

HAVERHILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 22nd June 2010 at 7.30 pm

In The Studio, Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill



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TOWN COUNCIL

Present: Chair: Town Councillor: **E McManus**
Town Councillors: **L Ager, L Burgess, M Byrne, P Hanlon,**
P McManus, M Marks, Mrs Mary Martin,
G Price, K Richardson and A Samuels

Also present: Eight members of the public

MINUTES

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| 1. <u>Apologies for Absence</u>
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Carr and Gower. | |
| 2. <u>Co-Option to Fill Councillor Vacancy – West Ward</u>
Clive Turner was co-opted as Councillor for the West Ward and duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. | |
| 3. <u>Declaration of Interests</u>
Cllrs Byrne, Hanlon, Mrs Mary Martin and Samuels declared a personal interest in HAVO. No other Members declared any interests they may have on items on the agenda. | |
| 4. <u>To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 25th May 2010</u>
The minutes of the meeting held 25 th May 2010 were agreed as a true record. | |
| 5. <u>To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes not covered by this agenda</u>
There were no urgent matters to discuss. | |
| 6. <u>Inspector Chris Galley, Suffolk Police</u>
Inspector Galley introduced himself as the new Inspector for Haverhill. Under a restructuring Haverhill is one of nine hubs in Suffolk, hosting a rapid response unit as well as a Safer Neighbourhood Team. Whilst Suffolk and Haverhill are relatively crime-free there has been a slight increase in town in anti-social behaviour, particularly around town centre to estate routes, and burglaries, including thefts from sheds and garages. The Police Station would be open for eight hours each weekday within the period 0700 to 1830 hours and between 0900 and 1700 hours Saturday and Sunday. Cllr Byrne felt that the Police Station should be open from 2100 to 2400 hours Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Cllr Hanlon asked whether the increase in anti-social behaviour reports were drink-related and the Inspector advised | |

that there was no evidence in that respect. Cllr Marks asked the Police to be aware of tensions regarding abuse of disabled parking at the Leisure Centre, and Cllr Richardson asked regarding the number of PCSO's in the Safer Neighbourhood Team (3, of which one is on maternity leave).

7. Centre for Computing History

Jason Fitzpatrick gave a presentation on the present position of the Centre for Computing History, and indicated that a Centre, with limited public opening at first, might be financially viable.

With the agreement of the Council the Town Mayor asked that item 8 be taken before the public forum.

8. To Receive a Presentation by HAVO on their Preparedness and Ability to Support Local groups in Funding Applications

The Council received a presentation from the HAVO Chairman, in which he indicated that their present position was that a volunteer was still receiving training in giving funding advice, and that, in view of the fact that the individual was a volunteer, they would not be able to offer many weekly hours once trained. In addition, in response to a question from Cllr Burgess, the Chair indicated that only two training courses had been held locally for local organisations, and that these had been run by SAVO.

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum

A member of the public asked the Chair of Havo whether HAVO had actually applied for funding to deliver training for local groups, and deplored the lack of training offered in the last year.

Mr Frank Bradsell announced that he had stepped down as Chair of the Pensioners Association and that the group had since folded. He hoped however that in time someone else would come forward to champion the cause of pensioners in the town. Cllr Ager proposed a toast to Mr Bradsell who would be 90 on 23rd June and the Council showed their recognition by applauding.

There being no further questions the meeting was resumed

9. To Decide How Best To Support Local Groups in Order to Attract More External Funds

The Town Clerk reminded the Council that the reason for inviting HAVO to make their presentation had been to decide how best to support local groups in their funding applications. The Town Clerk advised that, from 58 local groups emailed, six had responded positively asking for support with funding applications. The Town Council agreed to contract a qualified funding advisor from Bury St Edmunds Volunteer Centre for a period of six months to work with these groups, with future funding for other groups to be determined by the success or otherwise of this pilot.

**Charities Act
1993 s78**

10. Adoption of Committee Reports

Planning Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 1st June 2010.

Arts & Leisure Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Arts & Leisure Committee meetings held 11th May and 8th June 2010.

Community First Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Community First Committee meeting held 20th April 2010.

Personnel Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Personnel Committee meetings held 4th May and 15th June 2010.

Appeals Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Appeals Committee meeting held 15th June 2010.

11. To Consider Whether to Make a Further Submission to the Local Development Framework Enquiry Inspector following the Demise of the Regional Spatial Strategy

The Council decided, in view of the demise of the Regional Spatial Strategy, to restate their belief that Haverhill could accommodate more dwellings than were proposed in the Local development Framework. The Council however asked that Town Clerk ensure the following were part of the submission:-

- a) that appropriate employment land also be designated
- b) that the mix of housing reflects the demands of all sectors
- c) that new infrastructure is provided ahead of occupation
- d) that the green belts between Haverhill and the villages be retained

12. To Agree and Approve The Annual External Audit Form

The Town Council agreed and approved the Annual External Audit Form. The Town Council also noted receipt of a positive report from the Internal Auditor, which had nothing that the Council need address.

13. To Agree and Approve A Strategic Vision for the Town Council

The Council agreed and approved the Strategic Vision for the Town Council.

14. To Agree and Approve A Programme of Future Training

The Council agreed and approved a programme of future Councillor training.

15. To authorise payments.

The Council authorised the following cheque lists:-

Date	Cheque No.s	Value
18.05.10	005832 – 005852	£ 141,438.52
25.05.10	005853 – 005877	£ 36,234.31
29.05.10	005878 – 005887	£ 1,915.15
08.06.10	005888 – 005905	£ 9,599.15

16. Correspondence

- a) St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Street Café Vending Permits – Déjàvu, Queen Street and Dejavu, Jubilee Walk
The Council had no objection to the granting of the permits subject to the removal of the unauthorised banner from High Street
- b) St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Community Governance Review
The Council noted the forthcoming governance review.
- c) St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Review of Enforcement Policy
The Council had no comment to make on the review.
- d) Suffolk County Council – High Street and Camps Road (Prohibition and restriction of waiting, prohibition of driving with exemptions, one-way traffic and revocation) Order 201
The Council had no objection to the Traffic Order.

17. To receive urgent correspondence

There were no urgent items of correspondence.

18. Closure

The meeting was closed at 9.38 p.m.