

Haverhill Town Council



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

FULL COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at 7.00pm at Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill

Present: Mayor Councillor R André
Deputy Mayor Councillor M Byrne
Councillor P Firman
Councillor E Goody
Councillor P Hanlon
Councillor B McLatchy
Councillor D Roach
Councillor B Robbins
Councillor C Turner

Apologies: Councillor L Carr
Councillor P French
Councillor M Martin
Councillor A Samuels
Councillor G Stroud
Councillor J Stroud

Absent: Councillor D Russo

In Attendance: Colin Poole (Town Clerk)

6 members of the public were present.

Welcome:

Mayor R André welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised members of the public attending that the meeting was being recorded and filmed.

MINUTES

- C15 /016** Apologies for Absence
The above apologies were noted. Councillor Flood, Councillor Brown and Inspector Ferrie had also sent their apologies.
- C15 /017** Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensation
None.
- C15 /018** The minutes of the Full Council meeting held 27th January 2015
The meeting agreed these were a true record.

ACTION

C15 **Matters arising not on the agenda**

/019 None

C15 **Adjournment**

/020 The meeting was adjourned for reports from the Police, District/County Councillors on issues pertinent to Haverhill and the Public Forum. See Appendix 1 for Details.

The meeting was reconvened

C15 **One Haverhill**

/021 a) The Clerk outlined the purpose of the £2000 to support the Community Clean-Up. In answer to a question, he confirmed that publicity was underway by means of social media, the Weekly News and flyers.

b) The Council considered a £20,000 contribution towards the cost of the Town Centre Masterplan consultancy from the £30,000 allowance previously earmarked for the purpose.

It was proposed by Councillor E Goody, seconded by Councillor C Turner to approve the expenditure of £22,000 on these two strands of ONE Haverhill work.

RESOLVED unanimously

C15 **Adoption of Committee Reports**

/022

a) Personnel Committee

It was proposed by Councillor M Byrne, seconded by Councillor C Turner that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2015 be adopted.

AGREED

b) Planning Committee

It was proposed by Councillor E Goody, seconded by Councillor C Turner that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2015 be adopted.

AGREED

C15 **Authorisation of payments**

/023

It was proposed by Councillor E Goody, seconded by Councillor P Hanlon, that payments for cheques 10276 - 10366 totalling £132,572.11 be authorised.

RESOLVED

C15 **Urgent Correspondence**

/024

None.

C15 **To Exclude the Press and Public**

/025

It was resolved under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of business to be transacted, namely staffing issues.

Proposed Councillor R André, seconded by Councillor M Byrne.

RESOLVED

C15 **Staffing Matters**

/026

a) it was proposed by Councillor R André, seconded by Councillor M

Byrne, that the three remaining Hartseats staff be accepted through transfer from Hartseats on terms not less favourable than those they were already under.

RESOLVED

b) Recruitment Update – The response to the advert for Operations Manager was favourable. An advert for part-time box office receptionist would shortly be circulated, along with an advert for a Finance Officer.

c) C14/124 Staff Christmas Thank-You – The most popular choice indicated through the recent staff poll was some form of Christmas meal/party.

d) The Clerk read out a letter of praise regarding the level of service enjoyed by a hirer plus specific praise for how staff dealt with a medical issue. The meeting agreed to the Mayor’s proposal for a suitable letter to be sent to the member of staff involved.

e) It was proposed by Councillor E Goody, seconded by Councillor B McLatchy, that the temporary uplift for the Technical Officer sickness cover be approved, backdated to 11th November 2014.

RESOLVED

C15 **Date of next Meeting:**
/027 17th March 2015.

C15 **Closure**
/028 The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:28pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix 1

Reports from the Police, District/County Councillors on issues pertinent to Haverhill and the Public Forum.

County Councillor Tony Brown:

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Inspector Peter Ferrie:

Mr John Burns: