Haverhill Town Council

Projects Update – 11th June 2018

Project	Current activity
a- Arts Centre enlargement	The Arts Centre Development Group received a presentation from the architect, showing the first design ideas for the first option being investigated – extending the existing site. It was agreed that Nick Keeble would work with the architect to ensure the concept was suitable for a working Arts Centre – there were a number of aspects that needed attention n a practical level. This process will make it much easier for us to discuss our aspirations for the building and Arts provision in Haverhill.
b- Community BMX Pump Track	The planning application has been submitted and we are awaiting validation/queries.
c- Haverhill In Bloom	The Haverhill In Bloom bank account has been opened in the name of the Town Council.
d- Historic Building Local List	Dan Cooke has brought the various lists into a single spreadsheet and mapped them. This has been passed to the Local History Group to review and add to.
e- Leiston Community Centre Transfer	Transfer is complete.
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 have delivered the youth work qualification course to our staff x3 and to staff from Abbeycroft Leisure. The OTS Team have continued to respond to requests to intervene where there have been reports of ASB. b) Chill-out zone – This has successfully moved to Simmo's Playzone on the Sturmer Road. We now have a more hands-on role on this as Abbeycroft are no longer involved. c) Continue the Youth Skills (Apprenticeship) programme – Karen's project is ongoing. d) Social media to promote information on existing youth provision – The Town Council have taken up this work strand. e) Urban Sports park – We are piggy-backing on a West Suffolk project within Sam Ward school to produce an updated questionnaire to establish the level of interest as at 2018. f) Extend the Arts Centre to provide more arts-creation space – see (a) above.
g- Bevan House	a) The Architect has met with the planners for pre-app advice and is talking with Highways to get their views. b) Tony Mumford has moved his drum business out of the building, so we have full vacant possession again..
h- High Street	**a)** The Shop Front Refurbishment project is nearly ready to launch. This is a West Suffolk/Camber/Town Council initiative under the ONE Haverhill banner (Masterplan) for improving the town centre.
i- Haverhill Area Forum	This is scheduled for 16th July, with Mayor James Palmer in attendance to talk about the A1307 corridor.
j- Arts Centre Frontage	The foundations have finally been signed off and we are awaiting a date for Paul Trinder to install this and the concrete core of the granite block seats, as well as remove the old display.
k- Notice boards around town	Councillors decided on black frame work. The notice boards are ready to be ordered.
l- ONE Haverhill Partnership	This remains the major brand under which we plan and deliver services to the public, working closely with the Borough, County Council, Havebury, Abbeycroft, the Police and the voluntary sector. It has raised the profile of Haverhill as a dynamic place to bring new projects. I am repeatedly told how jealous other towns are of Haverhill nowadays, for what we are achieving. No apologies for repeating below the list of work being delivered by partners: **Health and wellbeing** – 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. **Education, Training and Employment** – Karen obtains her funding via ONE Haverhill Partnership and delivers her youth Skills under that brand. We are also funded by SCC to deliver this work to older people. ONE Haverhill facilitated the conversations leading to West Suffolk College expanding their offer in Haverhill and moving into the Parkway site. ONE Haverhill Partnership organised a Skills Event at the Arts Centre on 24th March, branded and funded under the Suffolk Chamber/Borough Business Fair. This gathered information about what skills businesses are seeking from new applicants. **Crime and ASB** – working with HMO providers to tackle ASB associated with some of those addresses; ONE Haverhill secured funding for a drugs outreach worker funded by SCC, employed by REACH, who is now in post. **Town Centre Masterplan** – 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. This is also giving us a big say in the One Public Estate review and discussions around public sector service hubs. **Business Angels** – 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. The Haverhill4Jobs initiative has been brought to haverhill by DWP as the first place to try this outside Norfolk, where it has been very successful engaging businesses giving unemployed people work experience. Haverhill was chosen because of the partnership working and success of Karen's project, which was funded via ONE Haverhill by DWP £118k. **BID** – ONE Haverhill is also supporting the development of a Business Improvement District for Haverhill. This is a growing trend and one that places like Lowestoft have seen gathering support from businesses. The first engagement meeting gained full support from the businesses which attended.
m- Chalkstone Community Open Space	The Community Panel has met and agreed that we need a landscape designer to turn our ideas into reality. I am having some difficulty in finding and getting a response from local designers. The Suffolk Wildlife Trust has carried out a survey and provided us with guidance for delivering our ideas.