

# Haverhill Town Council



HAVERHILL  
TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

### ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held remotely on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 8.00pm under regulation 6 of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

**Present:** Councillor A Brown (Chairman)  
Mayor J Burns  
Councillor P Fox  
Councillor L Miller-Jones (*from 8:35pm*)  
Councillor L Smith  
Councillor A Stinchcombe

**Apologies:** Councillor A Luccarini  
Nick Keeble Arts & Leisure Manager  
Gary Wilson Operations Manager

**Absent:** None

**In Attendance:** Colin Poole Town Clerk  
Saffron Owen Climate Change Officer  
Alisha Jenkins Office Administrator

No members of the public were present.

#### **Welcome:**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Clerk advised that the meeting was being streamed live on the Council's YouTube Channel.

**ES21 /026** **Apologies for Absence**  
The above apologies were noted.

**ES21 /027** **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and requests for Dispensations**  
No declarations were made.

**ES21 /028** **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
It was proposed by Councillor L Smith, seconded by Councillor A Stinchcombe that the minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be adopted as a true record.

**RESOLVED**

**ES21 /029** **Actions from the previous meeting not on the Agenda**

- ES21/011 – Existing Green Spaces: As this was requested by the Arts & Leisure Manager who has given his apologies, this item was deferred to the next meeting.
- ES21/022 – Wildlife Survey: The Clerk advised that the two wildlife cameras and SD cards to monitor the biodiversity of Railway Walk have

**ACTION**

been purchased. Arrangements will be made for their installation; thanks were noted for Councillor M Marks who helped source suitable placement sites for the cameras.

**ES21** **Public Forum**

**/030** There were no members of the public present.

**ES21** **Action Plan (including updates from Operations Manager and Climate Change Officer)**

**/031**

To review progress against the Action Plan:

- a) Internal goals for the Council:
  - i. Latest SALIX funding round: The application form went live at 2pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> April. The Operations Manager attended a webinar held the day after the application opened, which provided information on how to fill out the application. As of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 44 grants had been submitted totalling £71million of the £75million available. If the competitive 'first-come, first-served' approach is going to be used for future applications, the town council may realistically need to engage a paid consultant to ensure that all questions can be answered without delay. The process favours well-resourced bodies, who were allowed to submit applications in round 2 despite having already been awarded funds in round 1. Complaints have already been made by smaller organisations regarding the fairness of the funding process.
  - ii. Reduction of energy consumption in HTC buildings: The Operations Manager reported that solar panels would not be able to be placed on the Haverhill Arts Centre as it is a grade 2 listed building. The Operations Manager to investigate whether the Zone or the Leiston Centre would be suitable.
  - iii. Extended carbon footprint: The Operation Manger has calculated that the CO2 output for the council annually, including staff commutes, is 77 tons annually. The breakdown being 16 tons from staff vehicles, 49 tons from the Haverhill Arts Centre, 6 tons each for the Leiston Centre and The Zone. The financial offset figure has been calculated at £577. The Clerk has emailed other councils to see if others have done these types of calculations to help compare figures with like for like councils.
  - iv. Electric bike: no further progress has been undertaken as the Clerk intends purchasing one when lockdown has eased further. It was noted prices are very high at the moment.
- b) External Goals for the town
  - i. IR Camera: The Clerk informed that the IR camera has arrived and presented some test images to members to demonstrate what it could do.

**Operations  
Manger**

**ES21** **Launch of Sustainable Haverhill (Climate Change Project Officer)**

**/032**

- a) Results of online survey: The responses were presented to members.
- b) Report for Climate Change Project Officer
  - i. Updated delivery plan – Main launch: The Climate Change Project Officer presented the draft delivery plan to members. The online survey helped to identify the most popular topics for the meeting including tree planting, recycling/ reducing household waste, energy saving/ investing in renewables, sustainable living, and litter picking. The Climate Change Project Officer is currently investigating keynote speakers for each of those topics. The meeting approved the draft delivery plan.

**Climate  
Change  
Project  
Officer**

- ES21 /033** **Sustainable transport**
- a) ES21/009 – Hopper Buses: A meeting is being arranged with Suffolk County Council Transport team for information on how to build the scheme which can be fed back through this meeting and used to apply for future funding.
  - b) ES21/009 – EV Charging points: The Clerk had a meeting with West Suffolk Car Parks team and Suffolk County Council. Looking at placing an up to 8 fast charging points in the car park next to the Arts Centre car park. West Suffolk Council are already placing 8 charging points in the Haverhill Corn Exchange car park.

**ES21 /034** **Items for next meeting**  
The focus will be on the Sustainable Haverhill launch, but Members asked that decarbonisation of homes, be considered at a future meeting.

Councillor A Stinchcombe offered to produce a presentation on heating systems in homes, which was accepted with thanks

Other items for future meetings:

- Additional signage for local footpaths around the town.
- Recycling glass facilities.

**ES21 /035** **Date of next Meeting**  
TBC – Clerk to email dates

**ES21 /036** **Closure**  
The meeting was closed at 21.48pm

**Cllr A Stinchcombe**

Signed .....  
**Chairman**

Date.....