

HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday 4th September 2012 at 7.00pm
The Studio, Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street

Present: Chair: Town Councillor: P Hanlon
 Town Councillors: L Ager, R André, G Stroud and C Turner

By invitation: Town Councillors: A Samuels and J Stroud

Four members of the public were present.

MINUTES**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Hawes.

2. Declarations of Interest

No Members declared an interest in items on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting held 19th June 2012

The minutes of the meeting held 19th June 2012 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

Pursuant to one item in the minutes of the meeting held 19th June 2012, the Town Clerk reported that Cllr André's expense claim had been properly recorded in the 2011/12 accounts.

5. Current Financial Position

The Committee noted the financial position as at 31st July 2012, and welcomed the attendance of Colin Schraeder-Bidwell, the Council's recently appointed Accountant.

Councillors requested that a budget of £110,000 be shown against the income received in respect of the Neighbourhood Community Budget Support, and against the expenditure for the same.

The Town Clerk reported that St Edmundsbury Borough Council had notified the Town Council of the withdrawal of £10,000 per annum funding support for Haverhill's Christmas lights. An offer of a final contribution of £10,000 for 2012, or £5,000 for 2012 and £5,000 for 2013, had been made. Councillors agreed a single contribution of £10,000.

The Town Clerk was instructed to compile details of funding withdrawn by the Borough Council over the last four years, along with figures for Borough Council spending per capita in Haverhill, compared with that in Bury St Edmunds. These to be reported to Full Council.

6. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.31pm.

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