

Haverhill Town Council



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

FULL COUNCIL

Held on Monday 26th September 2016 at 7.40pm at the Haverhill Arts Centre, Haverhill, CB9 8AR

Present: Mayor Councillor D Roach
Deputy Mayor Councillor P Fox
Councillor A Bramwell
Councillor A Brown
Councillor J Burns
Councillor M Byrne
Councillor J Crooks
Councillor Q Fox
Councillor P Hanlon
Councillor B McLatchy
Councillor I McLatchy
Councillor B Robbins
Councillor C Turner
Councillor A Williams

Apologies:
Councillor T Chivers
Councillor W Yang

Absent: None

In Attendance: Borough Councillor M Marks
Colin Poole (Town Clerk)

10 members of the public were present.

Welcome & Prayers:

Mayor D Roach welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised members of the public attending that the meeting was being recorded. Rev Canon Graham Owen led Prayers.

MINUTES

- C16 /139** Apologies for Absence
The above apologies were noted. County Councillor J Flood also sent his apologies.
- C16 /140** Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensation
None.
- C16 /141** The minutes of the Full Council meeting held 6th September 2016
The minutes were adopted as a true record of the meeting held 6th September 2016.

RESOLVED

ACTION

Haverhill Town Council adopted the General Power of Competence on May 18th 2015. All decisions are taken using that power unless otherwise stated.

C16 /142	<p><u>Matters arising not on the agenda</u></p> <p>a) C16/026 Community Emergency Plan – Councillor C Turner reported that he had made contact with the Cambridgeshire Emergency Planning Officer who had offered his assistance and expressed interest in the Haverhill Area Forum.</p>	Cllrs on working party
C16 /143	<p><u>Presentation & Request for Grant – Haverhill Community Sports Association</u></p> <p>Mr Howard Cook and Mr Pete Betts gave a presentation and answered questions from Councillors in respect of the Community Refreshment Facility for their new 3G all-weather pitch. Mr Tom Harrison, Chairman of the HCSA, was in attendance.</p> <p>See Appendix 3 for details</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor M Byrne that £14,070.83 be granted, split between the youth projects grant budget and the general community grants budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
C16 /144	<p><u>Reports from the Police, borough and County Councillors and the PUBLIC FORUM</u></p> <p>a) The Clerk had tabled the SNT report and information downloaded from the Police national website, www.police.uk</p> <p>Councillor J Burns updated the meeting on the VAS speed indicator initiatives and PCSO recruitment.</p> <p>Councillor A Brown asked that the area Inspector be invited to attend Town Council meetings quarterly as the SNT report was not sufficiently detailed.</p> <p>It was noted that the PCC and Chief Constable are hosting a public meeting in Haverhill on 10th October, 6:30pm at Samuel Ward Academy. The Mayor advised Councillors to attend this to raise any concerns they have.</p> <p>b) The meeting received reports from County Councillors on issues pertinent to Haverhill. See Appendix 1 for Details.</p> <p>c) Borough Councillor M Marks advised the meeting that the Freedom of the Borough for the Royal Navy, for which the Town Council had written in support, was to be considered by the Borough Council on Tuesday night.</p> <p>d) Public Forum – See Appendix 1 for details</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to write to the CCG & NHS England regarding cuts to support for Stroke Groups.</p>	CLERK All Cllrs to note
C16 /145	<p><u>Responses to Consultations</u></p> <p>a) <u>Suffolk Highways Asset Management</u>: It was proposed by Councillor C Turner, seconded by Councillor J Burns, that the Council submits comments as per the Clerk’s recommendation.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>b) <u>SALC Public Services Survey</u>: Councillors agreed to complete the survey circulated by the Clerk and return them to him by Friday 30th September, from which a common view would be compiled and submitted.</p> <p>c) <u>Referendum Principles for Parish Councils</u>: Councillors expressed concern that this proposal went against the spirit of Localism. Services, such as the On The Spot Van or Parish Handyman work were picked up because those sorts of activities were being cut – there was no “transfer of service”. Councils such as Haverhill had kept precepts as low as possible during austerity but now projects such as refurbishing the Corn</p>	CLERK ALL

Exchange could be complicated if the council is prevented from raising funds, despite the community support for such a project. Councils which qualified for the General Power of Competence should be trusted to set the precept that is right for their community. It was proposed by Councillor C Turner, seconded by Councillor M Byrne, that a response is submitted covering the points made.

RESOLVED

C16 **Mayor's Report**

/146 Mayor Roach read his report to the Council, on his work as Mayor during the last month. (see appendix 2)

C16 **ONE Haverhill Partnership**

/147 The Partnership Board had met on September 21st at the Arts Centre. Work continued on the three business plan elements of Health & Wellbeing, Employment, Education & Training and Crime & ASB. The Town Centre Masterplan group meets 17th October. Councillor A Brown expressed concern that the work must not duplicate work done by the partners independently.

C16 **Adoption of Committee Reports**

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a) Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee had not met since the last meeting.

b) Finance Committee

It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor A Brown, that the minutes of the meeting held 13th September 2016 be adopted.

RESOLVED.

c) Leisure and Community Committee

It was proposed by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor J Burns, that the minutes of the meeting held 6th September 2016 be adopted.

RESOLVED.

d) Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee has not met since the last meeting.

e) Planning Committee

It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Q Fox, that the minutes of the meeting held 6th September 2016 be adopted.

RESOLVED

C16 **Authorisation of payments**

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It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor C Turner, that cheque payments 11564 - 11724 totalling £189,651.06 be authorised.

RESOLVED

C16 **Urgent Correspondence**

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The Clerk read out an email from a resident (name supplied) voicing concerns about the parking on verges outside the New Croft on Friday 23rd September. The Mayor noted that this had been raised with representatives of the HCSA earlier in the meeting and they had proposed a meeting of the relevant stakeholders. Councillor A Brown, Councillor P Hanlon and the Town Clerk agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of the Town Council.

C16 **Annual Return to the External Auditor**

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The Clerk advised the meeting:

a) It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor A Williams, to approve and accept the Annual Return with the External Auditor's Certificate.

RESOLVED

b) It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor Q Fox, to note the minor issue raised and that this matter had been resolved as reported at C16/126 on 19th July 2016.

RESOLVED

c) It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor Q Fox, to note that the Annual Return, Certificate and Notice of Conclusion of Audit were published on the Council's website on 7th September 2016.

RESOLVED

d) It was proposed by Councillor B McLatchy, seconded by Councillor P Hanlon, to note the Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been displayed on the notice board at Jubilee Walk from 13th September 2016.

RESOLVED

The Mayor thanked the Clerk for his work on this.

C16 **Exclusion of press and Public**

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It was proposed by Councillor J Crooks, seconded by Councillor Q Fox, that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted – Commercial sensitivity.

RESOLVED

C16 **Report from Corn Exchange Working Party**

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The Clerk gave a report detailing the submission of the bid under the Community Right to Bid regulations. An update was given on actions that had taken place since then.

FMC Solicitors have been engaged for the purpose of conveyancing and dealing with the negotiations over rights to access/acquire other land as part of this project. The fees are capped at £10,000+VAT.

The Council noted all actions and thanked the Clerk for his work on the project. It was agreed that a standing resolution be added to the agenda of full council meetings to formally approve actions taken and confirm approval to continue.

C16 **Date of next Meeting**

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The next meeting will be held on 18th October 2016 at 7:30pm, following the Planning Committee.

C16 **Closure**

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22:01pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix 1

Reports from the Police, District/County Councillors on issues pertinent to Haverhill and the Public Forum.

6b) Councillor J Burns – County

Councillor Burns gave the following report:

- 1) Bumpstead Road: Resurfacing and realignment of the roundabout outside Culina will start mid-October for about 6 weeks. During this time the road will be shut at various times with banksmen available to allow lorries to enter/leave Culina. The remainder of the road has been reported for repairs, particularly around the roundabout on A143, as starting to break-up. They have advised me (since) that they will monitor but don't consider to be serious enough.
- 2) Burton Centre: Was advised Monday that a proposal had been submitted that would change the downstairs community room to a retail experience selling 'top-end goods'. I objected for several reasons which were also supported by Cllr. Flood. SCC confirmed that the proposal was being recommended for rejection due to the loss of community facilities.
- 3) Duddery Hill: Have reported road subsiding opposite Helions Walk (site of earlier drain repair). SCC Highways do not consider to be worthwhile fixing now and will 'monitor'.
- 4) Minster Road/Chapple Drive: Reported badly broken up pavements affecting ability of wheelchair/buggy users to navigate. SCC Highways do not consider to be worthwhile fixing now and will 'monitor'.
- 5) Unadopted Roads: Due to intransigence of SCC Highways to do anything, have asked the Borough Council to try to have all unadopted roads (where residents want and where houses exist) adopted ASAP. The problem exists apparently across West Suffolk. Currently we know of Aragon Road, Parr Road and Catkin Close.
- 6) We are still awaiting news from the Borough Council about a "day of action" looking at HMO's around town.
- 7) North Avenue: A 1m deep hole that was dug in the pavement December 2015 by SCC Highways and left surrounded by barriers has finally been brought back onto the radar. They are planning to fill it in ASAP once they confirm the original repair has been completed.
- 8) Devolution: I am attending (as a member of SCC Scrutiny) a meeting regarding this on Friday 30th in Ipswich. I asked for any questions to be sent to me.

6d) Public Forum: Mr D Wendell

Mr Wendell raised concerns that the funding for the Stroke Association worker who supported clubs around the county had been cut. Currently the Synergy Café can cope, but elsewhere in the county clubs have folded, meaning a loss of peer-support and respite for families affected by strokes. Councillor B McLatchy advised she has taken this up with the CCG. Councillor M Burns asked that the Council write to the CCG to raise concerns and copy in NHS England.

Appendix 2

Mayors report from August to September 2016.

The mayor attended a number of engagements over the summer, both within Haverhill and representing the town at mayoral events across Suffolk. In town the Mayor attended some of the excellent events put on by the Town Council, such as Picnic in the Park and both the Chalkstone and Clements Family Days.

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Appendix 3

Presentation from HCSA in respect of grant

- Haverhill Community Football Project was financed by a £1.4 million capital allocation by St. Edmundsbury Borough Council and a £450,000 grant from the Football Foundation and the Football Stadia Improvement Fund.
- A community sports association was set up to run the facility – Haverhill Community Sports Association (HCSA) – with a voluntary board and an independent Chairman.
- The Haverhill Community Football Project opened in August 2010.
- Named “New Croft” the facility was built with a main stadium and training pitch with ancillary pitches surrounding.
- Run by the HCSA Board (Tom Harrison as Chairman), with Peter Betts as Facilities and Football Development Officer
- Tight development targets were set by the Football Foundation and the FA with regular performance monitoring.
- Targets were regularly surpassed
- HCSA have wanted to install an all-weather surface to enable maximum participation and use on the site with as many teams and development taking place as possible.
- Suffolk FA and the Football Foundation have closely monitored the project
- The facility has become a national example of good governance and practice.
- Regular visits are made by clubs looking for advise and HCSA is happy to assist.
- This site is a fantastic example of Football Foundation funding being utilised to full potential.
- The site is in great condition and functions really well.
- The development outcomes have been superseded, with huge growth locally.
- The HCSA have a really good structure in place, with them acting as a voluntary board.
- The main community club, Haverhill Rovers FC, have grown significantly over the last five years. They will be operating close to 40 teams next season.
- There is a steering group in place. This group supports all the local Charter Standard clubs.
- Total sustainability score ranked from 8 - 32 (8 being the lowest, 32 being the highest):
HCSA SCORE - 30
- Project score 0-5 (0 lowest/5 highest): HCSA SCORE – 5
- Haverhill Community Sports Association have opened the new 3rd Generation “3G” all weather floodlit football surface.
- The 3G pitch is a hugely important development that will enable HCSA to significantly improve its offer of football facilities to thousands of people of all ages and abilities living in and around Haverhill, further enhancing its development programme at the New Croft.
- With the installation of the new all weather pitch HCSA has submitted funding bids for ancillary facilities to contribute to the facility’s long term sustainability
- Contributions have been made by St Eds and Havebury