

## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at 7.30 pm**  
**In Samuel Ward Upper School, Haverhill**



### **HAVERHILL TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Present:**                      **Chair:**                      **Tim Marks**  
**Town Councillors:**      **L Ager, S Brown, M Graham, E McManus,**  
**Mrs Mary Martin, E Morton, K Richardson,**  
**A Thomas, and E Treble**

**Also present:**              **Sixty-five members of the public**

### **MINUTES**

1.     **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Goody, S Martin, Samples and Warwick.
2.     **Address by Out-going Mayor**  
The Mayor gave an address in which he thanked the Council for the unique opportunity that serving as Mayor had given him, particularly in raising his awareness of the unique contribution made to the town by the voluntary sector. The Mayor indicated he was both surprised and elated at the individual talents possessed by residents of the town and county, and the enthusiasm, particularly amongst the youth, to become involved. The Mayor indicated that over time there had been a change for the better in the perception of Haverhill amongst the wider population, and that it was time for the town's residents to take pride in the town and their achievements.
3.     **Election of Town Mayor**  
Cllr Marks proposed and Cllr Morton seconded that Cllr Thomas be nominated for the position of Mayor. There being no further nominations, Cllr Thomas being willing to be appointed, and all being in favour Cllr Thomas was declared Town Mayor. Cllr Thomas signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and donned the Mayoral robes.
4.     **Vote of Thanks**  
Cllr Thomas, as Mayor, thanked the Council for her election, and gave thanks to Cllr Marks for his hard work during his time as Mayor. The Mayor indicated that she had had experience of working in the voluntary sector during her twenty-five years residence in the town and that, therefore, her chosen charity would be the Haverhill Advocacy & Mentoring service (HAMS).
5.     **Election of Deputy Mayor**  
Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Marks seconded that Cllr Treble be nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor. There being no further nominations, Cllr Treble being willing to

be appointed, and all being in favour Cllr Trebble was declared Deputy Town Mayor. Cllr Trebble signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The meeting was then adjourned for photographs to be taken of the new Mayor and her Deputy.

The meeting was resumed.

**6. Mayor's Allowance**

The Council agreed the payment of the Mayor's Allowance in accordance with Section 15(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, and that the allowance be £775.

**7. Outside Representatives**

The Council delegated authority to Committees to make appointments of representatives of outside bodies.

**8. Town Council Committees**

The Council confirmed the list of Committee membership.

**9. Town Council and Committee Meeting Dates**

The Council confirmed the proposed meeting dates.

**10. To confirm Minutes of Meetings held 28th March 2006**

The minutes of the meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> March 2006 were agreed as a true record.

**11. To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no urgent matters arising from the minutes.

**12. To confirm the Clerk's re-appointment as Responsible Financial Officer.**

The Council confirmed the re-appointment of the Clerk as its Responsible Financial Officer.

**13. To confirm the re-appointment of Eric Cross as Independent Internal Auditor**

The Council is confirmed the re-appointment of Eric Cross as its Independent Internal Auditor.

**14. To Resolve Not to Adjourn for a Public Forum**

In view of the fact that this meeting had been preceded by the Town Meeting it was agreed that no Public Forum be held tonight.

**15. Adoption of Committee Reports**

Planning Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held 4<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006.

Arts & Leisure Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Arts & Leisure Committee meetings held 11<sup>th</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

Community First Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Community First Committee meetings held 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

Personnel Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

**16. Presentation of Grants.**

The Mayor made a formal presentation of grant cheques to organisations supported by Haverhill Town Council's Grants Awards Scheme.

The former Mayor made a formal presentation of cheques to organisations supported by the Mayor's Charity Fund.

**17. To authorise payments.**

The Council authorised the following cheque lists:-

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cheque No.s</b>	<b>Value</b>
22.03.06	2109	£7,000.00
22.03.06	2110-2146	£12,511.66
22.03.06	2147-2152	£1,650.53
22.03.06	2153	£223.25
28.03.06	2154-2162	£3,779.77
11.04.06	2163-2165	£80,222.61
11.04.06	2166-2184	£5,850.17
11.04.06	2185	£400.00
18.04.06	2186-2198	£8,577.03
02.05.06	2199-2230	£52,633.78
09.05.06	2231-2247	£7,409.28
18.05.06	2248-2283	£14,208.58

**18. To authorise urgent payments.**

There were no urgent payments to be authorised.

**19. To receive urgent correspondence**

There were no items of urgent correspondence.

**20. Matters of report**

There were no matters to report.

**21. Closure**

The meeting was closed at 8.10 p.m.