

HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



CC/22/5/65

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 9th January 2023 at 6.00 pm.

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, J. Crittenden, A. Clarke, C. Bryant, N. Coltman, J. Puttick, K. Lawrence, K. Nicholls, A. Ricketts

Other members present

D. Chapman (Hailsham Bonfire), G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), P. Gibson (Hailsham News) N. Mullery (Hailsham FM), B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market), D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary) T. Tozer (Town Cryer)

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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 7th November (Ref 22/4/43-64), as printed and circulated, may be 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 7th November 2022

There was no update

71 **Street Market**

There was no update

72 **Hailsham Forward**

There was no update

73 **Christmas 2023**

Members discussed the proposal to hold one event for both the Christmas light switch on and the Christmas market.

Much discussion ensued and it was agreed that this proposal would mean that the timings of the Christmas market would need to be considered to allow for the taking down of stalls and putting up of gazebos or a stage, for the pupils to sing later on in the evening, after the market has closed.

It was also considered that Hailsham Community College pupils and the staff of the College may not be available to attend on a Saturday evening as they do on a Friday evening, after school.

B. Pratt advised that the Farmers' Market would not be able to be involved with the Christmas market if the two events are combined as the dates would not tally with the Farmers' Market dates.

Members agreed they would prefer to keep the two events separate.

It was agreed that the details of the Christmas light switch on event could be re -looked at, to make some positive improvements to the event. To consider hiring a stage for the pupils to use for singing carols and possibly introduce some additions to the event, such as a band.

Members discussed the dates of both events and it was agreed to hold the Christmas switch on event on Friday 24th November and the Christmas Market on Saturday 9th December

73.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to keep the Christmas switch on event and the Christmas market event as two separate events, to be held on different days

74 **Community Forum**

There was no further update

75 **Bonfire Society**

D. Chapman confirmed that the Bonfire Society have already begun fundraising for this year

76 **Lions**

G. Constable advised that the Lions Tombola events went well, also the Tea Party

event was a success at the Charles Hunt Centre. She reported that the Lions have had a good year.

77 **Hailsham Festival**

There was no update

78 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt reported that the Christmas market went very well, the traders were selling out of goods and they all had a good days trade. He thanked Hailsham FM for all their support on the day.

It was agreed that the Best Dressed Elf competition needs to be streamlined slightly so it is clearer where the parade for the competition starts and exactly where the competition takes place at the Farmers' Market. Members agreed that the Best Dressed Dog competition was very popular and a good addition to the event.

79 **Hailsham FM**

N. Mullery reported that Hailsham FM had attended a large number of events this year and the year had gone well.

80 **Hailsham Parish Church**

D. Sinden reported that the open church event after the Christmas switch on event was a success. Also, 150 people attended the free Wealden Brass concert at the Church on the day of the Christmas market . There had also been huge support for the Christingle services.

D. Sinden further reported that the Gingerbread making event was also very popular.

Hailsham Church is also hosting the "What Can I Join" event at the end of January.

D. Sinden thanked Hailsham FM for their support over the year.

81 **Remembrance Sunday**

Members discussed the request from the British Legion to cover the costs for the Remembrance Day crosses at Hailsham Cemetery, from the Communities budget

Members were in support of this request

81.1 **RESOLVED** to cover the costs of £60.00 for Remembrance Day crosses at Hailsham Cemetery, from the Communities budget

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

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 6th February 2023

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