

Haverhill Town Council



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

FULL COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 19th July 2016 at 7.40pm at the Haverhill Arts Centre,
Haverhill, CB9 8AR

Present: Mayor Councillor D Roach
Deputy Mayor Councillor P Fox
Councillor A Bramwell
Councillor A Brown
Councillor J Burns
Councillor T Chivers
Councillor J Crooks
Councillor Q Fox
Councillor B McLatchy
Councillor I McLatchy
Councillor B Robbins

Apologies: Councillor M Byrne
Councillor P Hanlon
Councillor C Turner
Councillor A Williams
Councillor W Yang

Absent: None

In Attendance: Colin Poole (Town Clerk)

3 members of the public were present.

Welcome & Prayers:

Mayor D Roach welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised members of the public attending that the meeting was being recorded. A one minute silence was held to mark the loss of life in the terrorist incident at Nice, France. Rev Canon Graham Owen led Prayers.

MINUTES

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| C16
/113 | <u>Apologies for Absence</u>
The above apologies were noted. | ACTION |
| C16
/114 | <u>Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensation</u>
None. | |
| C16
/115 | <u>The minutes of the Full Council meeting held 21st June 2016</u>
The minutes were adopted as a true record of the meeting held 21 st June 2016. | |
- RESOLVED**

Haverhill Town Council adopted the General Power of Competence on May 18th 2015. All decisions are taken using that power unless otherwise stated.

C16 **Matters arising not on the agenda**

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- a) **C16/026 Community Emergency Plan** – In Councillor M Byrne’s absence, it was reported that Mr André had agreed to join the working party formed in June. A date for it to meet had not been set by the members.
- b) **NHS Services in Haverhill** – Councillor B McLatchy advised that the triage system had started in Haverhill from 11th July. Councillors expressed dismay at the West Suffolk CCG proposals for stopping services for Marginalised and Vulnerable Adults in the area. This was an agenda item for the 6th September 2016 meeting.

C16 **Reports from the Police, borough and County Councillors and the PUBLIC FORUM**

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- a) The Clerk had tabled the SNT report and information downloaded from the Police national website, www.police.uk. Concern was expressed about reports of ASB in Strasbourg Square. It was understood work to tackle this was in-hand. Councillor J Burns updated the meeting on the VAS speed indicator initiatives and police response to these. One VAS had sustained damage. Councillors asked that their thanks be relayed to Inspector Cooper and his team for keeping the Council informed on recent incidents in town.
- b) The meeting received reports from County Councillors on issues pertinent to Haverhill and the Public Forum. See Appendix 1 for Details.

C16 **Freedom of the Borough for TS Edmunds Sea Cadets and HMS vengeance**

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It was proposed by Councillor P Fox, seconded by Councillor B McLatchy, that the town council submits a petition to the Borough in support of Councillor Margaret Marks’ campaign to get freedom of the borough conferred on the Sea Cadets and HMS Vengeance.
RESOLVED

C16 **Responses to Consultations**

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- a) **Devolution for Norfolk and Suffolk**: It was proposed by Councillor J Crooks, seconded by Councillor T Chivers, that the Council does not submit a formal response on devolution, as the membership were not agreed on its merits.
RESOLVED
The Mayor urged Members to respond with their individual views.
- b) **City Deal consultation on bus and cycle options**: it was proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by Councillor J Burns that the response be to recommend a cycle route following the route of the roman road from Haverhill, crossing the A11 at Worsted Lodge to end at Addenbrookes hospital.
RESOLVED

C16 **Mayor’s Report**

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Mayor Roach read his report to the Council, on his work as Mayor during the last month. (see appendix 2)

C16 **ONE Haverhill Partnership**

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The Clerk advised that the ONE Haverhill Partnership Board had not met since the last meeting of the Council.

C16 **Adoption of Committee Reports**

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a) Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee had not met since the last meeting.

b) Finance Committee

It was proposed by Councillor D Roach, seconded by Councillor J Burns, that the minutes of the meeting held 12th July 2016 be adopted.

RESOLVED.

c) Leisure and Community Committee

It was proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by Councillor B McLatchy, that the minutes of the meeting held 5th July 2016 be adopted.

RESOLVED.

d) Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee has not met since the last meeting. It is undertaking training for committee member on employment law.

e) Planning Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Q Fox, seconded by Councillor T Chivers, that the minutes of the meeting held 5th July 2016 be adopted.

RESOLVED

C16 **Appointment of the Corn Exchange Working Party**

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It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor C Turner, that the following Councillors be appointed to the Corn Exchange Working Party, with full delegated powers over the £44,300 budget for pre-purchase due diligence with the Finance Regulations suspended for the purpose of expedient decision-making, given the short deadline under the Asset of Community Value regulations:

Mayor D Roach
Councillor A Brown
Councillor M Byrne
Councillor J Crooks
Councillor Q Fox
Councillor B McLatchy
Councillor B Robbins

RESOLVED

C16 **Authorisation of payments**

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It was proposed by Councillor B McLatchy, seconded by Councillor Q Fox, that payments for cheques 11447 - 11563 totalling £90,701.69 be authorised.

RESOLVED

C16 **Urgent Correspondence**

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None had been received.

C16 **Annual Return to the External Auditor**

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The Clerk advised the meeting:

- a) That the value of fixed assets as at 31st March 2015 was £205,025 and not £232,408 as originally reported.
- b) The Clerk has provided additional information to the External Auditor in regard to the purchase of units in the CCLA Local Authority Property Fund.

- c) The Clerk has provided additional clarification of the assets register to the External Auditor. In the light of this, the Clerk will simplify the assets register to make it easier to understand.
- d) That the External Auditor has indicated that he will note point a, but is satisfied with the steps above and intends issuing an unqualified report. The Mayor thanked the Clerk for his work on this.

C16 **Exclusion of press and Public**

/127 It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor T Chivers, that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted – Commercial sensitivity.

RESOLVED

C16 **Report from Corn Exchange Working Party**

/128 Councillors heard from the working party on the recent meeting held at the John Peel Centre and a meeting with the previous purchaser.

- a) It was proposed by Councillor B McLatchy, seconded by Councillor A Brown, that the working group continue with progress towards making a bid.

RESOLVED

- b) It was proposed by Councillor B McLatchy, seconded by Councillor A Brown, that professional representation is engaged to negotiate potential heads of terms of agreement with the previous purchaser.

RESOLVED

C16 **Date of next Meeting**

/129 The next meeting will be held on 6th September 2016, to consider submitting a bid for the Corn Exchange and to discuss the NHS consultation on services referred to above.

C16 **Closure**

/130 The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:07pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix 1

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

Councillor J Flood – County

Councillor Flood gave the following report:

1. He is looking into the need for dropped kerbs in Chapple Drive, as there are some already.
2. He has had a safety barrier installed in School lane to improve safety.
3. Someone has stolen the traffic bollards in Burton end from the island refuge. He will get them replaced.

Councillor T Brown - County

Councillor Brown gave the following report:

1. The County Council Chief Executive visited Haverhill to meet with the three County Councillors and Town Clerk. A wide range of issues were discussed including the A1307, ONE Haverhill Partnership, Health and Wellbeing, Highways, Youth Skills and school sites.
2. The County Council voted to create 100 high-value apprenticeships with a view to recruiting to those roles from April 2018. He asked that Karen Chapple be made aware, as the apprenticeships need to be across the county, not just in Ipswich.

Councillor T Brown - SEBC

Councillor Brown gave the following report:

1. The recent fire at Abington Place confirmed Councillor Brown's fears about HMOs in Haverhill. He will raise this at the overview and Scrutiny Panel as a proper inspection regime is required.

Councillor J Burns - County

Councillor Burns gave the following report:

1. The County Council reporting tool for faults needs to be improved as it does not keep residents advised on progress.
2. Many un-adopted roads in Haverhill are not up to the required standard and may never be adopted.
3. He has raised the issue of the half-painted zebra crossing in Camps road.

Appendix 2

Mayors report from June to July 2016.

The Mayor attended the Town Twinning reception for French visitors. In addition he has attended a number of Mayoral engagements on behalf of the town. He attended the rededication of the war memorial, the Armed Forces Day, Poppy Wall memorial for the Somme, events at local schools and civic events elsewhere in Suffolk. He asked that his thanks be recorded for the support given by the mayor's Secretary, Vicky Phillips.