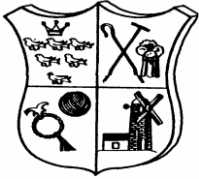


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 7th November 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

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Committee members present

Councillors: G. Blake Coggins, A. Clarke, C. Bryant, N. Coltman, K. Lawrence, K. Nicholls, A. Ricketts

Other members present

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), D. Chapman (Hailsham Bonfire), P. Gibson (Hailsham News) N. Mullery (Hailsham FM), B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market), D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church) T. Tozer (Town Cryer)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillors J. Crittenden, J. Puttick and G. Constable

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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

The minutes stated that Hailsham Parish Church has appointed a new Vicar but D. Sinden advised that a new Vicar has not yet been appointed for the Church

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 3rd October (Ref 22/3/22-42), as printed and circulated, may be amended, taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

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To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 3rd October 2022

There was no update

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Street Market

K. Giddings read out an email update from M. Caira in relation to street markets :

We have agreed a larger space for the market with Wealden as we are getting more traders enquiring and we need the extra space now. Kaylee has produced new lists of our current traders, please see below:

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Street Traders

Ace Knits & Bits Knitted Items,

R Morton Sweet Shop

Handmade children's clothing

Homemade jams

Homemade Soaps

Ladies & Gentleman clothing

Homemade Jewellery

Mother & Baby items

The Owl Nest Personalised gifts

G Towne Gifts & Misc

Friends & Co Homewares & Gifts

Garden Guardians Info & open space goods

Lou Unique Crochet Crocheted Items

Event traders:

M Coleman Baked goods

Arrow Town Drinks Canned Hard Seltzer

Air cadets Chocolate Tombola

Lions Club Charity fundraiser

T Birkbeck Beeswax wraps

Wayfinder women Charity

Rotary Club Charity

Greyhound trust Charity

Raystede Charity

Tina's cards Homemade stationary supplies

Winter warmers Mulled drinks and liquors

Dimple Bakes goods

Kays Crystals Crystals

51 **Hailsham Forward**

K. Giddings read out an email update from M. Cairra :

For Hailsham Forward we are still focused on getting more formal recreational space agreed with WDC and supporting the Hailsham BID

52 **Coronation of the King**

P. Gibson confirmed he would not be organising an event for the Coronation.

D. Sinden advised that the Parish Church are considering how the Church can celebrate the event.

K. Giddings suggested that the amount of £6000 allocated on the Costed Plan for an event for the Coronation is reduced to £2000 to pay solely for large Coronation banners to be placed alongside the bunting in the High Street. The Council would therefore be able to reduce the budget and save £4000 by not organising an actual event for the Coronation but instead acknowledging the event with Coronation flags and banners.

Members were in support of this suggestion. It was agreed that an event for the Coronation was not required as most members of the public would be likely to watch the Coronation of the King at home or organise their own street parties for the day.

N.B. This request was approved and agreed by Full Council at the meeting on 23rd November 2002

53 **Christmas 2022**

K. Giddings reported that Wealden Council had agreed to waive one of the licence fees of £250 for the Christmas events, therefore saving £250 in the budget

The Christmas Sub Committee had met on 4th October and K. Giddings updated members on the discussions that had taken place:

It had been agreed that as well as the Best Dressed Elf competition, to also hold a Best Dressed Dog competition. Councillor A. Ricketts will organise someone to judge this

The parade will begin at 11.30 am and go from Vicarage Field to the Cattle Market site, with the judging at the Farmers' Market at midday

Santa and Sleigh will arrive at 10.00 am and finish at 3.00 pm

K. Giddings further confirmed that two bands have been booked for the market – the Sussex Stompers and Chandeliers

54 **Christmas Switch on**

K. Giddings advised that the local actor Mr J. Campling would be switching on the Christmas lights. She further advised that Mr Campling was not expecting a fee for this, he had just asked if a small donation could be paid to the charity of his choice (Invest in ME) It was agreed to pay £50 to this charity

55 **Community Forum**

Members were advised that the Community Forum will be meeting in Hailsham Parish Church the next day

The “What Can I Join” event has been arranged for late January

56 **Bonfire Society**

D. Chapman reported that the event had been a success, a large number of people attended the event, however donations to the Bonfire Society were vastly down this year. He advised that the Bonfire Society are struggling financially at the moment.

He further reported that a fund raising event for the Society is due to be held after the meeting.

57 **Lions**

There was no further update.

58 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin reported that “String” had been received extremely well, with Hailsham Pavilion more or less filled for the 3 nights.

T. Biggins further advised that consideration was being given to tour “String” but it would be necessary to raise £25,000 to be able to do this.

59 **Hailsham Farmers’ Market**

B. Pratt advised that the market was going well and all the preparations were being undertaken in conjunction with the Town Council for the Christmas Market on the 10th December

60 **Hailsham FM**

There was no further update

61 **Hailsham Parish Church**

D. Sinden explained that the Vicar, David Bourne, retired at the end of August so there is a Vicar vacancy at present.

The Church does currently have a Clergy team with an Associate Vicar and Curate.

D. Sinden distributed a pamphlet to members listing the Christmas services from late November to New Years Day.

62 **Remembrance Sunday**

K. Giddings advised that everything is ready for the event on Sunday.

63 **Confidential Business**

To Resolve that due to the special and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, and possible disclosure of personal or legal information not in the public interest at the present time, the following items of business be transacted following the temporary exclusion

Street Market Proposal

K. Giddings read out the proposal received from Mrs V. Cowley to the Councillors.

Mrs Cowley had proposed to work with and on behalf of, Hailsham Town Council, to improve the weekly Community Street Market in Vicarage Field.

The Communities Committee discussed Mrs Cowley's proposal in length

Members agreed the Council has not identified a need for this contract and does not have the resources for it as the Council is currently identifying ways to reduce the budget.

Furthermore, K. Giddings advised that any extra work required for the street markets is already covered by the Town Council's Business Enterprise Assistant and Communications Officer, therefore there was no requirement to employ an additional person to carry out these tasks.

RESOLVED to decline Mrs Cowley's proposal as there is no requirement for such a contract

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 5th December 2022

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