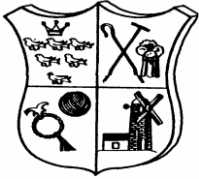


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



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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 2nd September 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

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Committee members present

Councillors: K. Blundell-Smith, C. Bryant, A. Clarke (Chair), D. Chapman, K. Nicholls, A. Ricketts (Vice Chair)

Other Councillors in attendance: M. Laxton

Other members present

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), N. Mullery (Hailsham FM), B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market), D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

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

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillor F. Clarke

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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 5th August 2024 (Ref 23/3/44-67) 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 5th August 2024

There was no further update

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Hailsham Festival

T. Biggin advised that everything is going well with the Festival. 50% of the events are free of charge, and approximately 20% are under £5

T. Biggin and M. Martin left the meeting at 6.10 pm

75 **Costed Report**

Members discussed the proposed Costed Report for the following year's events.

K. Blundell-Smith advised she could not support the Costed Report as she considered it to be favouring Councillors' projects and not smaller events and groups.

Members voted on the proposed Costed Report

4 members voted in favour

C. Bryant abstained from voting

K. Blundell-Smith voted against the report

75.1 **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council to approve the Costed Report for 2025

76 **Hailsham Community Run**

K. Nicholls and M. Laxton addressed the Committee about the Hailsham Community Run event, which is in sponsorship with Sports Systems Ltd. They reported that the event is now the 2nd largest growing event in the Town, in the running calendar, and requested Hailsham Community Run works in partnership with the Council and Communities Committee.

Members were in favour of this partnership.

K. Nicholls and M. Laxton advised a new website has now been launched for the Hailsham Community Run.

77 **Stand Proud**

M. Laxton advised she is already organising sponsorship for the Stand Proud event which will take place on 28th June 2025, at the White Hart Pub.

M. Laxton left the meeting at 6.12 pm

78 **Street Markets**

K. Butcher advised that a new trader, that had a successful day's trade at the market, had advised they would not be returning to the market as they had received a complaint from one of shops on Vicarage Field, due to the goods they were selling.

Members noted that a Working Group, to discuss the street markets, will be on the October's Communities Committee agenda, to organise the first meeting and members of the Group.

Members discussed incentives for the market and K. Butcher advised she has a number of suggestions, such as introductory offers for new traders, for example, a free pitch.

Members agreed they were in support of K. Butcher putting incentives in place for the street markets, at her discretion.

79 **Youth Service**

There was no update

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Street Art

There was no update

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Hailsham Forward

K. Butcher advised that Hailsham Forward are currently looking into organising a meeting to discuss the Health Centre.

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VE Day Event 2025

Plans are in place for the organisation of next year's event.

K. Butcher advised that a dance school has been booked for the day. Hailsham FM have confirmed they will be attending the event, alongside a live performance – "Peggy Sue" will be singing music from the 40's era.

K. Butcher advised she is in the process of sending out letters to all the local businesses to advise them of the event.

She reported she has approached some of the local schools but has had no response.

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Christmas Light Switch On 2024

Members noted 4 traders have been booked so far for the switch on event, as well as the Lions, selling chestnuts, candy floss and providing a games stall.

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Christmas Market

A dance school has been booked on the day and will be joining in the parade which will take place from the Civic Community Hall to the Farmers' Market.

The Lions will be attending the event selling candy floss and roasted chestnuts.

K. Butcher advised she will speak to Hailsham FM as to whether some music can be played down the High Street, for the parade and the dancers.

It was agreed to organise the first "Events Sub Committee" meeting.

A Ricketts, A. Clarke, K. Blundell Smith, K. Nicholls, B. Funnell and B. Pratt all volunteered to be on the Sub Committee.

It was agreed the first meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th September at 5.00 pm at the Town Council offices.

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Community Forum

K. Butcher advised that the next meeting will be held on 10th September.

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Bonfire Society

D. Chapman advised that a new Chair is due to be appointed for the Bonfire Society.

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Hailsham Lions

G. Constable stated that the Lions continue to help people in the area. She reported that the Lions Bookshop is suffering from flooding and damage and the Lions will need to find a new premises for their bookshop - one that is affordable.

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Hailsham Farmers' Market

B. Pratt reported that the Farmers' Market allow up to 2 charity stalls at their markets. One of these bookings is regularly taken up by Cuckmere Buses.

He further reported the Farmers' Market now have a joint advert with the Town Council.

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Hailsham FM

N. Mullery stated that the Hailsham Hero Awards nominations have just taken place and they are now at the public vote stage.

The Awards Ceremony will be in October.

N. Mullery further reported that the Hailsham FM Music Festival, which had been held the previous weekend, was extremely successful.

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Hailsham Parish Church

D. Sinden advised that the Church will be open between processions on Bonfire night.

It will be open after the Switch On event, giving out hot drinks to visitors to the Church.

Wealden Brass are playing a free concert in the Church on Saturday 14th December at 2.30 pm.

The Morning Service of the Church will be at 9.30 am on the morning of the Remembrance Sunday event on 10th November.

The Gingerbread House event at the Church will be on Thursday 5th December.

K. Blundell-Smith left the meeting at 6.55 pm

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Remembrance Sunday

Members noted the Poppy Appeal starts on 26th October.

The large poppies will go up on the roadside the week beginning 21st October.

C. Bryant requested volunteers to help put the large poppies up around the Town.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00 pm

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 7th October 2024 Global/Minutes & Agendas/Communities