

# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



CC/24/6/141

REPORT (Minutes) of the Communities Committee relating to the organisation of festivities and events held at the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room, Town Council Offices, Hailsham, on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 at 6.00 pm.

## **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

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

## 142 **Committee members present**

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

## **Other members present**

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), C. Musk (Hailsham Bonfire and 2<sup>nd</sup> Hailsham Scouts) B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market), B. Sandalls (Hailsham Bonfire)

Officers in attendance: E. Hastings, K. Giddings, K. Butcher

## 143 **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillor K. Blundell-Smith, A. Clarke, F. Clarke

D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

## 144 **Declarations of Interest**

D. Chapman and C. Bryant declared personal interests in the item discussing the Bonfire Society as they are members of the Bonfire Society.

K. Nicholls declared a personal interest in the item for Hailsham Run as she is a member of the Community Land Trust.

## 145 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Ref 24/5x/116-140) printed and circulated, may be taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

## 146 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Communities Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

There was no further update

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### **Remembrance Sunday**

L. Snowdon thanked everyone for their hard work in organising the Remembrance Sunday event. The Committee also thanked L. Snowdon for her help and assistance with the event.

Members discussed feedback from the event and L. Snowdon advised she would like to make a change to the layout of the barriers in the “snake” formation. She also advised she would like to remove the children from queuing by the barriers, as this causes confusion.

The Committee agreed the Piper and the Air Cadets worked well together as a marching band.

It was agreed to give a contribution from the Communities budget to the Air Cadets for providing the drumming for the parade.

Thanks was also given to the Bonfire Society for their help in manning the road closure. D. Chapman confirmed the Bonfire Society will man the road closure again next year and advised that they will require more barriers and road closed signs for next year’s event.

L. Snowdon reported she will be organising a lunch again, after the War Memorial Service on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

It was agreed to begin the meetings to organise the event again, in June 2025.

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**RESOLVED** to contribute £50 to the Air Cadets for their assistance at the Remembrance Sunday event.

L. Snowdon left the meeting at 6.15 pm

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### **Strategic Plan Review**

A meeting of the Working Group to discuss the Strategic Plan Review and the future of the street markets had taken place, prior to the Communities meeting.

It was agreed that for the moment, street markets would continue to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month

E. Hastings advised that some ideas for future markets are being investigated by the Working Group.

It was agreed that the proposals from the Working Group in relation to the Strategic Plan, would be brought to the January Communities meeting.

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### **Street Markets**

K. Butcher advised that the markets would finish for this year on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, with the Christmas market being the final market of the year.

The markets will begin again on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

K. Butcher advised she will try and organise a meeting with the new Chair of Wealden Council, to see if any restrictions on trade on the precinct can be lifted, to encourage traders back.

It was agreed to put “Sussex Day” on the January agenda, to begin discussions on this event.

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### **Youth Service**

K. Giddings read out an update on the Youth Service from A. Joyes, the Youth Services Manager :

- The afternoons at the Station, Tuesday and Thursday are reaching up to 40 young people and evenings are picking up to 20.
- On Wednesday's, the 'On Tracks' SEND session we have had a good response; Loren is working on a funding bid to Wealden to support the project.
- Friday Night Project is going from strength-to-strength activities including Open ski, ski lessons, bowling, Knockhatch and activities at The station, numbers again around the 30 young people.
- Every other Friday evening, we've just started 'Network' 18 to 21s 19:00 to 21:00
- The youth services are recruiting for more staff to expand to Monday afternoons and evenings, and supporting other sessions within the service, all within our staffing budget, which we will be back to five days a week.
- volunteers we now have three, who are very valuable to the service, and we are looking to build on that.
- We have Aspens charity hiring all day Sunday for the year and Hailsham Community Using the facilities midweek.
- The Manse, we have a children's counsellor in the manse, and many other children's agencies interested using the premises.
- 2025 coming up youth conference and The Youth Services 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Just a brief overview on what's going on, for Christmas our last session is on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 24 and return in the New Year refreshed.

151 **Street Art**

Members noted the Street Art project has been discussed at the Council's Assets Committee meeting.

D. Chapman advised he is liaising with the Works Manager, R. Gillett and T. Biggin from Hailsham Festival, to investigate locations for the street art.

152 **Hailsham Forward**

There was no further update

153 **VE Day Event 2025**

K. Nicholls reported that bunting continues to be made for the event by volunteers at Dippy Doodahs, on a Monday between 10 am to midday.

154 **Christmas Light Switch On 2024**

Members agreed that the event had gone well, with a good turnout.

D. Sinden advised that the Church was very busy after the switch on

G. Constable advised that the candy floss sales were good throughout the evening.

155 **Christmas Market**

K. Butcher reported that one trader space is left on Vicarage Field.

12 traders are booked for the Civic Hall and 23 on Vicarage Field.

Members discussed the parade and agreed that if the parade was to go ahead in the High street with a tractor, a rolling road closure should be in place. It was agreed to look into this for the following year but to cancel the tractor for this year's event as no road closure had been organised.

B. Carpenter considered that a road closure may not be needed and advised he would look into

this.

156 **Community Forum**

Members noted the event “What can I join” will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at Hailsham Parish Church

157 **Bonfire Society**

Preparations are in place for the Flaming Fun Day on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

D. Chapman advised he is obtaining a quotation for the permanent structure on the Recreation Ground, to hold the bonfire. He further advised he will be getting a quotation for the Beacon Basket and he will take this to an Assets Committee meeting for discussion.

158 **2<sup>nd</sup> Hailsham Scouts**

C. Musk advised he is still investigating whether the Scouts can assist the Farmers’ Market by dismantling the Farmers’ Market stalls.

159 **Hailsham Lions**

G. Constable reported a very busy and successful evening for the Lions at the switch on event. An afternoon tea will be organised by the Lions in December. They will also be selling jigsaws in the Town.

160 **Hailsham Festival**

T. Biggin reported the Festival Committee will begin meeting again in January.

161 **Hailsham Farmers’ Market**

There was no further update.

162 **Hailsham FM**

There was no further update.

163 **Hailsham Parish Church**

K. Giddings read an update from D. Sinden :

- Light Switch on – we had an amazing response with between 250-300 people coming into the church building on Friday evening for hot chocolate after the lights switched on. We had a number sign up for our Meet the Characters of Christmas free event this Sunday afternoon (see our website [www.hailshamchurch.org](http://www.hailshamchurch.org) for details).

Thank you to Town Council for advertising us on your flyer, much appreciated  
Thank you to Hailsham FM for advertising us on the night too.

- Our Christmas programme invitation flyer has gone out to homes in the parish – hopefully those living in Hailsham received one ok.
- Our popular gingerbread evening (for women) is this Thursday 5 Dec. It is fully booked now. Look forward to seeing Alexa etc who have booked in. Doors open 7.15pm.
- Christmas Market – we have Wealden Brass free concert at 2.30pm (it was really lovely last year).
- May 2025 VE day – we may have a concert to mark VE day that Saturday evening – details pending – will let you know.

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**Hailsham Community Run**

K. Nicholls advised that the sponsors for the Run are in place, and registration for the event has opened.

She confirmed they are hoping for 1,000 entries for the Run in 2025.

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**Stand Proud Event**

There was no further update.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.50 pm

**The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Global/Minutes & Agendas/Communities**