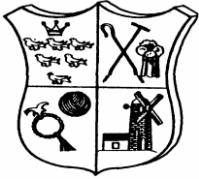


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 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

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, a Chairman was nominated.

Councillor J. Puttick proposed Councillor C. Bryant to chair the meeting, seconded by Councillor K. Nicholls

All members voted in favour of C. Bryant as Chairman

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: J. Crittenden, C. Bryant (Chairman), J. Puttick, K. Nicholls, A. Ricketts

## **Other members present**

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

Other Councillors in attendance: Councillor S. Murphy

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillors K. Lawrence and N. Coltman

B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary) N. Mullery (Hailsham FM) D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

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## **Declarations of Interest**

C. Bryant declared a personal interest in the item discussing the Bonfire Society as he is a member of the Bonfire Society

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## **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Ref 22/5/65-81), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

87 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

K. Giddings advised that the Town Council's receptionist, K. Butcher, was organising a cryptic easter hunt and clues would be placed around the Town for the easter hunt which would take place between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023. More details would be available nearer the time

88 **Bonfire Society Event**

Members considered the request from the Bonfire Society for the use of the Council's gazebos for the Family Fun Day event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Western Road Recreation Ground

K. Giddings advised that the Bonfire Society would need to have additional insurance in place to use the gazebos, in the event of damage to the gazebos.

88.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to the request for the use of the gazebos by the Bonfire Society, providing additional insurance is taken out to cover the gazebos in the event of any damage

89 **Eastwell Place Bridge, Hailsham**

T. Biggin presented his report on the Eastwell Place Bridge project to the Committee. He advised that pieces of artwork are created, scanned and then professionally bolted onto the bridge. He asked if the Committee would consider funding £1,200 towards this project.

T. Biggin reported that £12,000 is needed in total for the project. The Police have agreed to sponsor £500 to the project.

Councillor S. Murphy confirmed that he had been advised by T. Scott of Wealden Council that the funding being requested could be taken from CIL funds.

Members discussed the proposals. K. Giddings read out a comment from M. Caira in relation to the request:

*The Committee should consider the fact that the Council has removed the grant to two local community groups that both have a significant positive impact on the town centre and its businesses, when making a decision to part fund this project.. Both Environment Hailsham and Hailsham Bonfire Society have a long history of bring people into the town and these have been excluded from Council support in the next financial year.*

K. Giddings reminded the Committee that at a recent Full Council meeting it was agreed that there was no funding available for grants.

Members discussed the proposals and agreed to the request for funding, providing it can be taken from CIL payments. K. Giddings advised that this request would need to go to Full Council for consideration.

J. Puttick suggested the Youth Café could be approached to be involved in the project and S. Murphy reported he had contacted both the Youth Service and Hailsham Community College.

89.1 **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council to fund £1,200 from CIL payments to the Eastwell Place Bridge project.

90 **Street Market**

K. Giddings read out an update from M. Caira:

*We are back and running after the Christmas break and two Saturdays of high winds that forced the closure of the market. Most of the regular traders have returned but as usual it is quiet and will remain so until the spring. We are working on trying to see if the traders refused by Wealden in the past can trade, with WDC relaxing their conditions somewhat.*

91 **Hailsham Forward**

K. Giddings read out an update from M. Caira:

*We continue to support the Chamber in their BID working to secure the £135,000 funding to take the project to a referendum. We are also pursuing more recreational facilities in the town via new developments. We will be formally requesting that the Town Council adopts a policy to support this work.*

92 **Christmas Events 2023**

There was no update

93 **Community Forum**

K. Giddings read out an update from J. Coates :

*On Saturday 28 January the CGF held their 'What Can I Join' event at Hailsham Parish Church. 23 local groups attended giving information about their activities. Around 200 people attended the event including the Mayor and Town Crier.*

94 **Hailsham Bonfire Society**

D. Chapman advised that the Bonfire Society have been asked to marshal the 10k, 5k, 1k Run in May. 40 marshals are needed – he advised he is looking into whether the Bonfire Society will have enough marshals to cover the event

95 **Lions**

G. Constable advised that the Lions had helped many individuals in the past year, and had given out £6,789.53 in funds

96 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin advised that the members of Hailsham Festival have had their first meeting of the year and are now planning this year's Festival, which will be held between 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September

97 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt advised that the weather had been very adverse at the market in January. Many traders had taken a break from trading in January so the market will pick up again in February.

B. Pratt reported that December 2023 will be the Farmers' Market 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

98 **Hailsham FM**

There was no update

99 **Hailsham Parish Church**

There was no update

100 **Remembrance Sunday**

There was no update

101 **Hailsham 10K. 5K. 1K Run**

Members noted the Management Plan for the event

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

**The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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