

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 5th February 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: D. Chapman, A. Clarke (Chair), C. Bryant, K. Nicholls, A. Ricketts (Vice Chair)

Other members present

B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market), G. Constable (Hailsham Lions)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, K. Butcher

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillors K. Blundell-Smith, F. Clarke, N. Hayes

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), 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 8th January 2024 (Ref 23/6/127-147) 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 8th January 2024

There was no update

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Street Markets

K. Butcher advised that the first market of the year had just taken place. The market has some new traders with a new Bee Keeper and a new crochet stall.

The “Streets of Hailsham” is returning on 18th May and will be centred around the High Street and will coincide with the Street Market.

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Hailsham Forward

Members were advised a meeting had recently taken place with Wealden Council and the Chamber of Commerce to further discuss the Hailsham BID.

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Soap Box Derby

K. Butcher addressed the Committee with some ideas for a “Soap Box Derby”, to be held Summer 2025, and advised she is looking into possible sponsorship with this and will provide further details to the Committee when more details are available.

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Christmas Light Switch On 2024

K. Giddings advised that it is planned to have stalls again at the event, to include food stalls, as in 2023.

Extra barriers will be put in place to keep the public safely off the road.

Hailsham Speedway will be contacted to see if they can attend the event.

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Christmas Market

Members noted the Civic Hall has been booked and will be used alongside the High Street for stalls and entertainment for the Christmas market.

Wealden Council have advised that the main front entrance to the Civic Hall can be left open, providing it is manned at all times. K. Giddings and K. Butcher advised that security will be organised for this. This will allow a main entrance for the public to access the market in the Civic Hall.

Sussex Stompers have been booked for the event and will be situated in the Civic Hall.

Vadars Radars have also been booked and can cover both sites

Hailsham Choral Society will be approached to see if they are available to sing at both sites.

Volunteers were requested to help with organising tea and coffee (which will be free) and possibly hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies (which will be purchased for a small charge) in the Civic Hall.

It was agreed to again organise the Parade from the High Street to the Farmers’ Market (weather permitting).

B. Pratt advised he will be speaking to the Farmers’ Market Board to discuss the Farmers’ Market possibly joining the Christmas market in the Civic Hall, only in the event of bad weather.

- 159 **Community Forum**
- K. Butcher reported that the “What Can I Join” event was extremely well attended, with 30 different groups at the event
- 160 **Bonfire Society**
- D. Chapman advised he is standing down as Chair of the Society. He further advised the Bonfire Societies AGM would take place that evening.
- 161 **Lions**
- G. Constable stated that many residents are still unaware of the Lions bookshop.
- The Lions continue to help various members of the public and organisations, and had recently donated a bed frame to Furniture Now, plus some illustrated books of the Queen’s reign to a Hospice.
- 162 **Hailsham Festival**
- Events are now being organised for this year’s Festival
- 163 **Hailsham Farmers’ Market**
- B. Pratt advised that the takings for the January market had been better than expected.
- He advised he still has not been able to locate anyone to dismantle the stalls after the market. B. Pratt further advised he is considering placing an Information Stall at the Street Market, to advertise the Farmers’ Market.
- 164 **Hailsham FM**
- There was no further update
- 165 **Hailsham Parish Church**
- There was no further update
- 166 **Remembrance Sunday**
- The next meeting to organise the event will be held in June
- 167 **10 K Run**
- K. Nicholls advised that all licences are now in place. A number of marshals have been booked to help with the event.
- 168 **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 4th March 2024 Global/Minutes & Agendas/Communities

