

HAVERHILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 27th February 2012 at 7.02pm
In The Social Room, Leiston Community Centre, Leiston Road,
Haverhill, Suffolk. CB9 8JJ



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TOWN COUNCIL

Present: **Chair: Town Councillor: M Byrne**
 Town Councillors: R André, L Carr, T Cook, P French,
 E Goody, P Hanlon, B Hawes and
 D Russo

Also present: **Two members of the public**

MINUTES

1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Ager, D André, Green, Samuels, G Stroud, J Stroud and Turner.
2. **Declaration of Interests**
Councillor French declared an interest in item 9 on the agenda as a member of Suffolk County Council, and in item 6 as a member of St Edmundsbury Borough Council Development Control Committee.
3. **To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 21st February 2012**
The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2012 were agreed.
4. **To deal with any urgent matters arising from the minutes not covered by this agenda**
No matters were raised arising from the minutes.
5. **Inspector Peter Ferrie**
Inspector Ferrie was unable to attend. Councillors discussed crime in the town and instructed the Town Clerk to request a breakdown of crimes by time of day from the Police, to include PCSO funding as an agenda item for the next meeting, and to write to Suffolk County Council regarding the budget for PCSO/Police funding in Haverhill.
6. **Railway Station in Haverhill**
A presentation was received from Rev Malcolm Hill and David Edwards of the Cambridge to Colchester Rail Project. The Town Council thanked them for the presentation and offered to host and attend a proposed meeting with all local councils to assess the level of support for the Project. The Town Clerk was instructed to copy the Association's latest brochure and circulate to councillors.
7. **Haverhill Vision 2031**
No representative of St Edmundsbury Borough Council was available to give a presentation and the item was deferred.

ACTION

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8. **Adoption of Committee Reports**

Community First Committee

The Council moved the adoption of the minutes of the Community First Committee meeting held 21st February 2012.

Finance Committee

The Council moved the adoption of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 21st February 2012.

9. **Street Lighting in Haverhill**

Councillors considered the response from Suffolk County Council on part-restoration of street lighting in Haverhill. Concerns were raised about safety and perceptions of safety within the community, a number of lights that needed to be restored in certain the Castle Lane area and on the Clements Estate, the flexibility of the County Council in responding to requests for restoration of lights, and the poor quality of some lighting due to their age.

The Town Clerk was instructed to review requests previously made for restoration of lights in specific areas, and to reply to Suffolk County Council expressing concern about the attitude shown in their reply.

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10. **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

The Town Clerk provided an update on proposed celebrations in Haverhill.

11. **The Olympic Torch Relay**

The Town Clerk provided an update on activities in Haverhill to mark the visit of the Olympic Torch Relay, and was instructed to approach LOCOG regarding the provision of flags and other celebratory materials that might be available.

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12. **Haverhill Youth Town Council**

The Town Clerk provided an update on progress towards establishing a Youth Town Council in Haverhill. Councillors considered options for engaging young people in the Youth Town Council in addition to those already explored. Sport and youth & community groups, West Suffolk College and the Town Pastors were recommended for follow-up.

13. **Review of Risks**

The Town Clerk presented a review the Council's major risks. The Town Council agreed that no additional measures were necessary other than to ensure that a minimum of two people have the necessary ability to undertake all website activity and are up to date with current site status, and to provide training where necessary to minimise risk. Councillors recommended that both internal and external support be considered to achieve this.

14. **To authorise payments.**

The Town Council approved the following cheque lists:-

Date	Cheque Numbers	Value
14.02.12	7573 – 7586	£6,039.64
14.02.12	7587	£44,079.37
14.02.12	7588	£200.00
14.02.12	7589	£262.50

15. **To receive urgent correspondence**

No urgent correspondence was received.

9. **Closure**

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm.