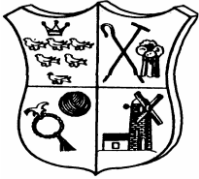


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6.00 pm.

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## **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)

None were present

The Vice Chairman Councillor N. Coltman chaired the meeting

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: C. Bryant, N. Coltman, Mrs J. Crittenden, J. Puttick, Mrs K. Nicholls, Mrs A. Ricketts

## **Other members present**

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), Mrs G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), P. Gibson (Hailsham News) N. Mullery (Hailsham FM), B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market), T. Toza (Hailsham Town Cryer)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillor Mrs A. Clarke, G. Blake Coggins, K. Lawrence

Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church), D. Chapman (Hailsham Bonfire Society),

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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 4<sup>th</sup> April (Ref 21/7/172-190), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

K. Giddings advised that the French Market, Le Marche, will be attending on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

The market is now reduced unfortunately due to COVID and Brexit, however she advised that 6 stalls will be in attendance, selling bread, cakes, croissants, cheeses, paella, garlic potatoes, sausages, olives, dried fruits, spices and clothes.

K Giddings further reported that she has applied for a road closure for Hailsham High Street for the day. We will know nearer the time how many of the local traders are also attending on the day.

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### **Street Market**

#### Update

K. Giddings read an update to the Committee, from M. Caira:

*We are working with 5 regular traders at the moment. Most new enquiries from prospective traders are for gifts and at the moment WDC are not allowing, this may change later in the year.*

The Committee expressed their concern that there are still many restrictions by Wealden Council on traders wishing to attend the street markets. Councillor N. Coltman advised he would contact Julie Martin from Wealden Council to discuss the matter.

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### **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira had reported in his update that Hailsham Forward continue to support the Chamber of Commerce with their BID.

It was advised that the next meeting of the stakeholders will be on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

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### **Platinum Jubilee**

M. Caira reported the following:

*Beacon Lighting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. The event will run from 7pm to 11pm with music and Hailsham FM.*

*Hailsham Jubilee Day Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. We should have our regular traders plus five community groups, as some are participating on the Sunday event they are not able to do the Saturday as well. Jubilee Fun Day will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.*

P. Gibson advised that the event is going to plan and they have extended the free ticket allocation.

The Beacon will be placed by the War Memorial and Hailsham Church will be lit up.

P. Gibson further advised that lots of sports events are in place for the event on Sunday and 30 charity stalls have been booked.

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### **Christmas 2022**

Members were advised that the first meeting of the Christmas Sub Committee will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, at 5.30 pm, at the Town Council offices.

Members volunteering to be on the Sub Committee were:

Councillor A. Ricketts  
Councillor K. Nicholls  
B. Pratt (Farmers Market)  
P. Gibson (Hailsham News)

The Sub Committee will report back to the Communities Committee.

201 **Community Forum**

G. Constable advised she had recently met with the Community Forum. Some of the previous members had not returned to the Forum, however she reported that some new groups had joined.

It had been agreed to keep the Community Forum going, but to possibly meet every other month rather than every month.

202 **Bonfire Society**

There was no further update

203 **Lions**

G. Constable advised that the Lions will be present in the Town for the Jubilee on the Saturday and on the Recreation Ground on the Sunday, with three stalls booked for the Sunday.

A tea party will be organised for later in the year, in September or October.

A "Swimathon" is also being organised.

T. Biggin's praise for the Lions bookshop was noted by the Committee.

204 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin advised that the printed brochure for the event should be available the first week in June.

The Hailsham Festival website is in progress.

Details of the events will be emailed to K. Giddings, who advised she would pass these to the Councillors.

T. Biggin reported that the majority of the Festival is free, but a small proportion of the events would need to be charged for.

205 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt advised that footfall was less at the last market, although the Town was also quiet on that day.

The Farmers' Market AGM will be meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May and some stallholders have advised they will be attending.

206 **Hailsham FM**

N. Mullery stated that Hailsham FM will be covering the Jubilee. He reported that they are currently attending lots of events so are very busy at the moment.

207 **Hailsham Parish Church**

K. Giddings advised the Committee of the list of events planned by Hailsham Church for the Jubilee. She advised she would forward the posters and list of details to the Committee by email.

208 **Remembrance Sunday**

The Committee were advised that the Remembrance Sunday Sub Committee meetings would begin again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 5.00 pm, before the Communities Committee meeting.

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

**The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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