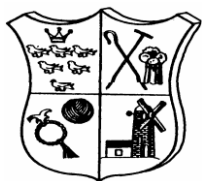


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 September 2023 at 6.00 pm.

CC/23/4/63

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, A. Clarke (Chair), F. Clarke, C. Bryant, A. Ricketts (Vice Chair),

Other members present

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), D. Chapman (Hailsham Bonfire Society), G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market), P. Gibson (Hailsham News), N. Mullery (Hailsham FM),

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillor N. Hayes

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 7 August 2023 (Ref 23/3/43--62), 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 August 2023

There was no update

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Costed Report

Members discussed the Costed Report and were in favour of the proposals

RESOLVED to recommend to Council to approve the Costed Report for 2024

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Street Market

The Committee discussed a problem that had arisen with some of the traders at the market. K. Giddings advised she would speak to both M. Caira and K. Butcher about it on their return from annual leave.

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Hailsham Forward

There was no update

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Christmas Light Switch On 2023

K. Giddings advised that 11 stalls were currently booked for the switch on event

The Lions will be in attendance with their candy floss stall

The Community College and their Primary school pupils will be attending the switch on, singing carols

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Christmas Market 2023

K. Giddings confirmed that 12 stalls are booked for the Christmas market

K. Giddings advised she had been contacted by a trader selling hot dogs, burgers and slow cooked pork and this is being looked into for trading at both the switch on and Christmas market

B. Pratt has arranged for the tractor to be present at the event with the young farmers and also has arranged for his Father Christmas to judge the Best Dressed Elf and Best Dressed Dog competition, alongside Anne Marie, as Deputy Mayor

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Community Forum

There was no update

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Bonfire Society

D. Chapman advised the Society are currently organising their insurance.

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Lions

G. Constable reported that the Lions will be selling candy floss at the Hailsham Festival and the Nostalgia Fair.

She further reported that the Hailsham Lions are now receiving a lot of enquiries from Eastbourne residents.

G. Constable asked how the Lions request a wreath? K. Giddings advised they will need

to contact L. Snowdon to order a wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

77 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin reported that a number of the Festival events have sold out. 66% of tickets are priced at £5.00 or less and 38% of tickets are free

He advised that the artwork on the bridge looks spectacular, with 77 pieces of artwork

78 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt stated that a chocolate stall will be at the market in October as well as the game dealer, in preparation for Christmas

The Young Farmers have given notice that they cannot take down the stalls at the Farmers Market any longer so the traders are looking for someone to take down their stalls from November onwards

79 **Hailsham FM**

N. Mullery advised that Hailsham FM are now located at St Mary's Walk

He stated that they are very busy and booked up with Hailsham FM at the moment.

80 **Hailsham Parish Church**

Members noted that on Saturday 23rd September a "Man Up" breakfast will be held at B12, organised by Hailsham Church.

A "Woman to Woman" event will be held on September 30th between 10.00 am to 11.30 am with coffee and cake, at the Church

D. Sinden had reported that Hailsham Parish Church will be involved in the Christmas Light Switch on, serving hot chocolate with marshmallows after the Light Switch on and on Saturday 9th December there will be a free Wealden Brass Christmas concert at 2.30pm at the Church

81 **Remembrance Sunday**

K. Giddings advised that the 1066 Band are only able to provide one solo Piper this year, due to lack of members in the Band.

All members were reminded to contact L. Snowdon if they require a wreath or if they want to get involved in selling poppies from 30th October.

82 **10 K Run**

Members were advised that the Run is now open for bookings

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.25 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 2nd October 2023 Global/Minutes & Agendas/Communities