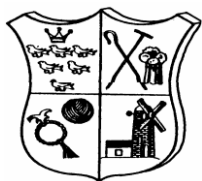


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 4th March 2024 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: K. Blundell-Smith, C. Bryant, D. Chapman, A. Clarke (Chair), G. White (substituting for A. Ricketts)

Other members present

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

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, K. Butcher

Other Councillors Present: Councillor S. Murphy

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillors F. Clarke, N. Hayes, A. Ricketts

N. Mullery (Hailsham FM), D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

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Declarations of Interest

C. Bryant and D. Chapman both declared personal interests in the item discussing the Bonfire Society as they are members 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 5th February 2024 (Ref 23/7/148-168) 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 5th February 2024

There was no update

175 **Street Markets**

K. Butcher reported that the markets are currently quiet due to the time of year and some markets have been cancelled due to bad weather.

Two new traders have joined the street market.

176 **Hailsham Forward**

There was no further update.

177 **Christmas Light Switch On 2024**

There was no further update.

178 **Christmas Market**

There was no further update.

179 **Community Forum**

There was no further update.

180 **Bonfire Society**

D. Chapman advised that Mrs R. Pickett is currently the temporary Chair of the Society.

181 **Lions**

G. Constable stated that the Lions had recently organised their first book signing. This had been very successful, and another signing will be planned in the future.

182 **Hailsham Festival**

Members were advised that unfortunately some concerning graffiti had been found on the Eastwell Place Bridge. This has now been removed. Members agreed that graffiti is currently a major problem in the Town and S. Murphy advised he is currently speaking to the Police about the problem.

T. Biggin reported that the performance of "String" at the Grove Theatre was an absolute triumph and had received extremely good reviews.

183 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt reported that the Farmers' Market is still solvent, and they intend to continue. The market has some new traders, with a charity stall and possibly a food stall.

B. Pratt further advised he continues to look for someone to dismantle the stalls.

184 **Hailsham FM**

K. Giddings advised that N. Mullery had given his apologies for the meeting but had

provided an update on Hailsham Heroes, advising that Hailsham FM are looking to roll out the Hailsham Heroes Award during the summer and the trophy will be awarded in the autumn.

Further updates will be provided as necessary.

Councillor S. Murphy thanked Hailsham FM for their involvement and help with the Ukraine Service at the War Memorial in February.

185 **Hailsham Parish Church**

D. Sinden had given her apologies for the meeting but had provided an update, advising that a Children's Holiday Club will be organised for one day on 11th April – details are on the Church website and bookings are now open for this.

186 **Remembrance Sunday**

The next meeting will be held in June.

187 **10 K Run**

Members noted that the event was going to plan. Extra marshals are still required plus more competitors. Members were advised that it is planned to make the event as inclusive as possible.

188 **Stand Proud Event**

There was no further update

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

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 8th April 2024 Global/Minutes & Agendas/Communities