

TOWN MEETING

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday 26th May 2009 at 7.00 pm
At Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill

PRESENT: **Town Mayor:** **Les Ager**

IN ATTENDANCE: **Clerk to the Council – Gordon Mussett**
 Thirty-seven members of the public

MINUTES

1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence had been received from Town Councillors Byrne, Carr and Richardson.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held 6th May 2008**
The minutes of the meeting held 6th May 2008 were signed as a true record.
3. **Borough Councillor Adam Whittaker, Chair of Haverhill Area Working Party**
Borough Councillor Adam Whittaker gave a presentation on the work of the Haverhill Area Working Party and St Edmundsbury Borough Council's investment in the town.
4. **County Councillor Tim Marks**
County Councillor Marks gave a presentation on the services provided by Suffolk County Council, and the funding of those services.
5. **Maria Mitchell, Development Officer, Ipswich & Suffolk Credit Union**
Maria Mitchell, Development Officer for the Ipswich & Suffolk Credit Union in Haverhill, gave a presentation on the work of the Credit Union in Haverhill.
6. **Kevin Horton, Police Sergeant, Suffolk Constabulary**
Sergeant Horton, deputising for Inspector Mason, gave a short presentation outlining the recent successes of the force in reducing and detecting crime in Haverhill.
7. **For the public to discuss any matter relating to the Town of Haverhill**
A member of the public enquired when the "Give Way" lines would be painted in Brybank Road. The Town Clerk offered to email the most recent information to the member of the public.
A member of the public asked why the Town Council were not discussing the proposals for Local Government Review, and in particular the three unitaries option. The Chair indicated that due to ill-health he had been absent from meetings for a few months, and the Town Clerk advised on the Town Council's position, which was to support no option, but to work to ensure that opportunities for increased local control of services were maximised.
8. **Closure**
The meeting was closed at 8.05 p.m.