

## **HAVERHILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 8.00 pm**  
**In Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill**



**HAVERHILL**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Present:**       **Chair – Deputy Mayor:**   **Les Ager**  
                  **Town Councillors:**       **J Anderson, M Byrne, L Carr,**  
  **A Gower, P Hanlon, M Marks,**  
  **G Price, K Richardson, A Sisson,**  
  **and T Woodward**

**Also present:**       **Seven members of the public**

### **MINUTES**

1.     **Election of Town Mayor**  
      Cllr Ager was elected to the position of Town Mayor.
  
2.     **Town Mayor to Sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office**  
      Cllr Ager signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for the honour they had bestowed upon him.
  
3.     **Apologies for Absence**  
      Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs E McManus, P McManus, A Samuels and A Thomas.
  
4.     **Declaration of Interests**  
      No Members declared any interests they may have on items on the agenda.
  
5.     **To Agree the Payment of An Allowance to the New Town Mayor**  
      The Council agree the payment of £280 (representing 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Mayor's Allowance) to the Town Mayor, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 s.15(5), such monies to be met from reserves.
  
6.     **Election of Deputy Town Mayor**  
      Cllr E McManus was, in her absence, elected to the position of Deputy Town Mayor.
  
7.     **Deputy Town Mayor to Sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office**  
      In the absence of Cllr E McManus the Council agreed that the Deputy Town Mayor may sign the declaration of Acceptance of Office at the earliest opportunity.

8. **To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008**  
The minutes of the meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were signed as a true record.
9. **To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes not covered by this agenda**  
There were no urgent matters to be discussed.
10. **Budgets 2008/2009**  
Cllr Anderson proposed that the precept as agreed by the Finance Committee be accepted. Cllr Hanlon proposed an amendment whereby the precept sum be reduced by £34,000, by the means of taking £9,000 from existing general reserves, and not making a £25,000 contribution to reserves. Following debate Cllr Byrne proposed an amendment that the increase be capped at 12%, following which Cllr Hanlon withdrew his amendment. On being put to the vote Cllr Byrne's amendment was lost, and Cllr Anderson's original proposal was carried.
11. **Closure**  
The meeting was closed at 8.28 p.m.