

Haverhill Town Council



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

FULL COUNCIL

Held on Monday 24th July 2017 at 7.30pm at the Haverhill Arts Centre,
Haverhill, CB9 8AR

Present: Deputy Mayor Councillor A Brown
Councillor A Bramwell
Councillor J Burns
Councillor P Hanlon
Councillor B McLatchy
Councillor I McLatchy
Councillor B Robbins
Councillor C Turner

Apologies: Mayor Councillor D Roach
Councillor M Byrne
Councillor J Crooks
Councillor P Fox
Councillor Q Fox
Councillor L Smith
Councillor A Williams
Councillor W Yang

Absent: None

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

4 members of the public were present.

Welcome:

Deputy Mayor A Brown 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

C17 **Apologies for Absence**
/089 The above apologies were noted.

C17 **Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensation**
/090 None.

C17 **The minutes of the Full Council meeting held 20th June 2017**
/091 It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor J Burns that the minutes of the meeting held 20th June 2017 be adopted as a true record.

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.

C17 **Matters arising not on the agenda**

/092 a) C17/077 Merger of West Suffolk Councils: Councillor J Burns commented the progress made by the borough's working party on the merger. The working party has not yet considered all the matters raised. There will not be a public consultation on whether the merger goes ahead, but there would be consultation by the Boundary Commission on the reorganisation of wards and number of councillors. It was proposed by Councillor A Bramwell, seconded by Councillor P Hanlon that the Council will respond to the Boundary Commission consultation in due course.

RESOLVED

Members asked that their disappointment not to be able to comment formally on the merger proposals be noted and that the nine Town Councillors who are also Borough Councillors continue to promote Haverhill's best interests during the merger process.

C17 **Report by Inspector Danny Cooper, Suffolk Constabulary**

/093 Inspector Cooper updated the Council on current Police issues and responded to questions put. (see appendix 3)

C17 **Report from Cllr M Marks, CCG Community Engagement Group**

/094 Councillor Marks gave a report on the work of the Community Engagement Group. (see appendix)

C17 **Reports from the Police, borough and County Councillors and the**
/095 **PUBLIC FORUM**

- a) See C17/093.
- b) The meeting received reports from County Councillors on issues pertinent to Haverhill. See Appendix 1 for details.
- c) The meeting received reports from Borough Councillors on issues pertinent to Haverhill. See Appendix 1 for details.
- d) Public Forum – See Appendix 1 for details.

C17 **Mayor's Report**

/096 In the Mayor's absence, the report was deferred.

C17 **ONE Haverhill Partnership**

/097 The Clerk advised that the public consultation on the ONE Haverhill Partnership business plan had concluded and the results will be collated and distributed to Board members over the summer, before being published. The Haverhill LifeLink (Social Prescribing) project 'soft launches' in August with the focus on GP referrals rather than eliciting self-referrals. The workers are Charlotte Murphy and Elaine Hewes. The Clerk is part of the steering group for Haverhill LifeLink and attended a briefing in London today, in respect of Cost Based Analysis of projects.

The Education, Training and Employment Task Group has written to the leaders of the County Council and Borough Councils and the Principal of West Suffolk College asking for support in achieving greater FE and Adult Education provision in Haverhill.

C17 **Adoption of Committee Reports**

/098

a) Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee had not met since the last meeting.

b) Finance Committee

It was proposed by Councillor C Turner, seconded by Councillor B Robbins, that the minutes of the meeting held 18th July be adopted.

RESOLVED

c) Leisure and Community Committee

It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor P Hanlon, that the minutes of the meeting held 4th July be adopted.

RESOLVED

d) Personnel Committee

It was noted that the Personnel Committee had not met since the last meeting of Full Council.

e) Planning Committee

It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor I McLatchy, that the minutes of the meeting held 4th July 2017 be adopted.

RESOLVED

C17 **Authorisation of payments**

/099 It was proposed by Councillor C Turner, seconded by Councillor B Robbins, that the listed payments totalling £52,284.79 be authorised.

RESOLVED

C17 **Grant Application – Haverhill Town Youth Football Club**

/100 In the absence of a response to the queries raised by the Town Clerk, this matter was deferred to the September Leisure and Community Committee.

C17 **Urgent Correspondence**

/101 The Clerk advised that, following a request from Members for an agenda item on the Household Waste and Recycling Centre, he had contacted Hilary Garlick, SCC Service Development Officer for Waste Services, who will arrange a meeting with the Town Council and local County Councillors in the first instance.

CLERK

C17 **Date of Next Meeting**

/102 MONDAY 25th September 2017.

C17 **Exclusion of press and Public**

/103 It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor P Hanlon, 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 Matters.

RESOLVED

C17 **Report from Corn Exchange Working Party**

/086 a) The Clerk reported on feedback from our surveyor, in respect of the ongoing delay in the matter.
b) It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor C Turner, that the Council continue to progress this matter.

C17 **Staffing Matters**

/087 No matters were raised.



Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix 1

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

C17/093/095a) Police Report – The SNT Newsletter had been circulated by Councillor J Burns earlier today. Inspector Danny Cooper thanked the Council for inviting him to discuss concerns raised:

- a) SNT Newsletter: The Constabulary accepted that the format needed improvement and from the August edition this would be implemented. The information on the newsletter would still be for each SNT area and not Haverhill-only. There will no longer be crime data included. This information would need to be obtained from police.uk website. The information will focus on how the SNT area is performing, measured against the PCC’s Crime Plan.
- b) Inspector Cooper had analysed crime data for Haverhill and reported that of the 46 crimes reported last month, 23 “violent incidents” had taken place in Haverhill. Of these, 11 were domestic violence, 4 were assaults on Police, 3 were associated with the night time economy, 1 took place in a school, 1 was a dangerous dog incident and there were 3 ‘general incidents’. Inspector Cooper stressed that the requirements to record a crime under a particular heading meant that many incidents that people previously may not have regarded as a ‘crime’ were recorded because the police were called.
- c) Offences against children: The apparent rise in such offences had been of particular concern to the Council and Inspector Cooper reported on the actuality behind many of the reports. Whilst every report is taken seriously, a number of the reports of a potential offence, in fact turned out not to be as first suggested. Some others were reported and it was found that no offence was actually committed (examples include young people believing they were being followed by someone simply taking the same route). Inspector Cooper highlighted the role social media has played in some situations, distributing inaccurate information.
- d) Visibility: Inspector Cooper explained that the police had changed the way they operate, from a necessity as to accommodate savings. Officers are targeting certain issues such as drugs, but much of this work is covert and there has been a reduction in ‘general patrols’ as a result. Patrols are now targeted towards particular issues / hot spots.
- e) Reports of increased crime: Inspector Cooper reported there were 17 additional crimes over the three year average. In future, the police would focus on reporting exceptional trends in particular crimes.

- f) The Police and Crime Commissioner and Area Superintendent would be in Haverhill on 7th September, 7pm at the Samuel Ward Academy for a public meeting.
- g) In answer to a question, Inspector Cooper explained that if people are arrested in a drug raid they are charged under holding offences until such time as the facts can be established – e.g. what the ‘white powder’ really is, whether there was intent to supply, etc. So people do not get charged with drug trafficking until there is enough evidence.
- h) Councillor J Burns, who administers the Haverhill UK Facebook group, said he was happy to crack down on inaccurate threads.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Inspector Cooper for giving up his time to speak to the Council.

C17/095b) County Councillors’ reports:

- a) No County Councillors were present

C17/095c) Borough Councillors’ reports:

Councillor B McLatchy gave the following report:

- a) The ultrasound machine funded through Haverwell was at the hospital awaiting staffing being in place. It was noted that Dr Ian Garrod has a digital x-ray machine which could be used by the NHS. The Clerk would pass this message on to the CCG.

Councillor J Burns gave the following report:

- a) Graffiti on Sturmer Arches reported but at time of meeting nothing heard from Borough.
- b) Coupals School had some success with trial of a “Walking Bus” from East Town Park just before end of summer term. Hoped to continue trial start of Autumn term with new entrants.
- c) Next City Deal Local Liaison Forum meeting in September. Ascertaining whether documents from previous meetings can be openly published.
- d) Borough Community Chest Grant applications now open until 29th September.
- e) Atterton & Ellis: Borough Conservation and Planning appear unwilling to resolve the matter. Will be taking up further with owner direct and/or raising up flag pole at Borough.
- f) Statement of Licensing Policy consultation by Borough runs to 1st September. Involves Crime & Disorder, Public Nuisance & Public Safety, and Protection of children from harm.
- g) Barclays Bank building: A management company expect work to hopefully start repairing damage in next 4 weeks. Both wooden columns outside will need replacing.
- h) Dealt with fly tipping in Deben Road & Chalkstone Way.
- i) I am on an Information Strategy working party at Borough which meets for 1st time on 28th July. Any comments regarding their IT efforts such as website usage welcome..

C17/095d) Public Forum:

Mr Wendell reported that

- a) Synergy Café: Mr Wendell has met with the Town Clerk and Sue Ryder and is working on how the café can be relocated to the Arts Centre. A second meeting will take place at the end of August.

Appendix 2

C17/096 Mayors report for June and July 2017.

Due to the mayor having to submit his apologies, this was deferred.

C17/094 Report by Councillor M Marks

- a) Councillor Marks has joined the Community Engagement Group for the West Suffolk CCG. This is a non-political role.
- b) The CCG covers a population of 240k+ and has a £302m budget
- c) The role of the CEG is to engage with the public, looking at significant issues and feeding back from the public to the CCG on how these issues can be tackled.
- d) The CCG is very supportive of the Haverhill LifeLink Social Prescribing project.
- e) The national annual average for patient appointments with their GP is 5x, in Haverhill this is 9.8x
- f) The CCG is looking at introducing more Expert Patient Programmes ways of and encouraging people to join support groups.
- g) Also looking at delayed transfers of care and how admissions can be avoided in the first place.
- h) Looking at supporting the need for better transport links between Haverhill and Bury St Edmunds hospital.
- i) Looking at prescriptions and prescribing, encouraging people not to use online prescribing as this wastes resources.
- j) Looking at education via social media
- k) Unlike the CEG which deals with these wide-ranging issues, Healthwatch picks up issues on behalf of individual patients.

Deputy Mayor Brown thanked Councillor Marks for her report.