

# Haverhill Town Council

## Projects Update – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Project	Current activity
a- Arts Centre enlargement	The topographical survey has been completed so the architect can begin to sketch out the potential space and how it might be used. Merrifield Surveyors have also started their investigative work regarding enlargement.
b- Community BMX Pump Track	There has been a bit of a delay as Clark & Kent Contractors completed a Glasgow project. However, the public engagement session took place on 17 <sup>th</sup> March and the plans appear to have been well-received by the local residents. We can now start drafting the planning application.
c- Haverhill In Bloom	I have attended the HIB AGM and they have started communications with the Charity Commission and their bank to begin the process of winding down and transfer of assets. <b>Councillors are asked, as Trustee of HCT, to approve setting up an additional bank account under the Community Trust named “Haverhill in Bloom”.</b> This is to facilitate donations to HIB being banked.
d- Historic Building Local List	The Local History Group are organising a meeting about this.
e- Leiston Community Centre Transfer	We have received the deeds for the Community Centre, registering the building in the name of the Town Council. This is, strictly speaking, incorrect as we wanted it to be transferred to the Community Trust. However, this is not an urgent issue to amend at this stage.
f- Youth Strategy (Town Council Strategy on behalf of ONE Haverhill Partnership)	Implemented in 2016: a) Outreach youth work from the On The Spot Van – This work is ongoing. We are organising sessions in April to provide qualifications in youth work for our new staff member and have opened this to other organisations to make it viable. The OTS Team have been responding to requests to intervene where there have been reports of ASB. b) Chill-out zone – We are working with our colleagues at Abbeycroft to ensure the upcoming refurbishment of the leisure Centre has positive outcomes for youth. c) Continue the Youth Skills (Apprenticeship) programme – This has gone very well, particularly via the Signpost programmes targeting people with mental health issues barring their entering work or education. The new project working with long-term unemployed adults, ‘Moving into Work’, has started well with some participants being successfully employed – interesting to see the connectivity of the ONE Haverhill Partnership facilitating good outcomes in this project. d) Social media to promote information on existing youth provision – SEBC led on this, but the St Eds worker left post, this project is now in abeyance. e) Urban Sports park – see section m below. f) Extend the Arts Centre to provide more arts-creation space – see (a) above.
g- Bevan House	a) The Architect has prepared some preliminary sketches for this site.
h- High Street	<b>a)</b> Under the ONE Haverhill Partnership Town Centre Masterplan we are leading on creating a plan for improving the public realm in town. We are looking at where there used to be bollards to protect the pavement from illegal parking. SCC Highways have said they are happy for us to replace any bollards that are missing, but this would be at our cost. We already need to order ‘Haverhill’ bollards for the digital signage project and it would be more cost effective to order additional bollards at the same time. £448 each, but £392 each for six. we need two for the Arts Centre frontage, which will release three standard bollards, meaning for £2352 we will have 9 bollards, 2 for the Arts Centre, 7 for the High Street. Installation is additional, of course. <b>Councillors are asked to consider approving the above purchase.</b>
i- Haverhill Area Forum	This was planned 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2018. Mayor James Palmer was to attend this meeting at Linton to outline his vision for transport along the A1307 corridor. Unfortunately, Members will be aware that he was called to appear before a

	parliamentary select committee, which meant he has had to postpone.
j- Arts Centre Frontage	<p>The bike hoops are complete and ready for installation. We need to order bollards (see h. above).</p> <p>The main issue at the moment is designing the foundations for the digital display – there is a water main in the way and various other utilities under the Arts Centre frontage, from whom we need agreement to work near their assets. I have met with our engineering consultants to come up with a workable solution, which we think we have.</p> <p>I have asked for the digital unit to be held at the factory until we are ready to accept it. This will be some time, as once the foundations and concrete pedestals are formed, we need to order the granite veneer and have it engraved and installed prior to the unit's arrival.</p> <p>There is also a small matter of removing the existing display tower.</p>
k- Notice boards around town	Alisha Jenkins has taken this project on and has been in discussion with planning and suppliers, plus the owners of land where relevant, as reported to Leisure and Community committee previously.
l- ONE Haverhill Partnership	<p>This remains the major brand under which we plan and deliver services to the public, working closely with the Borough, County Council, Haverbury, Abbeycroft, the Police and the voluntary sector.</p> <p>We are involved in this on several work strands:</p> <p><b>Health and wellbeing</b> – Haverhill LifeLink is being delivered under this strand. Abbeycroft Leisure have agreed to lead on the physical activity strand, working in the Healthy Walks and other activity-based projects.</p> <p><b>Education, Training and Employment</b> – Karen delivers her youth Skills through this. We are now contracted by SCC to provide similar support to adults up to age 64. West Suffolk College have now moved into Parkway – something John Mayhew and I have been pushing SWAT and WSC to do as they promised. This has provided additional capacity which we can now work to use for a better educational offer in Haverhill. We are working with business to identify local skills gaps and developing strategies to tackle those – a Skills Event at the Arts Centre on 24<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p><b>Crime and ASB</b> – working with HMO providers to tackle ASB associated with some of those addresses; we are looking to improve drug services in the area.</p> <p><b>Culture</b> – This strand was to be led by the Town Council but has not taken off, so will probably be shelved for the time being.</p> <p><b>Town Centre Masterplan</b> – looking at the transformation of the Haverhill town centre, but also at other issues such as signposting – linking to the healthy walks initiative. We are leading on a project to improve shop fronts, partnered with the Borough and Business Angels.</p> <p><b>Business Angels</b> – Engaging businesses in the ONE Haverhill partnership agenda. The support for the Apprentice Awards and community volunteering on shopfront cleaning are examples of how businesses can get involved.</p>
m- Chalkstone Community Open Space	We have received a draft deed for the lease of this land. I have met with Damien Parker at West Suffolk and agreed that the Chalkstone Field and Chalkstone Micro-park adjacent to it can be treated as a coterminous area. This, coupled with having West Suffolk as our landscape maintenance partner and Abbeycroft on board with the consultative Panel, means we can produce a really coherent offer for East Haverhill. The Community Panel is having its first meeting on 9 <sup>th</sup> April.