

HAILSHAM FORWARD CIC

EXECUTIVE TEAM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON 10 JANUARY 2020 AT
HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, MARKET STREET, HAILSHAM

Attendees:

Nikita Clarke-Cox- Officer Support Hailsham Town Council: NCC
 Cllr Chris Jackets - Hellingly Parish Council: CJ
 Mark Hallett - Hailsham Chamber of Commerce: MH
 Mickey Cairn – Officer Support Hailsham Town Council: MC
 Cllr Nigel Coltman – Hailsham Town Council: NSC
 Peter Willson – Hailsham Chamber of Commerce: PW
 Cllr Chriss Triandafyllou – Wealden District Council: CT
 Ben Pratt – Hailsham Farmers’ Market: BP
 Steve Wennington – Hailsham Active: SW
 Clive Soper – Federation of Small Businesses: CS
 Pam Robinson – Hailsham Festival: PR

Action:

1/20/1	<u>Apologies:</u>	
1/20/1.1	Cllr Gavin Blake-Coggins – Hailsham Town Council: GBC Neil Povey – Hailsham FM: NP Phil Matthews – Representing Young People: PM Cllr Nick Collinson – Director: NAC Paul Gibson – Hailsham News & Talk: PG Jan Townsend – Community Representative: JT Tony Biggin – Hailsham Festival: TB	
1/20/2	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2019:</u>	
1/20/2.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
1/20/3	<u>Matters Arising from these minutes</u>	
1/20/3.1	MC confirmed that it is not possible to use the electoral register to identify and contact new residents to Hailsham, as previously discussed. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of providing welcome packs to new residents to developers and estate agents.	MC & NCC to investigate.
1/20/4	<u>Hailsham Live Event 2020</u>	
1/20/4.1	MC updated the meeting with an outline of the event. The event will be launched today by Paul Gibson. The event will start at midday with a	

	<p>parade of local youth military groups, organised by the British Legion. There will be several nationally recognised activities throughout the day with live local music in the daytime and professional bands in the evening. Market stalls for traders and local community groups will be made available, the costs are £95 for a trader and £25 for non-profit groups. There will also be activities for children, including circus skills.</p>	
1/20/4.2	<p>PW stated that the Chamber are working on a project to encourage town centre businesses to “dress” their shop fronts to recognise the VE Day element of the Hailsham Live event on Friday 8th May.</p>	
1/20/4.3	<p>It was noted that this event recognises the end of the war in Europe and that the war in the far east did not end until August 1945.</p>	
1/20/5	<p><u>Confirmation of Financial Statements</u></p>	
1/20/5.1	<p>MC presented updated accounts for years ending 30.9.18 and 30.9.19, which were accepted and agreed by the meeting.</p>	
1/20/6	<p><u>Shop Fronts</u></p>	
1/20/6.1	<p>NSC highlighted the previous work done to encourage business owners in the town centre to maintain the shop frontages in good order.</p>	
1/20/6.2	<p>MC stated that several letters have been sent from the Chamber of Commerce and then the Mayor of Hailsham as part of the campaign over the past few years to push business owners to continue to maintain the front of their business premises.</p>	
1/20/6.3	<p>PW offered to send a letter from the Chamber to all town centre businesses to encourage them to maintain the shop frontages in good order. MC will provide PW with copies of the previous letters that have been sent.</p>	<p>MC to supply copies of letters to town centre businesses.</p>
1/20/7	<p><u>Hailsham Farmers’ Market, Hailsham Street Market</u></p>	
1/20/7.1	<p>BP stated that the combined Christmas event with the Street Market was a success his personal takings on the day were the best for two years for a December market. He</p>	

	<p>considered that the event can be built on for future years and wanted to continue with a combined Christmas market for 2020.</p> <p>MC also confirmed that the event was successful and that it can be built on for future years. Many people had visited the town centre on the day raising the profile of the town. The Council's Communities Committee have already confirmed that they wish to help organise a similar event for 2020.</p>	
1/20/8	Any Other Business:	
1/20/8.1	MC updated the meeting on the Aspires Project. He stated that there was a clear emphasis on sustainability for the whole project and that the vision and key actions were to be agreed by the beginning of February. The WDC consultants are currently interviewing architects for the project and these should be engaged soon and will work from the vision and aims that will be agreed soon.	
1/20/8.2	A question was asked how the public would access more businesses and housing in the outline plan to redevelop the town centre as it is already congested in the town centre.	
1/20/8.3	NSC highlighted the planning inspector's report on the Wealden Local Plan and suggested that the Plan would have to be re-written which could result in more homes being allocated. He stated that WDC may have to look at some of the alternative solutions that have been previously been dismissed.	
1/20/8.4	CS suggested that Hailsham Forward and the Chamber need to lobby Wealden more in their development of a new plan.	
1/20/8.5	SW reported that he was due to meet Nus Ghani today to speak to her about the lack of and poor condition of recreational facilities in and around Hailsham. Previous meetings with WDC have proved fruitless as WDC are not interested in supporting and promoting the development and enhancement of such facilities in Hailsham.	

<p>1/20/8.6</p> <p>1/20/8.7</p>	<p>CJ highlighted an issue with flooding in the new developments in Hellingly where sewerage escaped into gardens. He questioned the capacity of the local treatment works.</p> <p>These issues highlighted the lack of infrastructure currently and the major problem with more house building in and around Hailsham if this is not resolved. NSC stated that there is an issue as WDC are the planning authority and are not responsible for delivering the infrastructure. To change this will probably require a change to the law. PW highlighted the need to get Nus Ghani to a Hailsham Forward meeting.</p> <p>CS updated the meeting on the anti- social issues in the town centre. He stated that a positive meeting had taken place with the local police and it was agreed that the Chamber would look at ways to support youth services to help provide activities for young people to reduce the occurrence of anti-social behaviour. PW stated that the issues have gone since Christmas and the offenders have apologised to the businesses affected.</p>	
<p>1/20/9</p>	<p>Meeting Dates 2020</p>	
<p>1/20/9.1</p>	<p>7 February 6 March 3 April 1 May 5 June 3 July 7 August 11 September 9 October 6 November 4 December</p>	