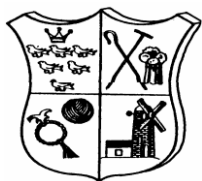


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 4th April 2022 at 6.00 pm.

CC/21/7/172

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

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, a Chairman needed to be appointed for the meeting

Councillor C. Bryant proposed Councillor J. Puttick as Chairman, seconded by Councillor G. Blake Coggins

All members voted in favour of Councillor J. Puttick as Chairman for the meeting

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Committee members present

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

Other members present

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), 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 and Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church), D. Chapman (Hailsham Bonfire Society), P. Gibson (Hailsham News)

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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 7th March (Ref 21/6/151-171), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 7th March 2022

There was no update

Councillor N. Coltman arrived at 6.05 pm

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Street Market

Charges

Members were asked whether they wished to increase or change the current Street Market charges

K. Giddings advised that currently, if a trader brings their own gazebo (3m x 3) there is no charge for a pitch. For the Town Council to supply a trader with a gazebo (3m x 3m) there is a £15.00 charge

Members agreed not to make any changes to the current fees.

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RESOLVED to make no changes to the current charges for the Street Market fees

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Update

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

We have a regular attendance of some 6 traders taking up 9 trading spaces for most markets. We continue to get enquires from prospective traders and hopefully they will turn into regular traders. We have referred 5 traders to Wealden for approval, one has been approved the others declined as they all sell a range of gifts that would directly affect Maybugs. Wealden have stated that they may change this as and when businesses have recovered more from the effect of Covid and the lockdowns. If this happens, we will be able to have one gift trader at a time at the market.

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Hailsham Forward

We continue to meet monthly and will hold the first Stakeholder Meeting since March 2020 at the end of April. The focus remains on shop local and Hailsham BID. Hailsham and District Chamber of Commerce have not been able to pursue their original plan for the BID as the upfront funding is no longer available. They now have a new proposal that is environment focussed. This proposal is being developed for the whole of the Wealden district. The overview is for green energy to be used to produce Hydrogen that can be used in vehicle hydrogen cells. Buses and trucks will not operate with electric motors and need a different form of fuel such as hydrogen, which does not produce CO2. This proposal will need the full support of Wealden and East Sussex to secure Government funding. Wealden will also need to source land in the district to build wind turbines or house a solar farm that will then be used in a plant to create hydrogen, which can then be sold in an adjacent filling station. This sort of proposal could then be sold across the country as a model in the reduction of carbon dioxide. The proposal is being supported by Brighton University who are also able to supply data to all individual industrial units on their carbon footprints with details of how to reduce this including the installation of insulation. The proposal is also being

supported by Hydrogen Sussex and Power Networks. It is acknowledged there were many issues with this project including the reluctance to have onshore wind turbines but stated that a proposal should be ready for submission in April.

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Platinum Jubilee

K. Giddings read an update from M. Cairra on the plans for the Jubilee:

Taking place on the Saturday of the holiday, the event will include market traders, local community groups and businesses from across the town centre offering promotions on the day. We are currently working on securing the participation of local businesses and community groups and undertaking work to secure the permission of Wealden to use Vicarage Field for the event. Paul Gibson is leading on the Thursday evening event and the Hailsham Fun Day on the Sunday.

A further update had been received from P. Gibson on the preparations for the Jubilee:

All plans are developing well for the events for the Jubilee weekend.

Just under 3,000 tickets have been registered for the Family Day on Sunday 5th

We carried out a test this week on the red, white and blue lighting for the Church. This went really well and it's going to look amazing when lit up for the evening of June 2nd.

We have now ordered 12 large Jubilee flags for the High Street. These will be hung from the bunting when it's put up by the town's contractors in May.

Can I remind all community groups to let me know if they're holding any special activities for the Jubilee weekend by 20th April for publication in May edition of the newspaper. These can be sent to editor@hailsham.news

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Christmas 2022

Update

K. Giddings reminded members the date for the Christmas market was Saturday 10th December

It was agreed to organise a Sub Committee to discuss the details of the Christmas Market, to begin in July, on a Tuesday at 5.30 pm, before the Planning Committee meeting

Members volunteering to be on the Sub Committee were:

Councillor A. Ricketts
Councillor K. Nicholls
B. Pratt (Farmers Market)

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Design a Christmas Motif Competition

K. Giddings confirmed she had contacted all the local schools and had received some interest from some of the schools, in the Christmas motif competition. She would update the Committee when she had any further news on entries.

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Community Forum

There was no further update

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Bonfire Society

There was no further update

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Lions

There was no further update

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Hailsham Festival

T. Biggin advised that they are making progress on the preparations for the Festival. There will be a “foodbank” theme, not to raise money but to raise awareness.

Planned events are a Blues Brothers tribute band, a salsa evening and a new Murder Mystery.

The website for the Festival is currently being created.

One of the events for Hailsham Festival Extra will be the play “Shadowlands”.

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Hailsham Farmers’ Market

B. Pratt reported that trade is beginning to increase at the Farmers’ Market, with an increased footfall at the market and trade is better than it has been for several years. B. Pratt stated he had noted the Town Council’s “Strategic Plan” which proposes to help find a new site for the Farmers’ Market, and he thanked the Council for this help.

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Hailsham FM

There was no further update.

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Hailsham Parish Church

K. Giddings read out an update from D. Sinden on the preparations for the Jubilee at Hailsham Parish Church:

The Thanksgiving service at 6pm on 2nd June and the building open for rest of the evening, Friday morning will show livestream of the service from St Paul's London,

Saturday morning open.

Details will be sent to Paul Gibson to be published in Hailsham News.

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Remembrance Sunday

There was no update

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 16th May 2022

