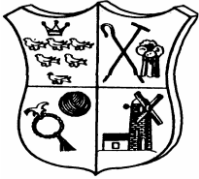


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 7th August 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: A. Clarke, C. Bryant, A. Ricketts, G. White (substituting for K. Blundell)

Other members present

B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market), T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), P. Gibson (Hailsham News),

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, M. Caira

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Apologies For Absence:

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

D. Chapman (Hailsham Bonfire Society), D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church), T. Tozer (Town Cryer)

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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 3rd July 2023 (Ref 23/2/22-42), as printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 3rd July 2023

M. Caira spoke in relation to the Stand Proud event. He advised the Council would be able to organise the rainbow flag on the War Memorial but that the Council may not have the staff resources to organise the “Best Dressed Window” competition.

Costed Report

Members agreed to consider the costed report at the meeting in September, to allow time for Hailsham Festival to request some funding to be added to the report for consideration.

It was agreed to defer a decision on the report until the next meeting in September.

A Ricketts spoke about the Stand Proud event and considered she would like to know what age group of children are involved in the event.

Street Market

M. Caira advised that the Link Coffee shop has been taken over by Bay Tree Foods.

He reported that this is the 3rd street trader that has opened a business in the Town so this was very positive news.

Hailsham Forward

Hailsham Forward are currently supporting the Eastwell project and Hailsham BID.

The Health and Wellbeing Hub from Hailsham Aspires is also being discussed, with Hailsham Forward aiming to provide some constructive feedback for a meeting in September.

Christmas Light Switch On 2023

K. Giddings advised that a meeting of the Christmas Sub Committee had been held the week before

- 11 stalls are booked for the switch on event
- K. Butcher is currently trying to source a mulled wine stall for the switch on event
- Hailsham Community College have confirmed their pupils will be singing carols at the event

Christmas Market 2023

12 stalls are currently booked for the Christmas market.

B. Pratt has arranged the tractor with the Young Farmers for the parade and also arranged for his Father Christmas to judge the Best Dressed Elf and Best Dressed Dog competition, alongside A. Ricketts.

Community Forum

The next meeting will be held in September.

Arrangements will then begin for the “What Can I Join” event in January.

55 **Bonfire Society**

C. Bryant reported that the torch making is going well and the insurance is in the process of being organised in conjunction with the Council.

56 **Lions**

There was no update.

57 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin advised that the brochures advertising the Festival are being sent through the post to Hailsham residents.

The Eastwell Place Bridge Project has been a remarkable success and a large amount of artwork has been submitted in the competition for artwork to be placed on the bridge.

The ribbon cutting event will be held on the bridge on 9th September and this will reveal which art work submissions were chosen to be placed on the bridge.

T. Biggin reported that Wealden Council had been very supportive of the project and he thanked the Town Council again for their help.

58 **Hailsham Farmers’ Market**

B. Pratt stated that a new trader selling cakes will begin at the market in September.

There will also be a chocolate trader in September.

The Game dealer will begin trading for Christmas in October, November and December.

59 **Hailsham FM**

There was no update.

60 **Hailsham Parish Church**

There was no update.

61 **Remembrance Sunday**

C. Bryant advised that the letter regarding the wreath laying has been sent out to all the local groups and associations on the wreath laying list. The organisation of the event is going well.

62 **10 K Run**

There was no update.

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

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 4th September 2023
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