



LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 7.00pm in The Studio, Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill

Councillors Present: P Hanlon (Chair); E Goody; B McLatchy

By invitation: Nick Keeble, Arts & Leisure Manager, Haverhill Town Council

Eight members of the public were present.

MINUTES

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Byrne, Carr, Stroud and Russo.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
Councillor Goody declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Manor Road Allotment grant item in that he is acquainted with many of the persons involved at the allotment site. Given the nature of his interest he declared that he would remain in the meeting for that item and vote on the matter.
- 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2014 were agreed as a true record.
- 4. Matters Arising**
In respect of item 8; The Clerk advised that the draft logo design will be circulated to all Members as soon as possible.
- 5. For Members with Prejudicial Interests and/or Members of the Public to Speak on Matters on the Agenda**
Mr Cox suggested all grant awards should be reduced by 50%.
Mr Burns said the Manor Road Allotment website funding request appeared excessive.
- 6. To Determine Current Grant Applications**
The Committee agreed the following in respect of current grant applications:

ACTION

CLERK

Organisation Name	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Remarks
Haverhill and District Art Group	£400	£400	Suggest Review of Subscriptions
Haverhill Sequence Dance Club	£400	£400	
Manor Road Allotments' Association	£400	£200	No contribution to website
Haverhill Tennis Club	£543.80	£0	Matter deferred to next meeting; applicant to be invited to explain project.
Haverhill Youth Concert Band	£250	£250	Request Haverhill Town Council Logo
Haverhill Girl Guides	£500	£500	Advise to check insurance cover for activities
Haverhill Cycling Club	£500	£500	

7. To Receive a Report on Recent and Future Activities

Nick Keeble presented the following updates to committee:

- a. The new ticket wallets were displayed. They are funded by adverts and the content can be changed every six months.
- b. The recent Wedding Fayre included a party venue brochure featuring the Arts' Centre. Three bookings were expected as a result of that event and another Fayre is anticipated for September.
- c. Advertising has commenced for the commercial vehicle rally which will be supplemented by a Saturday motor show on the Market Square. This event is being well supported by the St Edmundsbury Borough Council.
- d. For pensioners, arrangements are in hand for a Summer programme to include tribute nights and fun days with visits to Ely, Sheringham, Southend and Norwich.
- e. The saving the 70's project is coming along well with some good assistance from the History Group which are gathering images from the 70's. This will include 70's themed tribute nights, possibly a 70's food offering in the Bistro and outdoor prom in memory of Les Ager. The Festival programme is nearly done,
- f. Recent events at the Arts' Centre have proved popular, with Limehouse Lizzie attracting 200 and War Horse 600 plus school visits. The Barron Knights, Michael Portillo and Wedding Fayre were very good. We also have hopes that the Centre Stage

show sales will improve. Overall, it's obvious that what works is working very well.

Committee thanked Nick and his team for their work on behalf of the town.

8. Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.54pm.

