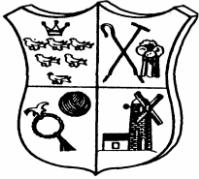


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 1st July 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)

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair, A. Ricketts, chaired the meeting

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Committee members present

Councillors: C. Bryant, D. Chapman, K. Nicholls, A. Ricketts (Chair)

Other Councillors Present: C. Mitchell

Other members present

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

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillor K. Blundell-Smith

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival)

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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 10th June 2024 (Ref 23/1/1-21) 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 10th June 2024

K. Giddings advised that the Hailsham Community Run is now managed by Councillors K. Nicholls and M. Laxton, with Sports Systems Ltd, and is no longer under the umbrella of Hailsham Active.

They have asked if the Run could be organised in partnership with the Town Council. They will attend the Communities meeting in September to request this formally.

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Street Art

D. Chapman reported he has received lots of interest in the street art and has been speaking to the Post Office and also Firefly Tattoos in Hailsham.

It was noted that Newhaven Council have recently dedicated some areas in their Town for street art and this has been very successful.

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Street Markets

Due to the delayed move at the office, the next street market has been moved to 20th July.

K. Giddings advised that a new trader has joined the street markets, selling pet goods and homemade pet treats.

A Ricketts reported that herself, A. Clarke, K. Giddings and K. Butcher had met with a representative from Wealden Council to discuss the strict rules Wealden have put in place for traders at the street market, to prevent competition with the shops on the precinct.

A Ricketts advised that although the representative had stated they could not completely relax the rules on who can and cannot trade, it was a positive meeting and hopefully more traders can be allowed to trade at the market, within reason, depending on what they sell.

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Hailsham Forward

There was no further update.

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VE Day Event 2025

The Committee were asked to consider whether they wish to agree to an event to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

K. Giddings advised that the plan was to possibly close the High Street, if enough traders are booked on the day. If there are enough traders attending, they will be placed in the High Street. A live band will be booked and an area will be created with seating on Vicarage Field, to create a type of "street party" area, decorated with bunting.

K. Butcher will contact local schools to see if they wish to be involved in the event.

Hailsham FM and the Farmers' Market both agreed they would like to be involved.

Food stalls would be invited to join the event.

Members were in favour of marking this event.

31.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to the organisation of an event to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, on Saturday 10th May 2025

32 **Stand Proud Event**

C. Mitchell updated the Committee on the recent Stand Proud event which was held at the White Hart Public House in Horsebridge on 22nd June

He advised that the event had been a huge success, with in excess of 300 people attending. He stated that 250-300 meals had been served, and 120 faces painted.

The children's entertainment had been well received.

Local businesses had also match funded the Council's sponsorship of £1000.

C. Mitchell asked if sponsorship of £1500 could be given by the Council for next year's event.

K. Giddings read out a letter received from the Landlady of the White Hart Pub, where the event had been held, stating how successful the family event had been. The letter ended by saying that she would very much like to see this held as an annual event.

C. Mitchell left the meeting at 6.25 pm

33 **Christmas Light Switch On 2024**

K. Giddings reported there has been a lot of interest from traders in the event, and a face painter has been booked for the evening.

34 **Christmas Market**

The same face painter attending the switch on event will be attending the Christmas market.

35 **Community Forum**

Members noted the next community forum meeting has been postponed to August

36 **Bonfire Society**

D. Chapman updated members on the recent Flaming Fun Day event.

The event had gone extremely well. The Lions confirmed they had had a very good day and that there was a good atmosphere at the event.

The date of the Flaming Fun Day 2025 will be considered at the next meeting.

37 **Hailsham Festival**

G. Constable advised that the planning of the event is going well.

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Hailsham Lions

G. Constable reported that the Fashion Show had not sold many tickets so unfortunately, they had not gone ahead with the show.

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Hailsham Farmers' Market

B. Pratt stated how difficult it is to get the footfall to all the markets.

He advised he had initially been in contact with the Scouts, regarding dismantling the stalls at the Farmers' Market and had given them all the details, however he had heard nothing further from them recently.

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Hailsham FM

N. Mullery stated that the organisation for Hailsham Hero is going well, and they have received lots of entries.

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Hailsham Parish Church

D. Sinden reported that a lot of new people have become involved in the Church recently and considered this may be due to new people moving into the area.

The Church building is currently open 12 – 2pm on Wednesdays for visitors wanting to view the church building.

A “Pimms and Pudding” evening for ladies only will be held on Thursday 11th July.

D. Sinden confirmed that the Church will hold their usual open church after the Light Switch on event, on Friday 29th November, providing hot drinks.

Wealden Brass will perform their free concert at the Church at 2.30 pm on Saturday 14th December (Christmas market day)

A holiday club will be held in August for primary school children.

D. Sinden confirmed that the Church would like to get involved in some capacity in VE Day event on 10th May.

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Remembrance Sunday

Members noted the letter to all wreath bearers has been finalised and will be sent out at the end of July.

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10 K Run

Next year's Run will be held on 18th May 2025.

K. Nicholls advised that entries would begin to be taken at the end of this year and she stated they are aiming for 1,000 entries in 2025. She further advised that they were hoping to broaden the inclusivity of the event next year and get more of the community involved - all ages, all abilities.

She thanked everyone that was involved in the event.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.50 pm

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 5th August 2024 Global/Minutes & Agendas/Communities