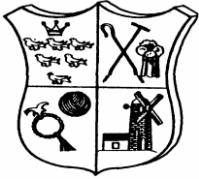


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 8<sup>th</sup> April 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)

A street market trader addressed the Committee in relation to the increase in costs for a pitch at the market and access to Vicarage Field on the day of the market. He asked if both requests for a reduction in fees and vehicle access onto Vicarage Field to unload in the day of the market could be looked into.

Members noted that Wealden Council have advised that vehicles are not allowed on Vicarage Field as this is a pedestrian area. Members discussed ways to create a safe access onto Vicarage Field and it was agreed to contact Wealden again for clarity on the rules.

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor A. Clarke, Councillor A. Ricketts chaired the meeting

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: K. Blundell-Smith, C. Bryant, D. Chapman, N. Hayes, A. Ricketts (Chair)

## **Other members present**

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

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings, K. Butcher

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillors A. Clarke, F. Clarke

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), P. Gibson (Hailsham News), T. Tozer (Town Cryer), 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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Ref 23/8/169-188) 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> March 2024**

A Ricketts advised that a Ukraine evening had been organised at Hellingly Rugby Club on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April between 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm

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### **Hedgehog Awareness**

G. Lawson gave a presentation to the Committee on the decline of hedgehogs. She asked for any support available from the Committee and advised she will be arranging a meeting shortly to progress the hedgehog awareness.

G. Lawson reported that she has arranged an interview with Hailsham FM and has also been approached by Mr T. Weeks of WRAS (Wildlife Rescue Ambulance Service)

A Ricketts suggested G. Lawson may wish to attend one of the allotment meetings to give a talk to the allotment holders.

G. Lawson left the meeting at 6.25 pm

C. Bryant arrived at the meeting at 6.25 pm

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### **Street Art**

D. Chapman suggested an area could be set aside for "street art" which may help with the problem of graffiti within the Town.

K. Blundell-Smith advised she has also had similar discussions on this matter with Councillor S Murphy.

Members were in favour of this proposal and it was agreed this would be discussed further at the next Communities meeting. It was agreed this project could also be linked into Hailsham Arts Festival.

D. Chapman advised he would undertake further investigations and costings for the next meeting.

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### **Street Markets**

Members agreed to discuss the requests made by the street trader at the next meeting, once these requests have been looked into.

K. Butcher addressed the Committee in relation to her proposal to reduce the markets to two markets per month.

She advised a number of markets had been cancelled recently due to the bad weather.

It was proposed to hold markets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month.

K. Butcher reported that this would allow more focus to be given to the two markets, with possibly live bands or a “Buskers Corner” held at one of the markets, every month, and with the aim to make the two monthly markets bigger and better.

The reduction would also allow staff to have two Saturdays off a month, rather than working every Saturday.

K. Blundell considered that the decision to reduce the Street Markets to two per month should be considered at Full Council rather than at the Communities meeting.

Four Councillors voted in support of this motion:

K. Marie Blundell Smith, D. Chapman, A. Ricketts, C. Bryant

**RESOLVED** that the proposal to reduce the weekly street market to two markets per month is considered at the next Full Town Council meeting in May

199 **Hailsham Forward**

K. Butcher advised a meeting had taken place with C. Soper from Chamber of Commerce to discuss Hailsham Forward matters, as well as a Stakeholders meeting the previous week.

200 **Christmas Light Switch On 2024**

There was no further update.

201 **Christmas Market**

There was no further update.

202 **Community Forum**

K. Butcher advised the Community Forum are considering organising a “What Can I Join” type event in the summer.

203 **Bonfire Society**

The Society are currently organising their “Flaming Fun Day”, to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> June at the Western Road Recreation Ground.

204 **Lions**

G. Constable advised that the Lions have recently donated a number of washing machines and fridge freezers as well as donations of wellington boots and climbing boots for the Scouts.

205 **Hailsham Festival**

Members were advised that the plans for the Festival are going well and the Festival programme will be available online in late May. The printed brochure will be available the end of August.

String will return in 2025, subject to funding.

206 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt reported he has found a new food truck for the market and they will be attending this coming Saturday.

He is still looking for a team to dismantle the Farmers' Market stalls

207 **Hailsham FM**

N. Mullery stated that the Hailsham Hero Awards are in the final stages of planning

6 categories have been created:

- Hailsham Hero
- Outstanding Young Person Award
- A Team Award
- Fundraiser of the Year
- Group Organisation Award
- Charity of the Year

He further stated that Hailsham FM are looking to launch the Awards around July and a separate website has been organised. A small panel will consider all the suggestions and whittle down to 50% and then the public will be able to vote, either online or through Hailsham News.

There will be an Award Ceremony late October and Hailsham FM are looking for sponsors.

208 **Hailsham Parish Church**

D. Sinden had given her apologies but sent over an update. She advised that the Women's Christmas Evening will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, with an evening of making Gingerbread Houses.

209 **Remembrance Sunday**

K. Giddings advised she is trying to source a marching band for the event

210 **10 K Run**

K. Giddings read out the following update from Councillor M. Laxton:

Everything is now in place for this event :

- Race licences in place and Public Liability
- Road Closures approved by WDC
- Toilets Booked
- Medical Assistance Booked
- Food and Water stations sourced
- 50 Marshalls recruited for the Route
- DJ/compare booked
- Sensory Tent booked
- Medal and trophies ordered
- Press and social media in place

- Large banner purchased and will be hung up alongside bunting at end of April
- Clubs and organisations now needed to sign up

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### **Stand Proud Event**

K. Giddings read out the following update from Councillor M. Laxton:

- Band's and entertainment all booked and contracts raised
- Businesses Leafleted in High Street for Raffle Prizes by Colin and Mary in February
- 2 Food Trucks Booked
- Door Security commissioned for evening
- Posters and flyers sorted by Terry Hall
- Sponsorship found from Hailsham Roadways and Steven & Carter
- Local police informed of event .

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

**The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024** Global/Minutes & Agendas/Communities