

TOWN MEETING

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday 15th May 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Main Hall, Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill

PRESENT: Town Mayor: Cllr Maureen Byrne

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk to the Council – Will Austin
Nineteen members of the public

MINUTES

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Town Councillor Cook.

2. **Minutes of Meeting held 10th May 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held 10th May 2011 were signed as a true record.

3. **Town Mayor's Report**

Councillor Byrne delivered a report on her term of office as Town Mayor. She said it had been a privilege to be the town's Mayor, and to carry the trust of Town Council colleagues. She had striven to ensure that Haverhill is recognised and respected in all of her dealings as Mayor, within and beyond the town.

Councillor Byrne thanked Councillor Pat Hanlon and Maura Tyler for their help and support in carrying out her duties, and in deputising for her. She expressed her pride in the envy shown by others towards the Town Council-supported Haverhill Arts Centre, and the events and activities run by and within it, including Haverhill Silver Band, Centre Stage and the pensioners' events. Councillor Byrne offered her thanks to staff at the Arts Centre, and in particular to Vicky Ward in her role as Secretary to the Town Mayor.

Councillor Byrne had enjoyed the support of two Town Clerks during her year as Mayor. She thanked Gordon Mussett for his patience, expertise and professionalism, and Will Austin for his help and assistance.

She pledged to continue to represent the Haverhill after leaving office, and gave recognition to the voluntary sector – especially those caring for the most vulnerable. Their efforts should be treasured and valued. Councillor Byrne said that Haverhill is a safe place to live, work and raise a family.

She offered her thanks to the media for their balanced reporting, and pledged to continue campaign on local issues, in particular health care at the moment.

In closing, Councillor Byrne offered her sincerest thanks to all who had contributed to the Mayor's chairities.

4. **For the public to discuss any matter relating to the Town of Haverhill**

No members of the public had any matters to discuss.

5. **Closure**

The meeting was closed at 7.07pm.