

# Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

## LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm at Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill



**HAVERHILL**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Present:** Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)  
Deputy Mayor Councillor M Byrne  
Councillor E Goody  
Councillor B McLatchy  
Councillor M Martin

**Apologies:** Councillor G Stroud

**Absent:** Councillor D Russo  
Councillor D Roach

**In Attendance:** Colin Poole (Town Clerk)  
Nick Keeble (Arts and Leisure Manager)

7 members of the public were present plus Mayor Roger André and Councillor B Robbins.

### Welcome:

Councillor P Hanlon welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Sarah Savine and Catherine Thornhill from Suffolk Mind.

### MINUTES

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>LC14 /001</b>	<b><u>Election of Committee Chairman</u></b> Proposed by Councillor E Goody, seconded by Councillor M Byrne, Councillor P Hanlon was elected Chairman <b>Resolved</b>	
<b>LC14 /002</b>	<b><u>Election of Committee Vice-Chairman</u></b> Proposed by Councillor M Martin, seconded by Councillor E Goody, Councillor M Byrne was elected Vice-Chairman <b>Resolved</b>	
<b>LC14 /003</b>	<b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b> Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor G Stroud. It was noted that Councillor B McLatchy was missing from the committee list and needed to be added to it. Furthermore, it was noted that at the	<b>Clerk</b>

	<p>Annual Meeting in May it was agreed the Committee should consider extending its membership to admit Councillor P Firman as a member. Proposed Councillor B McLatchy, seconded by Councillor E Goody that Councillor P Firman be elected as a member of the committee.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>	
<b>LC14 /004</b>	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations</u></b></p> <p>Councillor M Byrne declared a pecuniary interest in item LC14/013b as a Trustee. As the matter did not require any decision to be made, a dispensation was agreed to enable her to stay for that item. No other declarations or requests were made.</p>	
<b>LC14 /005</b>	<p><b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were agreed as a true record.</p>	
<b>LC14 /006</b>	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>Arthrose Appeal – The Clerk confirmed his predecessor had been in contact with the CCG.</p>	
<b>LC14 /007</b>	<p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b></p> <p>The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum. See Appendix 1 for Details.</p> <p>The meeting was reconvened</p>	
<b>LC14 /008</b>	<p><b><u>Suffolk Mind</u></b></p> <p>Sarah Savine explained to Councillors the work that Suffolk Mind do in Haverhill.</p> <p>Research in Haverhill identified four needs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Properly supported and facilitated groups</li> <li>b) Having a feeling of worth and doing something meaningful</li> <li>c) Having a common purpose</li> <li>d) Helping other people</li> </ol> <p>Suffolk Mind charge for the courses it puts on – either by individuals paying a fee or by obtaining grants to do specific work. Previously they had a contract to do this but Suffolk Wellbeing won the current contract. In situations where a person cannot afford to pay for services Suffolk Mind refer them to Suffolk Wellbeing.</p> <p>Charges are per 50 minute session over 13 weeks, costing between £20-£40 a session depending on employment status.</p> <p>Councillors expressed concern about the situation caused by the contracting process. The Arts &amp; Leisure Manager confirmed that Suffolk Wellbeing did run sessions in the Arts Centre. He couldn't comment on whether it was free to the end user.</p> <p>The proposed Suffolk Mind Haverhill Art Group would help reduce social isolation and provide a range of other benefits such as a reduction in GP visits.</p>	

	<p>A Haverhill Eco-therapy allotment based project was being planned by Suffolk Mind and Havebury Housing. Councillors felt this could be an interesting project.</p> <p>Councillors advised Ms Savine to submit a further application for funding to the Town Council for consideration, to provide the projects discussed.</p> <p>Councillor P Hanlon thanked Ms Savine for her interesting presentation.</p>	
<b>LC14 /009</b>	<p><b><u>Haverhill Crafters Co-operative</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk advised the meeting that he was meeting with representatives of this group to review their requirements and look at potential accommodation on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LC14 /010</b>	<p><b><u>Programme for commemoration of World War 1 centenary and 75<sup>th</sup> World War 2 anniversary</u></b></p> <p>The Arts and Leisure Manager presented a list of events happening in Haverhill over August and the following autumn. The list is attached to the minutes as appendix 2.</p> <p>The Committee congratulated the manager on the good range of events being organised.</p>	
<b>LC14 /011</b>	<p><b><u>Outstanding grant funds available for distribution</u></b></p> <p>The Committee noted the funds available for distribution under the various cost centres and agreed the process of access to funding was to be as follows:</p> <p>a) 4500 Grant to Local organisations                      £13,000 By Application form and determined by Councillors.</p> <p>b) 4450 Grant - Haverhill in Bloom                      £2,000 4516 Grant – Haverhill Flower Festival              £1,000 4510 Grant – Town Twinning                              £1,000 4514 Grant – Wednesday 4 Women                      £4,000 4518 Grant – Haverhill Local History Soc.              £2,500 4504 Grant – Youth Bus                                      £4,500 By submitting reports on previous work and an annual application form.</p> <p>c) 4503 Grant – Youth projects                              £20,000 Primarily for Town Council projects, this was not funds available to external bodies unless an exceptional proposal came forward.</p> <p>d) 4505 Arts Centre AGM Grants                              £700 By application form and determined by Officers – grants not to exceed £200 and to be given on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>e) 4511 Grant – 3CT Community Transport              £3,000 4507 Grant – Volunteer Centre                              £1,400 By giving a short annual presentation to Committee on the work of these groups in the previous years and submitting a financial report on how the grant was used.</p>	

<b>LC14 /012</b>	<p><b><u>Determination of current grant applications</u></b>  The Committee determined the following grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Haverhill Owls WI - £300 towards general running costs – Proposed by Councillor E Goody, Seconded by Councillor B McLatchy, the committee <b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously to this request.</li> <li>b) Crossroads Care East Anglia - £400 towards Hawk Homeshare Service. Proposed by Councillor M Byrne, Seconded by Councillor B McLatchy, the committee <b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously to this request.</li> <li>c) Haverhill Scouts &amp; Guides - £500 to assist the setting up of “Havertri”, a triathlon for Haverhill in October 2014. Proposed by Councillor B McLatchy, Seconded by Councillor M Martin, the committee <b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously to this request.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee noted that the previous application by Haverhill Tennis Club for £543.80 is not being pursued by them at this time but may be re-presented for the September meeting – in which case they would be asked to give a presentation.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LC14 /013</b>	<p><b><u>Reports from Grant Recipients</u></b>  The Committee noted and accepted reports from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) REACH</li> <li>b) Bury St Edmunds Women’s Refuge (Councillor M Byrne having declared a pecuniary Interest, see LC14/004)</li> <li>c) Haverhill Art Group</li> </ul>	
<b>LC14 /014</b>	<p><b><u>Bevan House Funding for Princes Trust</u></b>  The committee considered ratifying the match funding expenditure of £360.60 towards the work by the Princes Trust at Bevan House. The Committee noted that the young people independently raised £688.48 towards this project and asked that the Clerk write to them to thank them for their efforts and the resulting improvements to the grounds at Bevan House.  It was proposed by Councillor E Goody, Seconded by Councillor B McLatchy, that £360.60 be granted to this project  <b>RESOLVED that a grant of £360.60 be awarded to this project.</b>  The Committee noted that the presentation of awards for the project would take place on 29<sup>th</sup> July at the Arts Centre.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LC14 /015</b>	<p><b><u>Report on past and future Arts Centre and leisure activities</u></b>  The Arts and Leisure Manager gave a verbal update on the Haverhill Festival/Summer in Haverhill, plus the Arts Centre activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Haverhill Festival/Summer in Haverhill</li> <li>b) Arts Centre – The theatre is a tough sell at the moment.</li> <li>c) Big Bash Concert – which features 10 Haverhill-based bands.</li> <li>d) Arts Centre staff and events raised £500 for St Nicks Hospice</li> <li>e) David Starkey talk went very well – despite him being delayed by glue on the M11.</li> </ul>	

	f) The majority of events continue to be free to attend. The Committee expressed their thanks to Nick, declaring the list exceeded expectations.	
<b>LC14 /016</b>	<b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b> It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2014.	
<b>LC14 /017</b>	<b><u>Closure</u></b> The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:50pm	

Chairman

Date

## Appendix 1

### Public Forum

**Mr J Burns** referred to item 9 on the agenda: As someone who has studied WW1 for many years having a vested interest with my own uncle's (father's brother) demise near the end, I am hoping that plans for remembering it are not just limited to a few names on the war memorial and particularly not just what central government says are to be "important dates". Most WW1 experts, including the Western Front Association of which I am a member, have said remembering centenaries such as Gallipoli in 2015, the Somme and Jutland in 2016, and Passchendaele in 2017 are biased towards large scale defeats. It should be remembered there were many more single battles that resulted in a greater loss of life. Equally there were many battles that resulted in victory such as at Amiens in 1918. However nobody wins when it comes to mass slaughter and any plans should encourage people to understand the futility of war and its eventual outcome.

Local communities, such as here in Haverhill and surrounding villages, were affected greatly by young men joining the same local regiment and dying together as a subsequent result. Apart from the loss of life, many more suffered untold disabilities, both physical and mental, which affected them for the rest of their lives. We should also remember those left behind who suffered greatly from the effects of bereavement over many subsequent years as I understand was the case with my own father's family.

Having said this, the government has issued a very good guide to engaging local communities in the process over the next four years and have a website dedicated to it. Apart from the country-wide events, such as the lights out event on the evening of August 4<sup>th</sup>, we have less than a month before the start of the commemoration period and there appears to be little in the way of publicly announced plans by the TC. I therefore look forward with interest to item 9 on the agenda hearing what the TC are planning to encourage local schools and populace to take a greater interest in the entire 4+ years of the conflict. I understand that HAWP and other organisations have also been working on similar plans and it is hoped that no duplicate of effort has been made by the TC to date.

Turning to WW2 I would suggest there is little to remember about the start of this particular war. It should be remembered that until the Battle of France around May 1940, which of course was in itself a disaster ending in the evacuation at Dunkerque, and some naval casualties in Scapa Flow and elsewhere, virtually nothing happened to affect the lives of people in the Haverhill area. I would therefore respectfully question why the TC is spending time and manpower making any effort to commemorate such an event at this time.

#### **Mr Burns also talked about the items on grant-making.**

I see from item 12 that three organisations are due to report on the effect TC grants have had on their organisations. As a general question related to items 10 and 11 on the agenda, can the TC advise what efforts are made to ensure that grants issued are used for the purpose to which they were intended, achieve the desired result as stated on the grant application, properly accounted for in the recipients accounts, and that they represent good value for money to the taxpayer?

No other members of the public wished to speak.

## Appendix 2

### Provisional programme of Events to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the start of WW1 and WW2

Date	Event	Venue	Lead Group	Notes
Sunday 10 August	<b>Civic Church Service</b>	St Mary's Parish Church	British Legion	
Sunday 31 August	<b>Guided WW1 Cemetery Walk</b>	Haverhill Cemetery	Haverhill Family History Group	Date to be confirmed – maybe two walks
Saturday 6 September	<b>More Tea Vicar</b>	Haverhill Arts Centre	Haverhill Arts Centre	An afternoon with Dads Army Vicar Frank Williams
Saturday 20 September	<b>World War 2 Talk and Display</b>	Haverhill Library	Haverhill Family History Group	Talk at 11am about FEPOW's & their lives after the war
Sunday 28 September	<b>Keep the Home Fires Burning</b>	Haverhill Arts Centre Main Auditorium	Haverhill Silver Band	A concert of World War 1 Themed Music
Thursday 23 October – Tuesday 11 November	<b>WW1 &amp; WW2 Time Lines and Field of Poppies Exhibition</b>	Haverhill Arts Centre Gallery	Haverhill Family History Group	Involves public in placing poppies
Thurs 30 October – Saturday 8 November	<b>The War Front – Display of Haverhill Servicemen from both wars and Haverhill's home front in WW2</b>	Haverhill Arts Centre Studio	Haverhill Family History Group	Involves schools and includes period <u>artefacts (open on particular days during this time)</u>
Sunday 2 November	<b>Everyone Sang - Reflective Music and Poetry to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of WW1</b>	Haverhill Arts Centre Auditorium	Haverhill Choral Society	
Tuesday 4 November	<b>Classic War Films</b>	Haverhill Arts Centre	Haverhill Arts Centre	
Thursday 6 November	<b>Our Friend the Enemy</b>	Haverhill Arts Centre Auditorium	Haverhill Arts Centre	Professional Theatre Production
Thursday 13 November	<b>We Will Remember Them</b>	Old Independent Church	Haverhill Family History Group	Recalling the lives of some of those named on the Haverhill War Memorial and the OIC Memorial