



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY WORKING PARTY

Held on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 7.00pm by videoconference

Present: Mayor B Davidson
Councillor A Brown (Chair)
Councillor J Burns
Councillor A Luccarini
Councillor J Mason
Councillor L Smith
Councillor A Stinchcombe

Apologies: Councillor L Miller-Jones
Gary Wilson, Operations Manager

In Attendance: Colin Poole, Town Clerk
Jane Lomas, Council Administrator

No members of the public were present.

Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded Councillors that the working party has no delegated powers and can only make recommendations to Full Council.

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		ACTION
ES23 /013	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> The above apologies were noted.	
ES23 /014	<u>Declarations Pecuniary Interest and requests for Dispensations</u> None.	
ES23 /015	<u>Minutes of the previous meeting</u> It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor A Stinchcombe, that the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 7 th February 2023 be agreed as a true record. RESOLVED	

ES23 /016	<u>Actions from the previous meeting not on the agenda</u> a) ES21/031(a)ii: Installation of solar panels to HTC buildings: The Clerk reported that Gary Wilson has ascertained that West Suffolk's solar scheme for business does not include a battery storage offering, but a battery can be installed. The Solar Together scheme (used by several county councils) offers batteries as part of the domestic package, so it should be a possibility for West Suffolk to offer the same. Discussion arose around the need for a battery storage facility, and it was agreed that it is essential.	
ES23 /017	<u>Public Forum</u> No members of the public were present.	
ES23 /018	<u>Bee-Friendly Haverhill</u> The Clerk updated the meeting on progress towards Haverhill becoming a Bee-Friendly Town: 1. Nan Eshelby is in talks with Castle Manor School with a view to working with the school. 2. The Clerk had a meeting with Haverhill in Bloom and West Suffolk and agreed a planting scheme around the bus station. 3. Bee-themed sustainable markets are planned. Councillor J Mason reported that there are small patches of land around the town that are currently being mowed which could be planted with wildflowers. Councillor Mason suggested that a map showing the bee-friendly areas would illustrate to the public that Haverhill is a bee-friendly town.	
ES23 /019	<u>Sustainable Markets</u> The Clerk reported that the two sustainable markets planned for this year are in hand with Sarah Marsh. The councillors have kindly funded the Bee Performance which is booked in. There are a good number of stalls.	
ES23 /020	<u>Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund</u> The Clerk introduce his slides (Appendix 1). Salix finances for public sector decarbonisation have had several rounds. There are some drawbacks: those councils who have the resources and the confidence of preparing a full proposal are able to submit their bids on the first day that applications open. All proposals are allocated on a first come first served basis and it is usually full within in an hour. Bouygues have a framework agreement created by Cambridge County Council which we are eligible to join. Bouygues would produce an outline business case, the only cost to us would be for administrative costs. If the bid is successful, Bouygues deliver and manage the project overseen by Cambridge City Council. If the scheme goes ahead, a 0.75% fee is payable to Cambridge City Council for using their framework agreement. It was proposed to put this to Full Council as an agenda item to approve joining the Approved Energy Performance Framework as outlined in the agreement.	

	Proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Alan Stinchcombe. RESOLVED	CP
ES23 /021	<u>Items for the next meeting</u> Councillor J Burns asked that the Operations Manager attend the next meeting to discuss the solar panels. Councillor J Burns suggested the possibility of placing solar panels on the Arts Centre temporary extension. Councillor A Brown said that the building would require strengthening which would be an additional cost. It would be an element of the intended permanent extension which replaces the temporary existing extension.	CP
ES23 /022	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> Tuesday 13 th June 2023	
ES23 /023	<u>Closure</u> The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:31pm.	

Signed
Chairman

Date