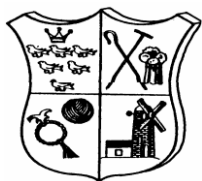


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 3rd April 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

Councillor N. Coltman chaired the meeting as the Chair, A Clarke, had given apologies

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Committee members present

Councillors: G. Blake Coggins, J. Crittenden, C. Bryant, N. Coltman (Chair), J. Puttick, K. Lawrence, K. Nicholls, A. Ricketts

Other members present

D. Chapman (Hailsham Bonfire), B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market)

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

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillor A. Clarke

D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church), G. Constable (Hailsham Lions)

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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 6th February 2023 (Ref 22/6/82 -101), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

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There was no update

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Street Market

M. Caira advised that trade has picked up, with interest from some new traders.

M. Caira further advised that the “Streets of Wealden” event held in March had been successful, and some of the street market traders had attended the event. Feedback had been positive from the traders, with some trading better at this event than at Christmas

B. Pratt advised that the performers at the Streets of Wealden event did not move to the Cattle Market area, as had been advised.

T Biggin stated that it was dispiriting that other events are not given the funding that the Streets of Wealden event was.

M. Caira advised that Wealden Council were given the funding as part of the “levelling up” funding. Members were advised that Wealden Council have been approached to waive the licencing fee for events but they have advised this licence is charged by the legal team.

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Hailsham Forward

M. Caira advised that the Chamber of Commerce have met with Wealden Council regarding the Hailsham BID. Brighton University are supporting the BID. Hailsham Forward have written to the Town Council and Hellingly Council and both Councils have agreed to support the request by Hailsham Forward to adopt a policy of requesting that infrastructure is put into place for each appropriate development, either onsite or offsite as part of its planning consultation processes. The infrastructure should include water, sewerage and electricity supplies from the main networks, road and pedestrian access from the public highway and a small parking area.

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Christmas Light Switch on 2023

Members discussed the different layout for the switch on event, placing the Rotary’s Santa and sleigh outside Poundland to create an area on Vicarage Field where some stalls can be placed

K. Giddings will approach Poundland for the use of their electric, for the sleigh

As Poundland close at 6.00 pm it was agreed that Santa and Sleigh could finish at 6.00 pm

Wealden will need to be approached to confirm permission will be given for the stalls at this event

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Christmas Market 2023

Members were advised that the Christmas Sub Committee will be meeting in early June to begin organising the event

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Community Forum

Members were advised that the Forum is meeting regularly

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Bonfire Society

C. Bryant reported that the planning for the “Fun Day” on Western Road Recreation Ground in May is going well and will hopefully help with fundraising for the Bonfire Society.

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Lions

There was no further update

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Hailsham Festival

T. Biggin handed out some flyers in relation to the lottery. He advised the sales of lottery tickets are going well.

T. Biggin thanked the Committee and Councillors at Full Council for their support for the Eastwell Place Bridge project. He advised that local businesses are being approached to see if they will sponsor a panel on the bridge for £100. Any businesses that sponsor a panel will have their business details on the panel in the form of a QR code. The business name can also be put on the panel if they wish

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Hailsham Farmers’ Market

B. Pratt advised he had noticed some younger customers at the last market and considered that this may be due to the Farmers’ Market advertising on Hailsham FM. He reported that the cheese stall had gone but the Farmers’ Market has two new traders - a venison stall and a veg stall.

The Farmers’ Market 25th anniversary is in December.

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Hailsham FM

There was no further update

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Hailsham Parish Church

G. Blake Coggins advised that the Church have organised a ladies breakfast at the B12 and there is also a gents breakfast at the B12 on the first Saturday of the month at 8.30 am

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Remembrance Sunday

Members were advised that the Sub Committee will commence in June.

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10 K Run

K. Nicholls advised that so far 170 people have signed up for the event on 21st May

Everyone that enters the race and finishes will be handed a medal.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 5th June 2023

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