

LC/A170412

## LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Haverhill Town Council Leisure & Community Committee to be held in The Studio, Town Hall, High Street, Haverhill, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012 commencing at 7.00 p.m., for the purpose of transacting the following business:



**CONSTITUTION:** Chair: Town Councillor: To be elected at the meeting  
Town Councillors: L Ager, M Byrne, L Carr  
R Green, E Goody, P Hanlon,  
B Hawes and G Stroud

### AGENDA

1. **Election of Committee Chair**  
To elect a Chair of Committee
2. **Election of Vice-Chair of Committee**  
To elect a Vice-Chair of Committee
3. **Apologies for Absence**  
Please notify the office by 5.00 p.m. on the day of the meeting if you are unable to attend
4. **Declarations of Interest**  
For Members to declare an interest in items on the agenda
5. **Minutes of the Last Meetings**  
To approve the minutes of the meetings of the Community First and Leisure & Arts Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011 respectively.
6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**  
To note action taken, and outstanding, from items in the minutes of the meetings of the Community First and Leisure & Arts Committee held on 21st February 2012 and 8th November 2011 respectively.
7. **For Members with Prejudicial Interests and/or Members of the Public to Speak on Matters on the Agenda**
8. **To Receive a Report on Recent and Future Activities**  
To receive a report on recent and future activities (to be available at the meeting).
9. **To Receive a Report on Community Grant Funding**  
To receive a report on community grant funding (attached).
10. **To Determine Current Grant Applications**  
To determine current grant applications (schedule attached).

11. **Financial Report, Haverhill Arts Centre and Haverhill Arts & Leisure**  
To note the current position (report to be available at the meeting).

12. **Closure**

Signed



TOWN CLERK

12<sup>th</sup> April 2012

## Town Council Grants Scheme

The Community First budget for 2012/13 contains £56,900 of Grant funding, as follows:-

Grants to Local Organisations	£13,000
Arts Centre AGM Grants	£ 1,500
Grant-Summer Fun Play Scheme	£ 6,500
Grant-Youth Projects	£20,000
Suffolk Youth Games	£ 2,000
Town Twinning	£ 1,000
Grant - 3CT	£ 3,000
Grant - Volunteer Bureau	£ 1,400
Youth Bus	£ 4,500
Grant - Wednesdays for Women	£ 4,000

This paper is to stimulate debate regarding the future of the Town Council's Grants, and to ensure maximum Town Council support for organisations/activities **that the Town Council values**.

With the delegation of £50,000 of Haverhill-specific Grant funding from St Edmundsbury Borough Council to ONE Haverhill, three questions that perhaps need to be addressed are:-

1. Should all initial enquiries for grant funding be addressed to ONE Haverhill?
2. In the event of a refusal by ONE Haverhill should the Town Council offer a grant?
3. In the future event that ONE Haverhill suggests a collaboration amongst all grant-funding organisations to pool resources, should the Town Council seek to maintain its independence in the funding arena, and if so, how?

### 1. **Should all initial enquiries for grant funding be addressed to ONE Haverhill?**

Given that ONE Haverhill's Grant funding is raised from Council Tax across the whole of St Edmundsbury, each £1 of grant only costs Haverhill Council Tax payers around 45p, so financially there are valid financial reasons for directing all initial grant requests to ONE Haverhill.

ONE Haverhill's Grant criterion is "Grants are awardable to any community scheme or project which benefits the residents of Haverhill"; all of the Town Council's current grants fit that very broad criterion.

Consequently, members may wish all grant inquiries to be referred to ONE Haverhill in the first instance.

### 2. **In the event of a refusal by ONE Haverhill should the Town Council offer a grant?**

ONE Haverhill's Grant criterion is "Grants are awardable to any community scheme or project which benefits the residents of Haverhill". Therefore Grants are likely to be refused if:-

- a) the application is not deemed to benefit the residents – in which case why would the Town Council wish to fund the application?

- b) the funding has run out in the current financial year – in which case applicants may be advised to reapply the following year.
- c) the applicant organisation fails to satisfy ONE Haverhill in some other way – no formal constitution, no Bank Account, etc. Again, would the Town Council want to fund such an organisation at that stage of their development?

In light of these points, members may wish to consider the circumstances under which an application rejected by ONE Haverhill should be considered by the Town Council.

**3. In the future event that ONE Haverhill suggests collaboration amongst all grant-funding organisations to pool resources, should/how can the Town Council maintain its independence in the funding arena?**

It obviously makes sense that all grant-funding bodies co-ordinate their grant schemes in order that Haverhill benefits from the synergy. However, members may consider it important to retain some Grant funding decisions within the Town Council because:-

- it provides positive publicity to the Town Council
- it provides a “fall-back” position in the event of ONE Haverhill not being able to fund the project
- some grants awarded support the work of the Arts Centre

Looking at the budget for 2012/13 one option to support these aims would be to redraw the allocations to protect only those current grants that it considers vital to fund on an ongoing basis, and to consider other requests on an ad hoc basis, without specific budgetary provision and subject to available funds.

The future of the Town Council grants scheme may be informed further by the outcome of the first round of ONE Haverhill grant funding in April 2012, and members may wish to defer any decisions on changes until then.

**Will Austin, Town Clerk**  
**April 2012**

**GRANT APPLICATIONS - APRIL 2012 - The applications in hand consist of:**

<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Youth / Charitable / Pre - School / Pensioners / Music / Drama / Uniformed / Advisory / Health / Sporting / Leisure / Arts</b>	<b>Start Up / Support / Project etc.</b>	<b>Evidence of Assisting Haverhill Residents</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>History of Previous HTC Grant Awards</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
British Red Cross Haverhill Centre	Health	Project		<b>£400.00</b>	2010 - £400.00 2009 - £400.00	
Castle Manor Business and Enterprise College	Education	Project	Yes	<b>£400.00</b>		
Crossroads Care West Suffolk	Charity	Support	Yes	<b>£300.00</b>	2001 - £300.00	
Haverhill & District Art Group	Arts	Support	Yes	<b>£300.00</b>	2011 - £640.00 2011 - £300.00 2010 - £300.00	
Haverhill & District U3A	Leisure	Support	Yes	<b>£300.00</b>	2011 - £300.00 2010 - £300.00 2010 - £300.00 2009 - £300.00	
Haverhill Choral Society	Music	Equipment Or Matched Funding	Yes	<b>£250.00</b>  <b>£500.00</b>	2008 - £300.00	
Haverhill OWLS Women's Institute	Leisure	Support	Yes	<b>£300.00</b>	2011 - £300.00	
Haverhill Silver Band	Music	Project	Yes	<b>£400.00</b>	2011 - £400.00 2010 - £400.00	
Haverhill Sinfonia	Arts	Support	Yes	<b>£300.00</b>	2011 - £300.00 2010 - £300.00	
Haverhill Youth & Community Band	Music	Support	Yes	<b>£300.00</b>	2011 - £300.00 2010 - £300.00	
Older People's Forum	Advisory	Project	Yes	<b>£200.00</b>	n/a	
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	Health	Support	Yes	<b>£300.00</b>	2011 - £300.00 2010 - £300.00	
			<b>TOTAL</b>			