Hailsham Town Council Communities Committee Terms of Reference 2023-2024

The name of the Committee is the Communities Committee.

The Council or Committee shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman on an annual basis in May of each year.

The Committee will meet on a planned 4 weekly schedule with extra meetings scheduled in the month(s) leading up to any planned event, with a minimum of 3 days clear notice given.

The Committee will meet at 6.00pm and the first items on the agenda will deal with the Festivities Items.

The Committee shall consist of a maximum of seven Hailsham Town Council members (unless council resolves otherwise) plus representatives from local businesses and the community.

Quorum shall be half of appointed members or the closest majority to that number.

Local business and community members will be members but without voting rights.

Minutes of all meetings are to be kept by the Clerk. Agendas and minutes shall be forwarded by e-mail to all members of the Town Council. (Only members who do not have access to e-mail or have not agreed to receive minutes and agendas in this manner, shall receive a printed copy by post).

The business strategy will be to consider all aspects of commercial related activity in and around Hailsham that will provide a benefit to Hailsham residents/businesses with an overall aim of attracting new businesses to Hailsham and thus improving employment opportunities. Focusing on the Town Centre and outlying areas of Hailsham.

Committee will work with Hailsham Forward and other stakeholders in the establishment and delivery of a Business Focussed Plan for Hailsham.

The council and Hailsham Forward have agreed that the management of the Town Market should be undertaken by the Town Council and the Communities Committee will oversee this function.

The Festivities strategy will be to:

- Organise community events to include at least one summer event/fair and one Christmas event
- Work with and encourage participation from local shop keepers and businesses
- Encourage community participation
- Support other community events such as Hailsham Arts Festival

The budget areas that this committee makes recommendations for expenditure against are:

Festivities and Events (or any such budget identified by the council for the same

purpose)

• The Revitalisation Fund (or any such budget identified by the council for the same purpose)

The Communities Committee will submit plans to full council detailing what it wishes to implement and what it will spend on the Festivities and Events budget and the Revitalisation budget for the following municipal year.

The Revitalisation Fund is set aside for items identified in the 'Hailsham – The Way Forward' business plan.

These plans are subject to approval by full council and once finally agreed, the committee will have delegated authority to implement these plans without reference back to full council.

This will work on a rolling annual schedule, with two plan submission dates and a September 'six months progress' report back to council as follows:

All delegated authorities shall be subject to any Standing Orders in place requiring council to make final decisions if so requested.

Festivities and Events Budget Revitalisation Fund May to Communities Committee plans and Communities Committee makes reference to November approximately costs it's vision for events for council agreed 'Plan for Hailsham' and the following municipal year decides what it wishes to implement from that 1 plan for the forthcoming municipal year October Submits 'vision' including number, size and format of events, with approximate costings. Strategy 2 Committee Strategy Committee considers and approves or otherwise the initial plan January Full Council sets budget Council sets Budget This includes taking account of Festivities This includes taking account of revitalisation Council and Events requested budget amongst ALL projects suggested amongst ALL OTHER 3 OTHER budget pressures and may not budget pressures and may not therefore therefore accommodate the whole budget as accommodate the whole budget requested requested January to Committee refines plans according to Committee refines plans according to finalised budget, and costs in more details finalised budget and previous resolutions, March (but not necessarily in finite detail) and costs in more detail (but not necessarily 4 finite detail) March Full Final refined and costed plan for forthcoming Final refined and costed plan for forthcoming municipal years festivities and events is municipal years revitalisation projects is Council submitted to Full Council and approved or submitted to Full Council and approved or 5 amended amended Plans are implemented - Committee has March to Plans are implemented - Committee has September delegated authority to implement plans delegated authority to implement plans 6 Committee submits report to full council at Committee submits report to full council at September Full Council six months'/half way stage, for full council six months'/half way stage, for full council 'monitoring'; advising what has been 'monitoring'; advising what has been implemented, what has been successful, implemented, what has been successful, stage for rest of plan and whether budget is stage for rest of plan and whether budget is 7 projects at over or under spend. Council has projects at over or under spend. Council has authority to amend plans, apportion extra authority to amend plans, apportion extra budget or re-apportion under spend if budget or re-apportion under spend if deemed necessary deemed necessary September to Implementation of remainder of plans (i.e. Implementation of remainder of plans Мау Christmas events, any other events as 8 planned)

