

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Held on Tuesday 10th March 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
- Apologies:** Councillor P Firman
Councillor M Martin
Councillor G Stroud
- Absent:** Councillor D Roach
Councillor D Russo
- In Attendance:** Councillor B Robbins
Colin Poole (Town Clerk)
Nick Keeble (Arts and Leisure Manager)

6 members of the public were present.

Welcome:

Councillor P Hanlon welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly MS Moira Welham, from St Nicholas Hospice and advised members of the public attending that the meeting was being recorded.

MINUTES

- LC15 /012** Apologies for Absence
No apologies had been received.
- LC15 /013** Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations
Councillor M Byrne declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in LC15/006(e), as a relative was a member of the gymnastics club.
- LC15 /014** St Nicholas Hospice
Ms Moira Welham gave a presentation on the work of the Burton Centre, requesting assistance in encouraging more people to access the

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services on offer there. The presentation is attached in appendix 2.

Councillors expressed interest in the data gathered by Ms Welham, and asked for details of where that information came from.

In answer to questions, Ms Welham confirmed that the Burton Centre can offer bereavement counselling to children through its Family Support Team. Mental health clients were taken on a case-by case basis as the hospice cannot cover every gap in healthcare provision.

Nick Keeble highlighted the pensioners mail-out by the Town Council, which could include information from the hospice. Also, the hospice was welcome to have a stall at the Big Day out and Big Bash events in the summer.

The Chairman thanked Ms Welham for her informative presentation.

LC15 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

/015 The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2015 were agreed as a true record.

LC15 **Matters Arising**

/016

- a) LC14/035 & 036 – Community Action Suffolk. The clerk had highlighted the need to attend and give a presentation to CAS, but nobody had been put forward.
- b) LC14/038 – Meeting regarding Environmental Budget. The meeting regarding planters in the High Street had been successful, in that offers of help had been made, including a nursery offering to provide plants at cost price. A meeting was being arranged with the Chamber of Commerce. It was proposed by Councillor E Goody, seconded by Councillor M Byrne, that the Clerk make contact with the nursery to discuss what is on offer and put together a proposal.

RESOLVED

- c) LC14/039 – Bus shelter request. The Apprentice had visited the bus stop in question on a number of occasions, different days and different times. Only once had they found anyone using that stop. The Clerk suggested further consultation could be carried out at adjacent bus stops, but this seemed to be a rather under-used stop. Councillor E Goody supported this observation, it matching his own observations of that stop as he used the bus service which runs past it. It was proposed by Councillor M Byrne, seconded by Councillor E Goody, that no further work be done on this unless further requests are made.

RESOLVED

LC15 **Adjournment**

/017

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum. See Appendix 1 for Details.

The meeting was reconvened

LC15 **Current budget position for Grant-Giving**

/018 The Clerk drew the meeting's attention to the budget report tabled. £7,900 remained available for allocation in 2014/15, plus the £1,400 earmarked for Community Action Suffolk remained unclaimed.

The Clerk asked the meeting to consider a virement of the CAS funding to support the employment of a co-ordinator for the Community Ambassadors. This was managed by CAS but they had pulled out causing the Town Council to step in. If the Town Council was having to do the work of CAS, then it seemed appropriate to use the funding we would have given them for this purpose.

It was proposed by Councillor E Goody, seconded by Councillor M Bynre, that the £1,400 earmarked for Community Action Suffolk for 2014/15 be vired towards the cost of employing a co-ordinator for the Community Ambassadors.

RESOLVED

LC15 **Determination of current grant applications**

/019 The Committee determined the following grants

- a) REACH Community Projects - £3000 to support the running costs of the Resource Centre and £2000 to support the furniture bank. Proposed by Councillor M Byrne, seconded by Councillor B McLatchy, the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve this request.
- b) 1st Haverhill Scout Group - £500 towards the cost of staging a mass participation cycle ride or cycle race. Proposed by Councillor B McLatchy, seconded by Councillor E Goody, the committee **RESOLVED** to approve this request.
- c) Haverhill Art Group - £400 towards hire of the Bistro café, cost of demonstrations and workshops. Proposed by Councillor B McLatchy, seconded by Councillor E Goody, the committee **RESOLVED** to approve this request.
- d) Haverhill Fire and Ice Majorettes - £400 towards hall hire for weekly training and competition fees. Proposed by Councillor E Goody, seconded by Councillor B McLatchy, the committee **RESOLVED** to approve this request.
- e) Haverhill Gymnastics Club - £700 towards the purchase of new equipment. Proposed by Councillor B McLatchy, seconded by Councillor E Goody, the committee **RESOLVED** to approve this request.

LC15 **Reports from Grant Recipients**

- /020**
- a) Haverhill Silver Band – The committee noted the report regarding the purchase of uniforms and that the Town Council had been credited with the sponsorship in local press coverage.
 - b) Haverhill Art group – The committee noted the report regarding the AGM

It was proposed by Councillor E Goody, seconded by Councillor M Bynre, that the above reports be accepted. **RESOLVED**

LC15 **Arrangements for Grant Giving 2015/16**

/021 The Clerk tabled a draft policy and form for grant giving. This is not based on the old policy or form so Members are asked to highlight those bits of the existing system that should stay.

The matter will be discussed at the next meeting, but any comments to the Clerk ahead of the meeting please.

LC15 **Report on past and future Arts Centre and leisure activities**

/022 a) The Arts and Leisure Manager's report was tabled. (see appendix 2).

b) The Arts Manager informed the meeting that this was the strongest year for attendances since the Town Council took over the running of the Arts Centre, with February having the highest admissions of any month for 5 years.

Councillor Byrne commended the work of the staff and declared that this made her proud to be associated with the Council. The meeting endorsed this sentiment wholeheartedly.

LC15 **Date of Next Meeting**

/023 It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 5th May 2015.

LC15 **Closure**

/024 The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:06pm

Chairman

Date

Councillors

Clerk

Appendix 1

Public Forum

Mr John Burns raised three points:

- 1 Planters – was the intention to investigate buying the planters instead of renting them? The Clerk confirmed that was what would be investigated, although storage, moving them etc were all issues.
- 2 Poppy Seeds – What happened to the poppy seeds bought for the WW1 commemorations? - The Arts office confirmed these had been given to Haverhill In Bloom to arrange scattering.
- 3 Mr Burns shared with the meeting his opinion of Community Action Suffolk.

Appendix 2

Nick Keeble - March 2015

FOCUS ON FILM

Admissions for Cinema in February 2015 were the highest monthly admissions for 5 years with more than 1300 tickets sold for cinematic events. Particularly strong were Mr Turner, the Theory of Everything and Paddington.

Figures show that admissions to Event Cinema asince we started screening in March 2013 total more than 3500 and the gross income of more than £40000.

The installation of the digital projector has proved a sound investment by the Town Council and the ongoing support for the town's independent cinema remains strong.

SUMMER IN HAVERHILL 2015

Plans are well advanced for summer events including The Big Day Out, Community Fun Days and Tribute Nights. Tribute Nights will include Take That and One Direction.

ARTS CENTRE PROGRAMME

Centre Stage added an extra show of Peter Pan and had 200 people attend the show. Sales for their forthcoming Vicar of Dibley are strong.

The Forthcoming programme from May – August 2015 includes highlights from Toyah Willcox, The Dreamers, Judie Tzuke, the Yoruba Women's Choir, Edinburgh Comedy Previews , Annie and a X Factor competition for local singers.

Charitable events at Haverhill Arts Centre raised more than £2000 in February.

Events and Activities 2015

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL	SENIOR CITIZENS COACH TRIP TO SPALDING			
WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE	SENIOR CITIZENS COACH TRIP TO FELIXSTOWE			
THURS 11 JUNE –SUN 5 JULY	HAVERHILL FESTIVAL 2015			
SUNDAY 12 JULY	HAVERHILL HISTORIC TRANSPORT RALLY AND ROAD RUN	Town Hall Car Park	10.00am-5.00pm	FREE
SUNDAY 19 JULY	SUMMER BASH 2015	Recreation Ground	10.00am	FREE
SATURDAY 25 JULY	ROBIN HOOD – THE MUSICAL	East Town Park	5.00pm	
WEDNESDAY 29 JULY	THE BIG DAY OUT	Recreation Ground	10.00am	FREE Voluntary Donations
SATURDAY 1 AUGUST	TRIBUTE NIGHT	Market Square	8.00pm	FREE
WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST	SENIOR CITIZENS COACH TRIP TO LOWESTOFT			
WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST	CHALKSTONE FUN DAY	The New Croft	11.00am	FREE Voluntary Donations
WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST	PICNIC IN THE PARK	East Town Park	11.00am	FREE Voluntary Donations
WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST	PARKWAY FUN DAY	Rugby Club	11.00am	FREE Voluntary Donations
SATURDAY 22 AUGUST	TRIBUTE NIGHT	Market Square	8.00pm	FREE