetings and that someone else will be attending from the Bonfire Society, to the February meeting.

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Lions

G. Constable reported that the Lions continue to support the local community, they have raised money for a trailer for Grovelands School, helped a local resident set up a youth project on zoom.

They also continue to help young people go into independent living, supplying several washing machines and kitchen items.

A sponsored walk is also planned for Demelza Children's charity.

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Hailsham Festival

As T. Biggin was unable to attend the meeting, K. Giddings read out an update received from him:

The repeat of our Murder Mystery Evening is going ahead on February 10th at Romeo and Juliet's Restaurant from 7.00pm - 10.00. Tickets are now on sale for £28 per person including a 3 course meal and coffee. Details are on our website www.hailshamfestival.co.uk - follow the Murder Mystery Revisited link or the Hailsham Festival Extra link.

Please note that the plot will be the same as it was in September - we are putting on the event as many people were disappointed when we sold out of tickets during the festival.

147 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt reported that the December market was extremely busy, with all stalls allocated. The RSPB had had a successful day and reported they had signed up some new members. B. Pratt further reported he is trying to source a new baker and that some new traders are signed up for the Farmers' Market for later in the year.

B. Pratt added that he was hopeful the Town Council could now start to create a successful street market as this would also benefit the Farmers Market.

148 **Hailsham FM**

There was no further update.

149 **Hailsham Parish Church**

D. Sinden stated that the Christmas events at the Church had gone very well, with a good attendance.

150 **Remembrance Sunday**

K. Giddings reported that the meetings to organise Remembrance Sunday would begin again in June/July

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 February 2022

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