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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

<u>Tuesday 26th September 2006 at 7.00 pm</u> In Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill



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Present: Chair: Ann Thomas

Town Councillors: L Ager (Items 1-6 only), E Goody, E McManus, P McManus,

T Marks, Mrs Mary Martin, S Martin, K Richardson and

E Trebble

Also present: Nine members of the public

MINUTES

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Brown, Fanning, Morton, Samples and Warwick.

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Goody, Mrs Mary Martin and Thomas declared an interest as members of St Edmundsbury Borough Council. Cllr Marks declared an interest as a Member of Suffolk County Council.

3. To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 29th August 2006

The minutes of the meeting held 29th August were agreed as a true record.

4. <u>To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes not covered by this agenda</u> There were no urgent matters to be dealt with.

5. Sergeant Kevin Marshall, Suffolk Police

Sergeant Marshall explained he was temporarily seconded to Haverhill and was representing Inspector Gent who was on leave. Sergeant Marshall highlighted the key points in Inspector Gent's report which Members had before them. Mrs Mary Martin expressed concern that the report omitted recent incidents, but the Clerk indicated that the period covered by the report was to the end of August and incidents which had occurred in September would not be counted. Cllr S Martin and Cllr Marks both commented on the lack of enforcement of parking restrictions in the High Street. The issue regarding the need to transport arrested persons to Bury St Edmunds, particularly in the evening and at night, was raised as a concern and it was agreed the Town Clerk would write to the Area Commander on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum

A member of the public commented that the cctv cameras were not really effective as they seemed to be poorly monitored. Sergeant Marshall commented that he had been surprised during his short secondment to Haverhill that he had received no positive interventions from the cctv operators.

A member of the public stated that he was unclear what the item on the Patient * Public Involvement Forum was to be about and felt that the Town needed action rather than to join another consultation forum.

The meeting was resumed after the Public Forum

6. Adoption of Committee Reports

Planning Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held 4th July, 1st August and 5th September 2006.

Arts & Leisure Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Arts & Leisure Committee meetings held 11th July and 12th September 2006.

Personnel Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held 18th July 2006.

Community First Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Community First Committee meeting held 25th July 2006.

7. Patient & Public Forum Involvement

Following discussion Cllr Sheena Martin indicated that she, as a member of the public, would apply to become a member of the West Suffolk Hospital Patient & Public Involvement Forum. The Clerk indicated that he would retain an application form should other Members, or members of the public, subsequently decide they would wish to apply to be a representative on the West Suffolk Community Patient & Public Involvement Forum.

8. Consultation on Under-Age Sale of Tobacco

The Council agreed to support a move to increase the minimum age for the purchase of tobacco products to 18 years, but were undecided as to whether retailers should be licenced.

9. <u>Correspondence</u>

a) Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service – 2007/8 Draft Action Plan The Council noted receipt of the Draft Plan.

10. To authorise payments

The Council authorised the following cheque lists:-

Date	Cheque No.s	Value
01.08.06	002450 - 002451	£ 1,350.00
15.08.06	002452 - 002472	£ 52,786.29
22.08.06	002473 - 002489	£5,285.91
05.09.06	002490 - 002509	£ 4,560.22
12.09.06	002510 - 002523	£ 36,724.11

11. <u>To receive urgent correspondence</u>

The Clerk reported that it was necessary, as a matter of urgency, to authorise the use of his personal credit card to purchase upgraded anti-virus software for the new computers, and the Council approved this purchase.

12. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.44 p.m.