

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2003 at 7.30 p.m.**  
**At The Town Hall Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill**



**HAVERHILL  
TOWN COUNCIL**

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**PRESENT:**                      **Town Mayor:**                      **Cllr Annette Daniel-Ward**  
   **Town Councillors:**                      **R Avallone, M Dane, S Fanning, M Graham (Except items 1-2), G Kiernan, Maggie Lee, Mrs Mary Martin, J Rudd, L Samples (Items 1-5 only), A Thomas, R Warwick, N Whelan**

**Also present: Twenty six members of the public**

**1.        Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Cullum, Goody and Robinson

**2.        Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Kiernan, Maggie Lee, Mrs Mary Martin, and Thomas declared an interest as Members of St Edmundsbury Borough Council. Cllrs Kiernan and Maggie Lee declared an interest as Members of Suffolk County Council.

*PUBLIC FORUM*

A member of the public complained about the poor state of football pitches in the town. It was agreed that this would be noted pending a possible future report on the Puddlebrook development.

A member of the public asked for an update on the overflowing sewer manhole near New Cangle School.

A member of the public asked whether Councillors who resign from one political party should also resign from the Council.

A member of the public stated that the existing facilities for football at Puddlebrook were appalling and was advised that this was a Borough Council matter.

A member of the public asked about the transfer of the Arts Centre trusteeship.

A member of the public asked about when the projected skateboard park would be built.

A member of the public stated that they had felt ashamed that attendance by the Town Mayor and Councillors at the Drama Competition and Haverhill Festival had been so poor.

Cllr Kiernan proposed an Cllr Mrs Mary Martin seconded that the permitted time for the public forum be extended by a further ten minutes, all being in favour.

A member of the public asked for the Town Council's position on the expansion of Stansted airport.

A member of the public asked whether the Public Forum could be incorporated into Committee meetings.

### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Cllr Kiernan proposed and Cllr Mrs Mary Martin seconded that the minutes of the meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> May be accepted as a true record, all being in favour.

### **4. Urgent Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no urgent matters arising from the minutes.

### **5. Adoption of Committee Minutes**

#### Leisure & Arts Committee

Cllr Dane proposed and Cllr Daniel-Ward seconded that the minutes of the meeting of the Leisure & Arts Committee held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2003 be adopted, all being in favour. Cllr Dane proposed and Cllr Rudd seconded that the minutes of the meeting of the Leisure & Arts Committee held 10<sup>th</sup> June 2003 be adopted, all being in favour.

#### Planning Committee

Cllr Whelan proposed and Cllr Rudd seconded that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2003 be adopted, all being in favour. Cllr Kiernan asked that it be noted that if the Council wished to debate the planning application by IFF he would need to declare an interest and leave the room.

#### Finance Committee

Cllr Daniel-Ward proposed that the minutes of the Finance Committee held 17<sup>th</sup> June 2003 be adopted.

Cllr Dane questioned an item and a debate ensued.

Cllr Maggie Lee proposed and Cllr Fanning seconded that the meeting be suspended so that order may be restored to the meeting, all being in favour.

The meeting was suspended at 8.45 p.m.

The meeting was resumed at 9.15 p.m.

The Town Mayor advised that only that business that was essential to be dealt with this evening would be addressed, and all other items would be deferred to a later meeting.

**6. Approval of Accounts 2002/2003**

Cllr Maggie Lee proposed, and Cllr Whelan seconded, that the accounts for 2002/2003 be adopted, all being in favour. The Town Mayor duly signed the accounts.

**7. Appointment of Internal Auditor**

Cllr Maggie Lee proposed and Cllr Thomas seconded that Mr Eric Cross be reappointed as Independent Internal Auditor for 2003/2004.

**8. Urgent Payments**

Cllr Maggie Lee declared an interest in two of the cheque payees. Cllr Kiernan proposed and Cllr Mrs Mary Martin seconded that the payments shown on the list be approved, all being in favour.

<b>List Date</b>	<b>Item Numbers</b>	<b>Cheque Numbers</b>	<b>Total Value for List £</b>
25.06.03	1-16	000365-000380	£12,452.44

**9. Closure**

The meeting was closed at 9.20 p.m.