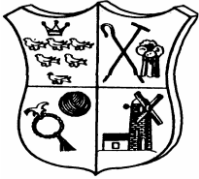


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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 10<sup>th</sup> June 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)

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: C. Bryant, D. Chapman, A. Clarke (Chair), F. Clarke, A. Ricketts (Vice Chair)

## **Other members present**

B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), P. Gibson (Hailsham News), 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:**

Councillor K. Blundell-Smith

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (Ref 23/8x/212-232) printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

K. Giddings reminded members that the Costed Report for events and sponsorship for events would be considered by the Communities Committee in September and asked all groups to contact her prior to this if they wish to request any sponsorship.

7 **Street Art**

D. Chapman reported there has been a lot of interest in the proposed street art project and stated that both Lightning Fibre and Hailsham Festival are interested in being involved. Members discussed other towns where street art had been incorporated into the town and the graffiti problems had stopped.

D. Chapman advised he is continuing to speak to various people in the Town to identify buildings that can be used for the Street Art.

8 **Street Markets**

It had been agreed at the Full Council meeting in May to reduce the markets to twice a month, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month, from July.

This will be on a trial period until the end of the year and reviewed then.

K. Butcher reported that one trader had advised they were not in favour of this decision – however this trader does not trade every week.

K. Butcher advised she had contacted Wealden Council to gain advice on inviting Buskers to perform at the markets, and Wealden Council had confirmed that the Council would not need a licence to have a “Buskers Corner” providing the acts are not booked in advance but can just turn up on the day, the acts are not too loud, and not inappropriate.

K. Butcher stated she is currently in contact with the organiser of Seaford’s markets, to obtain advice from her in relation to running markets.

Members noted that a meeting has been arranged with K. Butcher, the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Communities Committee and K. Giddings to discuss the restrictions placed on the street markets and ways this can be improved.

9 **Hailsham Forward**

Members discussed the Hailsham Bid and B. Pratt advised that a Town is more likely to obtain funding if it is part of the Bid.

Members noted that a proposal is being put together for a Health Hub with a minor injuries centre.

10 **Christmas Light Switch On 2024**

K. Butcher advised that traders are already showing interest in booking a pitch for both the switch on event and the Christmas market.

11 **Christmas Market**

Vadars Radars have been booked for the event. Members agreed to organise the parade again this year (weather permitting) from the High Street to the Farmers' Market.

The Christmas Sub Committee meetings will begin again in July, date to be confirmed.

12 **Community Forum**

There was no further update.

13 **Bonfire Society**

D. Chapman stated that everything is in place for the Flaming Fun Day event on 30<sup>th</sup> June

14 **Hailsham Festival**

There was no further update

15 **Hailsham Lions**

G. Constable reported that a Fashion Show will be held at St Wilfrid's Church in South Road, Hailsham, on 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7.00 pm. This is an event for ladies only. The Lions will be attending the Flaming Fun Day on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

16 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt advised the market now has a fish trader.

It was reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hailsham Scouts may be available to dismantle the stalls after the market.

A band has been booked to play at the market next month and Hailsham FM will also be broadcasting live at the market.

17 **Hailsham FM**

N. Mullery stated that the Hailsham Hero Awards are now up and running.

P. Gibson confirmed there had been 30/40 nominations for the awards.

N. Mullery advised that they are lacking in sponsorship so will need to investigate further sponsorship for next year,

18 **Hailsham Parish Church**

There was no further update

19 **Remembrance Sunday**

K. Giddings advised that the first meeting of the Sub Committee had been held prior to the Communities Committee meeting.

She stated that it has not been possible to find a marching band so this was still being looked into.

The company that has organised the road closure on the day, for many years, has now disbanded, so a new company will need to be located.

Hailsham FM were asked if they could extend their speakers so the event could be broadcasted more clearly outside of the immediate area of the War Memorial. N. Mullery confirmed that they can extend their speakers as well as bringing larger speakers.

Members who attend the event were asked to contact the Town Clerk if any of their contact details had changed.

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### **10 K Run**

K. Giddings read an update from Councillor Mary Laxton on the recent Hailsham Run event:

#### ***The ethos of this event is " Community "***

***772 runners took part which is a 24% increase in last years participants  
The total cost of the event is £12.409.02 of which 5k was paid by HTC to which we are very grateful the rest I have to raise via sponsorship which is no mean feat in the financial climate ....***

***The atmospheric vibes in the town was phenomenal .***

***Over 2.000 people came into town to support and participate***

***Businesses that opened benefited from a high volume of additional trade .***

***60 Marshalls supported the Route from Hailsham United Juniors Football Club for which they received a donation to the club***

***This event is now the fastest growing run in the County and its only our 2nd event .***

***Myself and Karen have started to plan the 2025 Run which we organise and deliver with our providers Sports Systems Ltd***

***We had a couple of issues on route with impatient car drivers V runners despite rolling road closures in place and Marshalls requesting them to stop driving .***

***Issues at the skip with the removal of our Required Signage twice in 24 hrs before the event ....***

***A runner that went the wrong way so lost his timing not sure why 771 runners got it right but our Race Provider has dealt with him***

***Some rubbish was bagged and accidentally left on site that we dealt with the next morning after a call from "Subway" via WDC***

***Due to the volume of people we will get in a large recycling skip/container for next year.***

***The youngest entry was a 17 month baby running with his dad well sitting on his shoulders the eldest entry was a 76yr male there is a choice of Run and distance for everyone .***

***We are aiming for 1.000 next year !***

***We Think big and bold and are aspirational in delivery this event for our town in 2025***

***The inclusiveness of the 1 mile event makes us a very unique event in the Professional Race Calendar .***

***We are respectfully requesting due to rising cost 6k this year and we attach the costings***

***We do all the work and HTC gets fantastic publicity on all Advertising and Social Media and Press interviews .***

***We are also very grateful for the funding received from our sponsor's as well***

*without whom we could not run this event.  
We have a very professionalism working relationship with Sports Systems Ltd via  
Liam Burke who undertake 80/90 events all over the UK and Europe.  
Please support the request for funding  
See you in 2025 .*

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024** Global/Minutes &  
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