

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Held on Monday 6th July at 7.04pm at the Leiston Community Centre,
Haverhill



Present: Councillor J Burns (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor A Brown
Councillor A Williams
Councillor W Yang

Apologies: Councillor M Byrne Attending another meeting
Councillor P Fox Unwell
Councillor P Hanlon Attending another meeting
Mayor B McLatchy (Chairman) Out of the country on a Town
Twinning visit

Absent: None

In Attendance: Councillor Q Fox
Councillor D Roach
Colin Poole (Town Clerk)
Nick Keeble (Arts and Leisure Manager)

4 members of the public were present.

Welcome:

Councillor J Burns welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised members of the public attending that the meeting was being recorded.

MINUTES

LC15 Apologies for Absence

/036 The above apologies and reasons given were noted.

ACTION

LC15 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations

/037 Councillor A Brown declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in item LC15/041 as an ex-member of the armed forces.

LC15 Minutes of the Last Meeting

/038 The minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2015 were agreed as a true record.

- LC15 Matters Arising**
/039 There were no matters arising.
- LC15 Public Forum**
/040 No member of the public wished to speak.
- LC15 Armed Forces Day 2016**
/041 The meeting considered, with contribution from representatives of the Royal British Legion (RBL), how Haverhill might mark Armed Forces Day with a more significant event than the current flag-raising. It was agreed that an event featuring local cadet units, military motor vehicles and Silver Band on the marketplace would be more in keeping. The RBL will put together a plan. It was noted that the event in 2016 is on 25th June which will lead onto plans for commemoration of the Somme anniversary on 1st July 2016.
- LC15 Public Sports Facilities in Haverhill**
/042 Following a recent Borough consultation with smaller parishes on their satisfaction with public sports and recreation spaces, the meeting considered it useful to benchmark Haverhill against towns both of a similar size now and a similar size to what Haverhill will be in 2031. The Clerk will ask the local media to carry an article requesting comments on the matter.
- LC15 Signage for Arts Centre, Bevan House and the Leiston Centre**
/043 The meeting asked that the Clerk bring forward proposals for signage outside the Arts Centre. Signage for the other buildings could not be decided until their use and ownership respectively were clarified.
- LC15 Determination of current grant applications**
/043 The Committee determined the following grants
- a) **Haverhill Family History Group - £300** to enable the Haverhill Family History Group to organise an exhibition and guided help session(s) for the benefit of the local community, promoting an interest in family, social and local history. Proposed by Councillor T Brown, seconded by Councillor A Williams, the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve this request.
 - b) **The Jubilee Park Allotment Association - £400** to purchase a shed to house equipment. Also to purchase glass for a greenhouse and to invest in some plants which would attract pollinators to our site and which would enhance the environment for our members, but also have a beneficial effect on the wider community by making the site a pleasant green space in the middle of the Clement's estate. Proposed by Councillor T Brown, seconded by Councillor W Yang, the committee **RESOLVED** to approve this request.
 - c) **Reach - £960** towards enabling families who would otherwise be unable to afford it, the opportunity to send their children on an Abbey Croft Leisure Outdoor Activity sessions during the summer holidays. The funding will provide 60 sessions over the six weeks of summer. Reach will arrange for payment on behalf of the young people. Proposed by Councillor W Yang, seconded by Councillor A Williams, the committee **RESOLVED** to approve this request.

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- d) **Outspoken Theatre - £300** towards the costs of staging of a production of A Midsummer Night's Dream in Haverhill and surrounding villages in July / August 2015. Proposed by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor A Brown, the committee **RESOLVED** to approve this request.
- e) **Haverhill Running Club - £250** towards the hire of the Arts Centre for holding an awards evening so that it can acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of its members and the contribution made by its volunteers. Proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by Councillor A Williams, the committee **RESOLVED** to approve this request.
- f) **Suffolk Accident Rescue Services (SARS) - £400** towards the cost of volunteer doctors and paramedics who attend medical emergencies which require enhanced critical care support in the Haverhill area. Proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by Councillor A Williams, the committee **RESOLVED** to approve this request.

LC15 Reports from Grant Recipients

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- a) Polished Brass reported back on their fundraising concert to help young people in musical education. The Committee noted that the event added £1000+ to the education fund, representing a leverage of 3:1 on what the Council had contributed.
- b) REACH reported back on their continuing work to support people in need through their food bank and advice service. The Committee noted that the clients are supported to address the underlying issues impacting upon them, resulting in a reduced reliance on the food bank.

Proposed by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor A Brown, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the above reports.

LC15 Report on past and future Arts Centre and leisure activities

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- a) The Arts and Leisure Manager's report was tabled. (see Appendix 1).
- b) The Chair complimented the Arts Centre team on the Last Night of the Proms.

The Chair asked if the accounts for the previous two Summer Bash events could be published.

LC15 Date of Next Meeting

/044

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 8th September 2015.

LC15 Closure

/045

The meeting was declared closed at 8:36pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date

Appendix 1

Arts & leisure Manager's Report - Nick Keeble - July 2015

HAVERHILL FESTIVAL REPORT

The 2015 Haverhill Festival ran from Friday 12 June to Sunday 5 July. It incorporated Theatre, Dance, Comedy, Music, Cinema, Walks, Talks, Fun Days, Community Events and Street Entertainment alongside a number of School events at Haverhill Arts Centre.



More than 1000 people attended the programme of live events

More than 300 children took part in schools events which were attended by audiences of more than 700 people.

More than 400 attended film screenings

Haverhill Town Council engaged directly with 15 groups and organisations which took part in or performed at events during the Festival.

In addition the Festival assisted in publicising and enhancing events organised by The Castle Partnership Extravaganza, the St Nicholas Hospice Open Day, Suffolk Family History Group and two events organised by the St Edmundsbury Borough Council Markets Development Officer which were attended by large audiences.

HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE PROGRAMME

Attendances at the live programme has been somewhat unpredictable. After attending a recent meeting of venues managers from other venues, this seems to be a national issue.

However, the cinema continues to do well. The attendance to regular cinema screenings in the first quarter of the year is 35% up on the equivalent period last year.



SUMMER IN HAVERHILL The Summer in Haverhill brochure has now been produced. It details the main events and activities in the Town between 12 July and 31 August. The programme begins with the Historic Vehicle Rally in the Town Hall Car Park on Sunday 12 July.