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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Haverhill Town Council to be held at the Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill, on Monday, 29 July 2024 commencing at 7.00pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business:

CONSTITUTION: Town Mayor: D Smith
Town Councillors: R André, A Brown, J Burns, Q Cox, J Crooks,
B Davidson, P Firman, P Hanlon, A Luccarini,
M Martin, J Mason, L Miller-Jones,
D Page, L Smith, A Stinchcombe.

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC TO ATTEND IN PERSON:
To Register: email town.clerk@haverhill-tc.gov.uk

YOUTUBE: The meeting may be live-streamed, if so, it will be on the following channel:

<https://youtube.com/live/eeOqBTcLzPY?feature=share>

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
Please give any apologies by email or telephone by 5.00pm of the day of the meeting.
2. **Declaration of interests and requests for Dispensations**
For members to declare any interests they may have on items on the agenda and agree any dispensations to stay.
 - a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
 - b) Other Registrable Interests
 - c) Non-Registrable Interests
3. **Minutes of the Meetings of the Town Council held Tuesday, 25 June 2024**
To confirm the minutes of the council meeting held Monday, 24 June 2024, as a true record.
4. **To note progress of actions arising from the minutes not covered by this agenda**
5. **Lithium Batteries**
To consider supporting the bill being brought to the House of Lords by Lord Foster of Bath to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bike and e-scooters) and their disposal. (see emailed request)

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6. **Reports from District/County Councillors on issues pertinent to HAVERHILL and the PUBLIC FORUM**
- Police Report
 - County Councillors
 - District Councillors
 - Town Councillors' matters to report
 - Members of the public are welcome to make statements or put questions at this time.
7. **Mayor's Report**
To receive a report from the Mayor.
8. **Grant Making**
- To amend grants policy clause 1.2 (see appendix 1)
 - Grant Request: Abbeycroft Leisure, £5161.72 towards the HAF programme for October 2024 and February 2025 and £2,580.86 for May 2025, to come from the 2025/26 budget.
 - Grant Request: Haverhill Deaf: BSL Training £759
9. **ONE Haverhill Partnership**
- To receive a verbal update from the clerk
 - To consider being the leading partner on a second Haverhill Science Festival, to be held April 2026.
10. **Financial Matters**
- To authorise the following payment list: -

| Date | BACS/DD | Value £ |
|------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 12/03/2024 | BACS | 40,967.89 |
| | DD | 184.56 |
| 03/07/2024 | BACS | 24,671.14 |
| | DD | 864.85 |
| 10/07/2024 | BACS | 13117.76 |
| | DD | 960.32 |
| 16/07/2024 | BACS | 46,667.54 |
| | DD | 2291.75 |
| 17/04/2024 | BACS | 40,210.01 |
| | DD | 425.52 |
| | Total | £170,361.34 |

11. **Adoption of Committee Reports**
- Personnel Working Party: To move the adoption of the redacted minutes of the Personnel Working Party held 21st May 2024 and the recommendations contained therein.(attached)
 - Leisure Committee: To move the adoption of the minutes of the committee meeting held 15th July 2024 and any recommendations contained therein (Attached).
 - Planning Committee: To move the adoption of the minutes of the meeting held 23rd July 2024 (to follow) and any recommendations contained therein.

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- d) Finance Working Party: To move the adoption of the minutes of the meeting held 22nd April 2024 (attached) and any recommendations contained therein.

12. Membership of Committees

To consider amending the terms of reference for Leisure and Community and Finance meetings so that the membership is reduced from 10 to 8, and the quorums amended from 4 to 3. These meetings grew in size to be rather large in recent years, but now carry vacancies which push the quorum up. The proposed amendments reflect the current situation and reduce the risk of a meeting being inquorate.

13. Actions taken under delegated powers

None.

14. To receive urgent correspondence

To note any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was published.

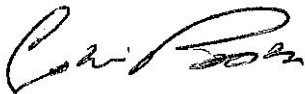
15. Date of Next Meetings

Monday, 30 September 2024

16. Closure

A Haverhill Community Trustee meeting will follow immediately after the end of this meeting

Charity Trust meetings are not open to the public.



Colin Poole
Haverhill Town Clerk

Date: Monday, 22 July 2024,

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Appendix 1

Item 7: grant Policy

Current clause 1.2: Haverhill Town Council has the authority to make grants under the Local Government Act 1972, s 137, which allows a local authority to spend a limited amount on activities for which it has no specific power, but which the authority considers 'will bring direct benefit to their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants'. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 added the requirement that the benefit obtained should be commensurate with the

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expenditure incurred. Whilst this Council gives grants under the General Power of Competence, it follows the rules for s137 as good practice.

Replacement:

Haverhill Town Council has the authority to make grants under the Localism Act 2011 s1, General Power of Competence. Whilst this Council gives grants under the General Power of Competence, it follows the rules for s137 as good practice. This means grant applications will not be successful unless they can demonstrate outcomes which the authority considers 'will bring direct benefit to the area, or any part of it or all of some of its inhabitants'. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 added the requirement that the benefit obtained should be commensurate with the expenditure incurred.

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