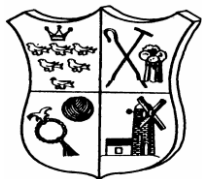


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Communities Committee relating to the organisation of festivities and events held at the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room, Town Council Offices, Hailsham, on Monday 4th November 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)

None were present

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Committee members present

Councillors: A. Blake Coggins (substituting for K. Blundell-Smith), C. Bryant, B. Carpenter, A. Clarke (Chair), D. Chapman, K. Nicholls, A. Ricketts

Other members present

G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), B. Funnell (Hailsham Rotary), N. Mullery (Hailsham FM), C. Musk (Hailsham Bonfire and 2nd Hailsham Scouts) B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market), B. Sandalls (Hailsham Bonfire), D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

Officers in attendance: E. Hastings, K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillor K. Blundell-Smith, F. Clarke

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival)

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Declarations of Interest

D. Chapman and C. Bryant declared personal interests in the item discussing the Bonfire Society as he is a member 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 7th October 2024 (Ref 23/5/92-115) 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 7th October 2024

There was no further update

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Strategic Review

It was agreed to discuss the Strategic Plan at the Working Group meeting which will be held on

123 **Street Markets**

K. Giddings advised the market of 19th October had to be cancelled, due to bad weather.

124 **Youth Service**

There was no further update

125 **Street Art**

There was no further update

126 **Hailsham Forward**

There was no further update

127 **VE Day Event 2025**

K. Nicholls reported that bunting is being made for the event by volunteers at Dippy Doodahs.

128 **Christmas Light Switch On 2024**

Members noted the event is now fully booked with 15 Traders booked in for the Market. A waiting list is also available.

The Rotary's Santa and sleigh will be situated outside Poundland. They will arrive at 4 pm and leave at approximately 6 pm.

K. Giddings will speak to Poundland for their permission to use power for the sleigh.

129 **Christmas Market**

Members noted the Civic Hall is now fully booked with 12 traders.

Vicarage Field is almost fully booked with only 1 space left.

Hailsham Youth Service are providing a Christmas Grotto Photobooth on the day.

A letter outlining all the Christmas events, along with posters and flyers, has been distributed to all the businesses in the Town.

Hailsham Rotary will locate the Santa and sleigh outside Poundland, arriving 10.00 am and leaving at 3pm.

K. Giddings will organise the sweets for Santa to hand out.

130 **Community Forum**

The Deputy Lord Lieutenant Juliet Olsworth-Peter will be the guest speaker at the next Community Group Forum on 6th November, where she will be discussing the role of the Lord-Lieutenant and the Lieutenancy in the county, including Royal Garden Party invitations, Royal Visits, and promoting the King's Award for Voluntary Service.

The "What can I Join" event will be taking place on Saturday 25th January 2025, at Hailsham Parish Church, 10am to 1pm.

131 **Bonfire Society**

B. Sandalls advised that the event was a huge success and the Committee also agreed the event had gone very well with a great turn out from the public.

132 **2nd Hailsham Scouts**

C. Musk reported that the Scouts had organised a Halloween disco, which had gone well.

The Scouts will be attending the Remembrance Sunday event.

133 **Hailsham Lions**

G. Constable asked how the Lions could help with the recent fire that had taken place at Western Road Recreation Ground? B. Carpenter advised he would pass on the contact details to her.

134 **Hailsham Festival**

The Committee noted that the organisation of the festival for 2025 will begin again in the New year.

135 **Hailsham Farmers' Market**

B. Pratt advised he has sourced a new butcher for the market and two new traders have also joined.

136 **Hailsham FM**

N. Mullery reported that the Hailsham Hero Awards had gone well. It is planned to go ahead with this again next year and planning for the Awards 2025 will start again in the New Year.

137 **Hailsham Parish Church**

D. Sinden advised that the Christmas service leaflets will be distributed shortly.

The Church will be open after the Christmas light switch on, serving hot drinks.

An interactive telling of the Christmas story for children will go ahead on Sunday 8th December

The Gingerbread evening is organised for Thursday 5th December.

138 **Remembrance Sunday**

Members were advised that everything is in place for the event. The Bonfire Society will be taking charge of the manning of the road closure.

139 **Hailsham Community Run**

K. Nicholls reported that a new medal has been designed for the event.

The registration for the event is now open.

140 **Stand Proud Event**

There was no further update.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.35 pm

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 2nd December 2024 Global/Minutes & Agendas/Communities