

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: D. Chapman, A. Clarke (Chair), F. Clarke, C. Bryant, B. Holbrook (substituting for K. Blundell), A. Ricketts (Vice Chair), G. White (substituting for K. Nicholls)

## **Other members present**

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, K. Butcher, M. Caira

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillor K. Blundell, N. Hayes, K. Nicholls

P. Gibson, T. Tozer (Hailsham Town Cryer), 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Ref 23/4/63-82) 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

There was no update

89      **Date of Meetings**

K. Giddings suggested cancelling the November Communities meeting as the Full Council Staffing Review was scheduled to be held on the same evening as the November Communities meeting

All members were in favour

The next Communities meeting will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

90      **Street Market**

Members were advised there are now 10 regular traders at the Street market and in the last couple of months a greengrocer and flower stall have joined the market

A local brewery is also attending selling teas and also home made bottled beer.

91      **Hailsham Forward**

M. Caira reported that Hailsham Forward are still involved in discussions in regard to the Hailsham Health and Well being Hub, in relation to arts and well being.

92      **Christmas Light Switch On 2023**

K. Butcher reported that Wealden Council have agreed to a hot food trader at both the switch on event and Christmas market – this will be a slow cooked pork stall.

She further reported there has been a large amount of interest from local traders in attending the switch on event.

It was confirmed that the Lions have booked a gazebo for the event and G. Constable advised she would liaise with K. Butcher regarding a second gazebo.

93      **Christmas Market 2023**

K. Butcher advised that 31 stalls have been booked for the event.

All traders have been asked to dress their stalls with Christmas decorations

94      **Community Forum**

K. Butcher advised that the Forum met last month. The next meeting will be held on 9th November and will discuss the “What Can I Join” event.

95      **Bonfire Society**

D. Chapman stated that the Society have organised their new insurance. They are looking into placing a temporary building at the Grovelands Barn to store the torches, rather than in the Barn itself

96      **Lions**

G. Constable advised that the Lions are currently inviting different groups to approach

them to see how they can assist with any needs or requirements they may have.

She further reported that the Lions attended the recent Hailsham Festival and sold a large number of books but sales of candy floss were down.

97      **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin reported that the Hailsham Festival had been a great success.

98      **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt reported that three new stalls will now be in attendance at the market, with the run up to the festive season – game, chocolates and cakes

He advised he is still searching for assistance in erecting the Farmers' Market stalls, as the Young Farmers will no longer be assisting with the stalls after December.

99      **Hailsham FM**

There was no further update

100     **Hailsham Parish Church**

As D. Sinden could not attend the meeting K. Giddings read out an email update from her:

*Bonfire Night - the church building will be open between the processions (8 - 9pm) as in previous years - all welcome, serving free hot chocolate and cake*

*Christmas light switch on - open after the switch on - all warmly welcome for free hot chocolate - come in from the cold!*

*Christmas Market day - the church building will be open at 2.30pm for Wealden Brass Christmas concert - free entry.*

101     **Remembrance Sunday**

K. Giddings reported that local groups have until mid October to order a wreath. The poppy launch is 28<sup>th</sup> October.

102     **10 K Run**

The entry forms for next year are now online. Members noted that stewards are required for the event.

103     **Stand Proud Event**

K. Giddings advised that the event cannot be held now at the HMI Club as the Club is now members only. The event will now be held at the White Hart Public House in Horsebridge, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, from 3pm until late

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.35 pm.

**The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
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