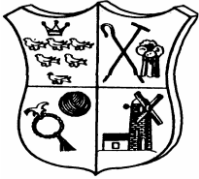


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



CC/23/5/92

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 7th October 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: B. Carpenter, A. Clarke (Chair), D. Chapman, K. Nicholls

Other members present

T. Biggin (Hailsham Festival), G. Constable (Hailsham Lions), N. Mullery (Hailsham FM), B. Sandalls (Hailsham Bonfire), C. Musk (Hailsham Bonfire and 2nd Hailsham Scouts) B. Pratt (Hailsham Farmers' Market)

Officers in attendance: E. Hastings, K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillor C. Bryant, K. Blundell-Smith, F. Clarke, A. Ricketts

D. Sinden (Hailsham Parish Church)

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Declarations of Interest

D. Chapman declared a personal interest in the item discussing the Bonfire Society as he is a member of the Bonfire Society.

K. Nicholls declared a personal interest in relation to the Hailsham Community Run as she is involved in the organisation of the Run

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Confirmation of Minutes

To resolve that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 2nd September 2024 (Ref 23/3x/58-91) 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 2nd September 2024

There was no further update

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Hailsham Festival

T. Biggin reported that the Festival had been very successful, with the film "Lee" being the highlight. He stated that the Virtual Art Trail will remain for the rest of the year.

T. Biggin left at 6.15 pm

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Strategic Review

E. Hastings advised that the Council's Strategic Plan is being updated for 2025-2029

Members agreed this item could be put on the Communities agenda as a rolling item, for further discussion at future meetings.

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Street Markets

Update

K. Giddings advised that 3 new traders have started over the last month and appear to be doing well at the markets. The Bonfire society will also be attending throughout October to promote bonfire night.

Working Group

Councillors K. Blundell-Smith, K. Nicholls, A. Ricketts and A. Clarke were appointed on the Working Group to discuss the street markets.

The first meeting of the Working Group was agreed to be held before the Communities meeting in December, on Monday 2nd December at 5.00 pm, with the Communities meeting to be held afterwards at 6.00 pm

It was agreed to also invite some of the market street traders to attend the Working Group meeting.

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Youth Service

Members noted that the official opening of The Station Youth Centre took place on Saturday 14th September.

The event was attended by Town, District and County Councillors, as well as the MP for Sussex Weald Nus Ghani and members of the Youth Service team.

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Street Art

D. Chapman advised he will shortly begin work on the project with some assistance from T. Biggin.

B. Carpenter suggested some street art could be placed at the bottom of the Recreation Ground at Western Road.

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Hailsham Forward

It was noted that at the last meeting of Hailsham Forward, discussions were held on how best Hailsham Forward can support the Town. This is ongoing and surveys will be undertaken on this.

Members were advised that the members of Hailsham Forward are trying to encourage more attendance to the meetings. Some members considered that holding the meetings in the evening may encourage more people to be able to attend.

VE Day Event 2025

K. Giddings advised that planning for the event has begun.

Live music has been booked and Hailsham FM will be present on the day.

The Lions will attend the event with a games stall and candy floss.

Pupils from Sjaan Dance Academy have been booked to perform on the day.

Tables, chairs and some gazebos will be placed on Vicarage Field along with some bunting, to create a “street party” feel to the day.

A fancy dress competition was considered for the event.

Members noted that the lighting of a beacon would be appropriate for the event and that discussions have already taken place at the Town Council’s Assets Committee, in relation to the purchase of a beacon basket.

Members suggested buying a VE Day flag.

K. Nicholls stated she will speak to Dippy Doodahs in the High Street in relation to organising bunting for the event.

Christmas Light Switch On 2024

The event will be held between 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm and the switching on of the lights will be at 6.00 pm

13 traders have booked so far to attend the light switch on, along with a German sausage stall, mulled wine and roasted chestnuts.

It was confirmed that Hailsham Community College and their Primary School pupils will sing carols at the event.

The Lions will be providing a mulled wine stall.

E. Hastings advised she will be promoting the event on Hailsham FM and also Ashdown Radio.

Members of the Bonfire Society asked if they could attend the event in their Victorian costume and possibly fund raise? K. Giddings stated she would confirm once she had spoken to K. Butcher.

Christmas Market

The event will be held from 8.30 am to 3.00 pm.

15 traders so far are booked for the Christmas market. K. Butcher is waiting to hear back from a few more traders who have shown an interest in attending the market.

The Sjaan Dance Academy will be joining the parade from the Civic Hall to the Farmers’ Market, at 12.00 pm.

There will be a Christmas fancy dress competition and a Best Dressed Pet competition.

Vadars Radars are booked as well as Sussex Stompers.

The Lions may be able to provide a mulled wine stall at the event.

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Community Forum

Members noted that Hailsham Boxing Club had attended the last meeting. They are currently working closely with knife crime matters.

The next meeting will be held on 7th November, with a visit from a Deputy from the Lord Lieutenant's office, who will give a presentation about how they can support community groups and charities.

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Bonfire Society

D. Chapman advised that all preparations are in place for the event. He stated he would email the Town Clerk to remind all Councillors that they must advise the Bonfire Society if they would like to attend the event in the VIP area.

B. Carpenter asked if the local taxi drivers could be informed of the road closures taking place for the event.

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Hailsham Lions

G. Constable updated members that the Lions will be able to stay for another year in the bookshop, as the roof is due to be fixed.

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Hailsham Farmers' Market

B. Pratt reported that the meat trader will cease trading after December and that only the Hailsham and Heathfield Farmers' Markets are still running.

He further advised that the October market will not go ahead as a sheep market is being held on the site on the day when the Farmers' Market would take place.

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Hailsham FM

N. Muller stated that voting is now closed for nominations. The Awards Ceremony is on 18th November at Hailsham Town Football Club.

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Hailsham Parish Church

There was no further update.

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Remembrance Sunday

Members noted the Bonfire Society will place the large poppies around the Town on 20th October.

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Hailsham Community Run

K. Nicholls stated that the organisers of the Run are looking to encourage a variety of different groups to take part in next year's Run.

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Stand Proud Event

There was no further update.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.05 pm

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 4th November 2024 Global/Minutes & Agendas/Communities