

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 July 2022 at 6.00 pm.

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Election of Chair of Committee

Councillor C. Bryant proposed Councillor N. Coltman, seconded by Councillor K. Lawrence

Councillor G. Blake Coggins proposed Councillor A. Clarke, seconded by Councillor A. Ricketts

Councillor N. Coltman received 3 votes

Councillor A. Clarke received 4 votes

Councillor A. Clarke was nominated as Chair of the Committee

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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

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Election of Vice Chair of Committee

Councillor J. Puttick nominated Councillor N. Coltman, seconded by Councillor A. Clarke

Councillor N. Coltman received 5 votes and was nominated as Vice Chair of the Committee

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Committee members present

Councillors: Mrs A. Clarke, G. Blake Coggins, C. Bryant, N. Coltman, Mrs J. Crittenden, J. Puttick, Mrs A. Ricketts

Other members present

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), D. Chapman (Bonfire Society), Mrs G. Constable

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

5 **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillors K. Lawrence and Mrs K. Nicholls

Mrs D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

6 **Declarations of Interest**

None were received

7 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 16th May (Ref 21/7/191-208), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

8 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 16th May 2022**

There was no update

9 **Street Market**

Update

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

We continue with the regular five traders, the Sweetman has just extended to six stalls. We have had a new trader start who sells personalised gifts (WDC did approve this one) We have also had enquiries from a fishmonger and ladies' clothes traders, and we are trying to get them trading.

10 **Hailsham Forward**

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

The main emphasis at the moment is to support the Hailsham Chamber BID, I have attached a copy of the outline of the project for info.

11 **Platinum Jubilee**

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

These went very well and were well received and attended. The Family Fun Day was reported as the largest event in the southeast by the BBC who broadcast live from the event during the day.

P. Gibson advised that the Jubilee event was a success, the event was very busy and all went to plan.

P. Gibson thanked D. Chapman, M. Caira and the Town Council staff for their help on the day.

The Committee thanked P. Gibson for all his work organising the Jubilee events.

12 **French Market/Summer Market**

K. Giddings read out a letter from the owner of Special Occasions, advising that he was no longer willing to participate in future promotions when an event in the Town is taking place due to the decrease in his customers at these events, as the stalls attending do not cover the end of the High Street where his shop is located. He advised he would only be willing to participate if the stalls attending the French Market filled the entire High Street.

K. Giddings reported that unfortunately there were not enough stalls attending the event to fill the entire High Street. The 6 French stalls attending were due to be placed around the centre of the Town, in the bus laybys and loading bays to ensure they do not intrude on the frontages of any of the shops, as this had been a complaint of local shop keepers in the past. She advised that the number of French stalls trading had greatly reduced due to COVID and Brexit.

Councillors Blake Coggins and A. Ricketts left the meeting at 6.15 pm

The Bonfire Society confirmed they would like a pitch for the event.

13 **Christmas 2022**

K. Giddings reported that the Sub Committee would be meeting the following day and an update would be provided at the next Communities meeting.

14 **Community Forum**

G. Constable advised that the Forum are meeting the following week.

15 **Bonfire Society**

D. Chapman advised that the Society have already made 1,000 torches for the bonfire event.

16 **Lions**

G. Constable reported that the Lions continue to assist with various issues, including helping some Ukrainian families that have been located to Hailsham.

She also advised that the Bookshop is going well.

17 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin circulated some brochures to the Committee and advised that these would be delivered to Hailsham residents, plus some areas around Hailsham.

He further reported that all tickets for all events are now on sale.

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Hailsham Farmers' Market

B. Pratt advised that the Farmers' Market recently held their AGM and he continues as the Chairman of the Market.

He stated that the market is going well but they are still trying to locate a bread stall for the market.

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Hailsham FM

There was no further update.

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Hailsham Parish Church

There was no further update.

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Remembrance Sunday

K. Giddings reported that the first meeting of the Sub Committee for Remembrance Sunday had taken place today and the organisation of the event was in hand

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

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 1st August 2022

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