

## HAVERHILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 8.07 pm  
In The Studio, Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill



HAVERHILL  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Present:**      **Chair: Town Councillor: E McManus**  
                         **Town Councillors: L Ager, S Bowes, M Byrne, L Carr,**  
   **P French, P Hanlon, P McManus,**  
   **M Marks, Mrs Mary Martin, G Price,**  
   **K Richardson and A Samuels**

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

### MINUTES

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| 1. <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b><br>Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Woodward.   |        |
| 2. <b><u>Declaration of Interests</u></b><br>No Councillor declared an interest in any items on the agenda.   |        |
| 3. <b><u>To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010</u></b><br>The minutes of the meeting held 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2010 were agreed as a true record. |        |
| 4. <b><u>To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes not covered by this agenda</u></b><br>There were no urgent matters to discuss.                            |        |
| 5. <b><u>For the Chair to Explain to the Public How They Can Contribute to the Meeting</u></b><br>The Town Mayor explained the procedure for the public forum.              |        |

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum

Two members of the public complained that there were no real debates at Town Council meetings and that the meetings were not entertaining.

The meeting was reconvened

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| 6. <b><u>Review of Financial Regulations</u></b><br>The Council reviewed Financial Regulations and agreed that no changes be made.  |                         |
| 7. <b><u>Accessible Toilet Changing Facility, Rear of Library</u></b><br>The Council agreed to earmark £10,000 of its reserves as a financial contribution to the capital costs of the project, and that this be reviewed | Local<br>Government Act |

if no further funding had been obtained by the end of the financial year.

**8. To Report the Outcome of the Haverhill Community Partnership Funding Bids and Agree Further Action (attached)**

The Council received details of the funding bids. The success and progress of the bid to train up to twelve youth workers was noted. The Council agreed action on the unsuccessful bids as follows:-

- a) Market Stalls  
The Council agreed to provide an indoor table facility at the Arts Centre once per month to enable local residents to display/sell items they had made or produced
- b) Free Access to Facilities  
The Council agreed to fund up to £24,000 to cover the costs of making the hire of centres and meeting places free for community/voluntary groups from 1<sup>st</sup> September, on the proviso that those groups then reduced/waived their admission fees for members. The success of this policy in increasing group membership was to be reviewed at the end of December.
- c) Support for Local Groups  
The Town Clerk was asked to invite the Chair of HAVO to the meeting of the Council in May to advise as to whether HAVO had the capacity to assist local groups in the manner outlined in the unsuccessful bid.

**9. Closure**

In view of the time, and in accordance with Standing Orders the Town Mayor advised that all further business would be deferred to an extra meeting of the Council to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April.  
The meeting was closed at 9.10 p.m.

**1972 Schedule  
14 para 9**

**LGA 1972 s144**

**Local  
Government  
(Misc  
Provisions) Act  
1976**