

## HAVERHILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 7.00 pm  
In The Studio, Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill



HAVERHILL  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Present:**      **Chair:**Town Councillor: **E McManus**  
   **Town Councillors:** **L Ager, L Burgess, M Byrne,**  
   **P French, P Hanlon, P McManus,**  
   **M Marks, Mrs Mary Martin,**  
   **A Samuels and C Turner**

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

### MINUTES

1.      **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Carr, Gower, Price, Richardson and Snape.
2.      **Declaration of Interests**  
Cllr French declared an interest in item 6 as a Member of Suffolk County Council. No other Members declared any interests they may have on items on the agenda.
3.      **To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010**  
The minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010 were agreed as a true record.
4.      **To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes not covered by this agenda**  
There were no urgent matters to discuss.
5.      **Matthew Riches, West Area Highways Engineer**  
Mr Riches gave a presentation on the inspection regime for roads and footways in Haverhill. Members expressed concern that residents who contacted Customer Services Direct to report defects received no feedback as to when repairs would be undertaken.
6.      **Peter Tempest,Suffolk County Council**  
The Town Clerk advised that Mr Tempest, at short notice, had indicated he was unable to attend this evening. Members asked for Mr tempest to attend a future meeting to discuss the proposals.
7.      **Abbeycroft Leisure**  
The Council received a presentation on sporting offers for young people in Haverhill, and the Town Council agreed, in addition to its existing

Action

Town Clerk to  
invite to next  
meeting

Local  
Government  
(Miscellaneous)

grant of £2,000 towards the Suffolk Youth Games, to provide a further £5,000 towards these projects.

Provisions) Act  
1976 s19

8. **To Receive a Presentation on the Work of So Active, a Community Interest Company, and agree a grant of £2,500 to assist with the establishment of the company**

The Council received a presentation by Simon Brown on the Work of So Active, a Community Interest Company. During the course of debate on this matter the Council agreed an adjournment.

The Council adjourned between 8.15 p.m. and 8.27 p.m.

8. On reconvening the Council agreed a grant of £2,500 to assist with the establishment of the company, subject to regular reports to the Council and providing the Town Council with access to the Company's accounts.

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In view of the lateness of the hour the Town Mayor advised she was revising the order of business to deal with the most urgent matters, all others being deferred to a future meeting.

15. **To Note the Decision of the Haverhill Partnership to Reform as "One Haverhill" and to Determine Whether to Nominate Three Representatives to Represent Haverhill Town Council on "One Haverhill"**

The Council received a presentation on the decision of the Haverhill Partnership to reform as "One Haverhill" and agreed to nominate three representatives (Councillors Ager and Elaine McManus, and the Town Clerk) to represent Haverhill Town Council on "One Haverhill".

13. **Future Arts Centre Funding**

Cllr Ager declared an interest as the Chair and President of two regular hirers of the Arts Centre. Members agreed a submission to St Edmundsbury Borough Council for future funding, based on a sum of £122,000, inflation-linked, for ten years, to reflect the maintenance liability of the building as transferred to the Town Council, and a separate submission of £50,000 per annum for three years towards artistic activities in Haverhill.

17. **Correspondence**

- a) Suffolk County Council – Waiting Restrictions and One-Way – Various Roads  
The Council had no comments on the proposed waiting and one-way proposals in Haverhill.
- b) St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Street Trading Consent – Mr Murlis – High Street  
The Council had no objection to the renewal of the Street Trading Consent.

11. **To Determine Whether to Grant a sum of £2,000 towards the running costs of the Haverhill Furniture Bank**

The Council agreed to grant a sum of £2,000 towards the running costs of the Haverhill Furniture Bank.

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum

There being no questions the meeting was resumed

**18. To receive urgent correspondence**

Cllr Byrne asked for the support of the Chairs of the Conservative and Independent Groups in writing a joint letter to the Prime Minister deploring the proposed changes to child benefit, social housing tenancies, and other related issues that would affect so many of the town's residents. Both Chairs agreed to put their signature, on behalf of their group, to such a letter.

**19. Closure**

The meeting was closed at 9.25 p.m.