#### **LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**



# <u>Tuesday 2 July 2013 at 7.00pm in The Studio, Haverhill Arts Centre, High</u> Street, Haverhill

Present: Chair: Town Councillor: G Stroud

Town Councillors: L Ager, M Byrne, P Hanlon

and B Hawes

Six members of the public were present.

# <u>MINUTES</u>

**ACTION** 

#### 1. Election of Committee Chair

The Town Clerk chaired the meeting for this item. Cllr Hanlon was elected as Committee chair, and took his place in the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

# 2. <u>Election of Committee Vice-Chair</u>

Cllr Byrne was elected as Committee vice-chair.

## 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Carr, Goody and Russo.

#### 4. Declarations of Interest

No councillor declared an interest in any item on the agenda.

#### 5. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2013 were agreed as a true record.

#### 6. Matters Arising

Cllr Byrne asked whether the cancelled Chalkstone picnic would be rearranged by the Borough Council. Cllr Hanlon advised that the Borough Council has asked CATRA to take full responsibility for organising this event in future, but that CATRA is unable to do this.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Borough Council asking that they continue to support this event as previously, and to add this matter to the next Committee agenda.

**TOWN CLERK** 

#### 7. <u>For Members with Prejudicial Interests and/or Members of the Public to</u> Speak on Matters on the Agenda

Mr D Wendell addressed the Committee on activities at Haverhill Arts Centre. He said he echoed comments by Nick Keeble at the previous meeting that Arts Centre events were going well, including the recent addition of digital 'event' cinema. He said that since the Arts Centre had started showing these screenings, Cineworld had done the same, but that it had not been as successful there.

# 8. To Determine Current Grant Applications

The Committee agreed the following grant applications:

| Organisation Name  | Amount<br>Requested | Amount Awarded |
|--|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Haverhill Scout Group                      | £300.00             | £300.00        |
| Castle Manor Academy<br>(Ghana Student Exchange<br>Scheme) | £400.00             | £400.00        |
| Castle Manor Academy (Rob Dovaston)                        | £675.00             | £400.00        |
| Castle Partnership Academy Trust                           | £421.00             | WITHDRAWN      |
| Manor Road Allotment<br>Association                        | £400.00*            | £150.00        |
| Place Farm Primary<br>Academy                              | £250.00             | £250.00        |
| Suffolk Army Cadet Force –<br>Haverhill Attachment         | £500.00             | £500.00        |
| Suffolk Volleyball<br>Association                          | £400.00             | £400.00        |
| TJS-Snookerbility  | £390.00             | £390.00        |

The award to the Castle Manor Academy (Ghana Student Exchange Scheme) should be subject to provision of a retrospective presentation to the Committee by the applicant.

Councillors resolved that all applicants should be advised of the fundraising opportunity presented by a stall at the Summer Bash 2013 event, and that applicants should be asked to make clear the total cost of the project/initiative when applying for Town Council grant support.

#### 9. To Receive a Report on Recent and Future Activities

The Town Clerk reported on Arts Centre events since March 2013:

- There had been a range of successful musical performances, including The Fureys and Davey Arthur, Dominic Kirwan, The Searchers and Gerry Marsden
- Arthur Smith had been a hit at the Comedy Festival in March and the Drama Festival was popular
- Cinema attendances had been lower than average, but this was usual for the time of year. Attendances had been very good however for the popular addition of 'event cinema' screenings, made possible by the digital cinema installation agreed last year. Broadcasts of "People", "This House" and "The Audience" had all attracted near sell-out audiences.

The Clerk further reported on Town Council events since March:

- Easter holiday activities had included family cinema, puppet shows featuring the Three Pigs and Each Peach Pear Plum, and workshops to help design flags for the summer Flag Festival
- Two programmed events had been postponed it was expected that Supersonic 70s would attract a larger audience later in the year, and Streetball Xtreme Street Sports would be incorporated into a future youth event. The remaining Festival events had been very successful this year, with a particular focus on young people's activities – including schools performances at the Arts Centre and street

entertainment that linked well with Castle Partnerships Community Extravaganza on the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk outlined forthcoming Arts Centre events:

- Edinburgh Fringe Preview
- Led Zeppelin and Shadows tribute acts
- The political drama We Will Be Free
- Othello and Richard II NT Live Event screenings
- Looking further ahead Michael Portillo in October, psychic Tony Stockwell in November and a Buddy Holly tribute in December

The Clerk presented the Town Council Summer brochure that had recently been printed. This included:

- Treasure Island and Anthony & Cleopatra in East Town Park
- Vintage Vehicle Rally
- Haverhill Summer Bash 2013 combining the Big Bash and a new show organised by Haverhill businesses
- Big Day Out
- Tribute nights featuring the sounds of the Mersey, Michael Bublé, Tom Jones, Take That, One Direction and Girls Aloud
- 4 fun days
- Street Jam

The programme also featured other organisations' events – nature events from Suffolk Rangers, Teenage Kicks neighbourhood football sessions, library events and more. It also trailed this year's Christmas pantomime – Snow White.

Cllr Hawes said that he had been advised by David Doughty that councillors would be asked to be stewards at the Summer Bash 2013 event, and that Mr Doughty was keen to reinstate a carnival at the event in 2014.

Cllr Hawes also asked whether the Haverhill in Bloom Autumn and Spring events were ongoing. The Town Clerk agreed to find out.

**TOWN CLERK** 

Cllr Byrne expressed her thanks to Nick Keeble, the Town Council's Arts & Leisure Manager, and his team for their efforts. She said she was very proud of what the Town Council provides.

#### 10. Election of Representatives

The following were agreed as the Town Council's representatives on external bodies:

- Public Art in the Centre of Haverhill (PATCH) Panel Cllr Hanlon
- Haverhill Area Working Party Cllr Hanlon
- Cartwheels Children's Centre Cllr Byrne

## 8. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.23pm.