

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6.00 pm.

## CC/21/6/151 **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

## 152 **Committee members present**

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

Other Councillors Present: Councillor S. Keogh

## **Other members present**

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), D. Chapman (Hailsham Bonfire Society), G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), P. Gibson (Hailsham News and Talk), B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

## 153 **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillors G. Blake Coggins and C. Bryant and Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

## 154 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

## 155 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January (Ref 21/5/133-150), 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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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K. Giddings confirmed that the French Market, Le Marche, would be at Hailsham on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

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**CIL Projects**

Members noted that CIL cannot be used for Christmas lighting or for events and cannot be allocated to the Communities Committee projects.

It was therefore agreed the Communities Committee could support a CIL project for another Committee.

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**Street Market**

Update

K. Giddings read an update from M. Cairra:

*We are getting a regular 4 traders at each market and have had a few new enquiries and one new trader started in the last month. There are two potential traders who we have referred to Wealden Council for approval, but Wealden are taking a long time to confirm either way!*

**Cancelling of Street Markets**

*There seems to be some questioning from the Committee on social media when we cancelled a market in January.*

*For clarity of the decision-making process, the gazebo manufactures recommend a maximum wind speed that the gazebos are safe/unsafe to use, and I use the Met Office Forecast for the Saturday to determine if it is safe to hold the market. If the Council were to ignore the guidelines and there was injury and or damage caused by a gazebo blown over by high winds, then the Council is liable for the damages and will not be insured. It is also very likely that Wealden would withdraw their agreement for the Council to use Vicarage Field if the Council was reckless in this regard. On average we will cancel four markets a year because of high winds.*

Councillor K. Lawrence arrived at the meeting at 6.10 pm

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**To consider a request to change the start and end times of the markets**

K. Giddings advised that one trader had asked whether the times for the market could be changed to start later in the morning and finish later in the afternoon.

Members discussed the proposal and it was agreed that starting the markets later in the morning when the Town is busier, could cause an issue with traders unloading their vehicles and could be a safety concern for pedestrians. A later starting time and finishing time would also cause an issue with the staff working on the day, as they would have to finish later in the afternoon.

Members also noted that the Town is less busy after lunchtime and did not consider that finishing the market later would have any benefit.

Members agreed to refuse the request.

159.1 **RESOLVED** to refuse the request to change the market times

160 **Hailsham Forward**

K. Giddings read an update from M. Cairra:

*The team will meet again this month and will continue to focus on supporting the Hailsham BID process the Chamber are pursuing and the shop local campaign. The Hailsham Forward website and Hailsham Town & Shopping Guide have now been fully reviewed and updated.*

161 **Platinum Jubilee – to consider a quotation for bunting and flags**

K. Giddings advised that quotations had been received for both bunting and flags to be placed in the High Street.

The cost for flags, bunting and a banner was £4,580.00 (to include installation, MEWP fee's and hardware)

The quotation for just bunting alone was £1695 plus installation

Members were advised that the current communities budget had funds allocated for the bunting, but if the Committee decided to install the bunting, flags and a banner at the higher cost, the extra funds required would need to be allocated from another budget.

Members considered both options and agreed just to organise bunting in the High Street, without the additional flags and banner

161.1 **RESOLVED** to install bunting only, at the cost of £1695 plus installation

162 **Platinum Jubilee**

P. Gibson updated members on the events organised for the Jubilee:

- Hailsham Parish Church will be lit up in red, white and blue
- The Beacon will be situated next to the War Memorial
- A “Celebrate Jubilee Day” will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, inviting local businesses with some live music
- An event will be held on Western Road Recreation Ground on the Sunday, with 25 charity stalls. The event is free but will be ticketed

163 **Christmas 2022**

K. Giddings reported that she had contacted a number of local schools regarding the competition to design a Christmas motif, and she would send forms to those schools requesting to be involved in the competition

Due to the time needed to judge the competition and organise the motifs in time for Christmas, the closing date the competition would be Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

164 **Community Forum**

Members were advised that the “What can I Join” event had to be postponed due to

165 **Bonfire Society**

D. Chapman updated members on the preparations for the bonfire event on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October

The re-seeding after last year's bonfire event was not successful so this year they will lift the turf and then re-lay it and will liaise with the Cricket Club over this.

The Bonfire Society have started making their torches.

166 **Lions**

G. Constable advised that the Lions will be involved with the Jubilee event with their candy floss stall.

167 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin reported that the Festival week will be September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>.

String The Musical will be held on 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> October, possibly with a matinee on the Saturday.

Subject to funding, there may be a tour to Eastbourne in October and Hastings in early November.

The final Saturday of the Festival will be Nostalgia Day.

168 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt advised that more traders are attending the market, and he has received two new enquiries for new stalls.

The Farmer's Market in June is a week after the Platinum Jubilee, but they are looking at ways they can celebrate the Jubilee at the Farmers' Market, for the following week.

169 **Hailsham FM**

There was no further update.

170 **Hailsham Parish Church**

K. Giddings read an update from D. Sinden, as she was unable to attend the meeting:

*There is a special week coming up from 18 - 27 March with a series of different events and services on 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March (see website [www.hailshamchurch.org](http://www.hailshamchurch.org))*

*Regarding the Platinum Jubilee, Hailsham Parish Church are planning a series of events over the weekend at the Parish Church and it will begin with a Special Thanksgiving service at 6pm for approximately 45 mins.*

*Thursday 2 June - 6pm Special Thanksgiving service*

*A short civic service for the community*

*The church building will be open for the rest of the evening.*

*Friday 3 June - Everyone welcome:*

*The church building will be open in the morning as the special service from St Paul's London will be livestreamed into the local parish church building so that people can gather to watch it together as a community. Jubilee refreshments served.*

*Evening - Quiz evening*

*Saturday 4 June*

*Church building open in the morning*

*Sunday 5 June - 10.30 All Age Service*

*Overall: Bellinging at various times and special Jubilee themed flowers in the church building as well as a rolling screen on the Queen's reign including a reflection on her Christian faith from Christmas broadcasts over the years.*

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### **Remembrance Sunday**

There was no update

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

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

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