

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Held on Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 7.15pm at Leiston Road Community Centre, Haverhill



- Present:** Councillor J Burns (Chairman)
Councillor P Fox (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor A Brown
Councillor P Hanlon
Councillor J Mason
Councillor S Roach
Councillor W Yang
- Apologies:** Councillor L Smith
- Absent:** Councillor B Robbins
Councillor A Williams
- In Attendance:** Colin Poole, Town Clerk
Nick Keeble, Arts and Leisure Manager

5 members of the public were present.

Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised members of the public attending that the meeting was being recorded.

MINUTES

- LC18 /057** **Apologies for Absence**
The above apologies were noted.
- LC18 /058** **Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations**
Councillor A Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in item LC18/06x, Grant application for funding by the Haverhill branch of the Royal British Legion, as he is a member.
- LC18 /059** **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor P Fox that minutes of the meeting held 10th July 2018 be agreed as a true record.
RESOLVED
- LC18 /060** **Matters Arising**
LC18/049 – Zack FM: The Clerk confirmed that he had written and sent a letter of support in respect of the Zack FM application for a broadcast license for Haverhill area.
LC18/054 – No right turn, Crowland Road: The sign has gone. The Clerk will check with Highways if it has been officially removed.

ACTION

CLERK

LC18 **Public Forum**
/061 See appendix 6.

LC18 **Haverhill Community Transport**
/062

- a) The Council received a presentation from Caroline Robinson, General Manager of the Haverhill Dial-A-Ride service. The service has grown in terms of customer numbers but is now based on a paid driver rather than volunteers. Non-hospital local trips using community car have been re provisioned onto DAR to free up cars for the hospital service. With the impending retirement of the Haverhill manager, the service will be fully administered from Newmarket, with drivers based in Haverhill. This is necessary to keep costs low as the County Council is cutting funding by 10% year-on-year over 5 years, equivalent to a 41% cut in funding.
- b) It was proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by Councillor S Roach, that a grant of £3,000 be funded in respect of community transport in Haverhill.

RESOLVED

LC18 **Community Kitchen**

/063 The meeting agreed to inspect the kitchen after the meeting. It was scheduled to be completed Friday 21st September.

LC18 **Suffolk Punch Public House**

/064 It was proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by Councillor P Hanlon that the committee recommends to full council that the Suffolk Punch public house be registered as a community asset for the benefit of the people on the Clements Estate.

RESOLVED

LC18 **Report on past and future Arts Centre and Leisure Activities**

/065 See appendix 1

Nick Keeble referred members to his previously circulated report highlighting the following:

The success of the summer events, in particular the 'East Town Park Safari' during the Picnic in the Park, which was very well received. The hot weather necessitated a change in the site plan for the Big Day Out.

The Festival of Creative Technology attracted 300+ people across the events. It was good to attract a different demographic to the Arts Centre summer programme.

It was proposed by Councillor P Fox, seconded by Councillor W Yang that an additional £3000 be allocated to the Winter in Haverhill programme to strengthen the offer on 8th December.

RESOLVED

Councillor A Brown thanked Nick and his team for their work.

LC18 **Haverhill Show**

/066 Councillor J Mason provided a report in his capacity as Chair of the Haverhill Show Committee. See appendix 2

LC18 **Determination of current grant applications**

/067 The following grant was considered.

CLERK

Organisation Name	Purpose of funding	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Royal British Legion, Haverhill Branch	Giant poppy in churchyard to commemorate the 100 th anniversary of the end of WW1	£560 towards the total cost of £920, balance to come from branch funds	£920

LC18 Reports from Grant Recipients

/068 The previously circulated reports in respect of the following grant recipients were taken as read.

- a) Haverhill and District Twin Town Association Newsletter
- b) Little Wonders Pre-School
- c) Rotary Kids Out
- d) 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron, Air Cadets

LC18 Youth Strategy Report

- /069**
- a) Youth Skills Project Report See appendix 3
 - b) Youth Work (OTS) Report See appendix 4. Councillors noted the work on sexual health matters. There was concern to note a reduction in GU clinic opening hours. Councillors also noted the work on gangs and expressed concern in respect of 'county lines' drug dealing in town. The Meeting asked that costed proposals be brought forward in respect of the additional activity proposed by the Senior Youth Worker.
 - c) Youth Strategy Report See appendix 5

CLERK

LC18 Parish Handyman Report

/070 No report was available due to annual leave.

LC18 Date of Next Meeting

/071 It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 13th November 2018 at the Arts Centre.

LC18 Closure

/072 The meeting was declared closed at 20:48pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date

Appendix 1

Art & Leisure Manager's report

Nick Keeble



Summer in Haverhill 2018

Big Day Out / Community Fun Days Once again the days were well attended and passed without major incident. The Big Day Out site plan was altered to cope with the sweltering weather setting the attractions so that participants could queue in the shade. Many of those attending expressed a preference for the new layout. The Picnic in the Park attracted the largest numbers and also incorporated a new event that was run in collaboration with the Friends of East Town Park. More than 300 people went around the first East Town Park Safari. More than 30 different community groups/agencies used the events to engage with the public.

Tribute Nights Two very popular tribute nights were held on Haverhill Market Square in August. The first attracted one of the largest crowds we have ever seen. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The Town Centre policeman attended the second evening and overall was satisfied with the arrangements and the behaviour of those who were there for the music. For future years the feasibility of provision of additional toilet facilities will be looked into.

Haverhill Show The transfer of responsibility for the management of the Haverhill Show (previously Summer Bash) took a big step forward with the Show Committee 'owning' the event for the first year arranging the booking, license, & insurance. A smaller team of Town Council staff provided logistical, technical and event management support.

The estimated attendance at events and activities promoted as part of the 'Summer in Haverhill' programme in 2018 was more than 15000 people.

Other activities

Haverhill Festival of Creative Technology – This was successfully delivered. Approx 250 members of the public came to a Creative Technology Family Fun Day. This was followed by a 3 days of workshops where 25 young people completed a course to learn about opportunities in the Creative Technology industry and make games. A celebration event in Cambridge at the end of the project was attended by 80 people including participants, parents and family members, workshop leaders and funders. A report is currently being prepared for the funders of the project but feedback from the students who took part asked for more opportunities and projects in this subject.

Leisure Centre Elm Trees – Following on from the last Leisure Meeting, St Edmundsbury Borough Council were approached regarding retaining significant wood from the Historic Elm Trees for use in projects based in Haverhill. The Borough Council officer who we dealt with was not open to this proposal.

Current projects include

Kitchen – Leiston Community Centre. A major project to create a Community Kitchen space has been undertaken in the last 8 weeks. This will result in a state of the art facility that hosts its first session on 25 September.

Family Christmas Weekend - Plans are well underway for the annual event. Events and activities will include:

Friday 7 December – Christmas Lights Switch On, Charity Stalls, Late night opening, Craft Fair, Queen Street Christmas Market, Entertainment and Fireworks Finale

Saturday 8 December – Queen Street Christmas Market, Ice Rink, Street Market, Entertainers, Craft Fair.

Haverhill Arts Centre website – This will give the Arts Centre a fresh new look. The site is entering a test phase and is due to go live in October. Councillors will be made aware of the launch date in the near future. Any further questions on this should be directed to Sara Marsh. Sara.marsh@haverhillartscentre.co.uk

Haverhill: Armistice 100 – A programme of events and activities to commemorate the end of World War 1 is being finalised with the Royal British Legion, Haverhill Family History Group, St Mary's Church and Haverhill Town Council.

The provisional programme:

Sat 20 October to Sat 17 November

Giant Poppy Royal British Legion St Marys Churchyard

Tuesday 6 to Friday 30 November

What Did Your Ancestor do during the Great War? Exhibition Haverhill Family History Group
Haverhill Arts Centre Gallery Space

Fri 9 to Mon 12 November (not Sun 11)

Haverhill in the Great War Exhibition Haverhill Family History Group
Haverhill Arts Centre Studio

Saturday 10 November 7.00pm-9.30pm

Haverhill Remembers. Lest We Forget. A Concert of Words and Music with Haverhill Silver Band, Haverhill Singers, Centre Stage Company and Samuel Ward Academy Choir Haverhill Family History Group
Old Independent Church

Sunday 11 November

Two Minutes Silence 11.00am The Royal British Legion will hold a 2-minute Silence at the War Memorial

Remembrance Parade

Leaves the Town Hall Car Park at 2.15pm

Service St Mary's Church 3.15pm

Beacon Lighting 7.00pm

St Mary's Churchyard

Event runs 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Ringing the Peace 7.05pm

St Mary's Church

Monday 12 November

1.30pm **WW1 Film** tbc

Haverhill Arts Centre

Thursday 15 November 7.30pm

Meet Tommy Atkins

Haverhill Arts Centre

HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE FILM FIGURES

Months	No of Screenings	Film Attendance (no of screenings)	Event Cinema Attendance (no of screenings)	Average per screening
May/ June	29	937 (23)	147 (6)	37.38
July/August	23	594 (17)	165 (6)	33
Sept/October	26	763 (22)	210 (4)	37.42
Nov/December	19	753 (11)	226 (5)	61.19
Jan / Feb	27	1111 (23)	292 (4)	51.96
March /April	26	845 (20)	260 (6)	42.5
May/June	24	702 (20)	199 (4)	37.5
July/August	19	694(14)	187 (5)	46.37

Forward Diary and happenings

Halloween Trail 2018 – Friday 26 October

Family Christmas Night 2018 – Friday 7 December

Appendix 2

Haverhill Show Report

Cllr J Mason

This year the Haverhill Show Committee has been able to allocate £4150 to give to the named beneficiaries. This figure is created from the receipts taken on the day, **£3602.63** and includes an additional **£547.37** from our reserves to round the total to **£4150**. Cheques were donated to beneficiaries on Friday 14th September

Income

Overall the total amount raised by Sponsorship including Grants amounted to **£7750**. The whole of the £2000 Grant money received from Haverhill Town Council was spent on essential costs related to holding the event/or purchasing necessary capital items including e.g:

£225	Recreation Ground Hire & Toilets (extended opening hours)
£243	Waste Management
£710	Public Liability Insurance



£250	First Aid
£550	PA System
£625	Additional Gazebos & Weights
£2603	

On the Recreation Ground the Committee secured more paying pitches including Trade and Entertainment, with a broader range for members of the public to choose from. This year increased sponsorship meant that more expensive attractions could be secured.

This year was the first year alcohol was served on the Recreation Ground. This was successfully managed at the Beer Tent and Mobile Bar/Converted Horsebox.

Income was also received from the greatest number of Raffle Tickets the Committee has previously sold and with more streams of revenue for beneficiaries from attractions we had booked to attract visitors.

*Wagner provided a headline act and officially helped the Show gain attention through the publicity of his attendance. It is uncertain whether his attendance contributed to the total, but nonetheless, his attendance provided additional interest and enjoyment for the public who were there during his attendance.

These specific attractions along with other entertainments provided a greater breadth of experience for visitors from that previously on offer at previous events. One attraction provider, failed to show up on the day, impacting on offer stall holders making the design of one sector of the showground less effective.

Capital Assets

This year's event saw the largest yearly growth yet of Capital Assets thanks mainly from the increased sponsorship monies we received:

- We have an increased stock of Gazebos which are of a quality suitable for many years of use.
- Information A Boards
- Signage including, Feather Flags, PVC and Wooden Banners
- Tables
- Raffle Drum
- & Miscellaneous other items related to the Branding and appearance of the Show overall

Event Planning & Organisation

This year the committee took greater control over the process by which the Haverhill Show is planned and organised. New responsibilities taken on by the committee included:

- Application of the Event with St. Edmundsbury Borough Council and securing additional services related to holding the event on the Recreation Ground
- Arrangement of Public Liability Insurance
- Event Planning Design
- Event Management

Committee Membership & Structure

Committee Membership has fallen and currently stands at 5 team members. We are actively seeking new members who can provide added skills, capacity and value to the team.

Review

The committee has conducted a thorough review of the event and has identified areas for improvement/development which we will be working to address for next year's event. We are thankful for the ongoing support of the Town Council and involvement of Council Staff who provided much needed capacity and help on the day.

Key Targets for 2019

- Address issues identified from the review and implement actions in preparation for next year's event(s)
- Grow the Committee and develop more clearly defined roles and lines of accountability
- Continue to develop asset base to grow the show and improve its overall appearance
- Find secure storage that allows for expansion and a meeting space that supports the Haverhill Show Committee to carry out its functions
- Identify further ways of developing the show including holding additional events – Such as Car Boot Sales.

We have provisionally booked the first Sunday of each Month in May, June & August to hold Car Boot Sales on the Rec. We have booked Sunday 7th of June as our next

- Referring the Haverhill Show Committee to the West Suffolk SAG for next year's event so that we can benefit from the advice offered to event organisers
- Report to Charity Commission and seek guidance on next steps.

Appendix 3

Youth Skills Report

Karen Chapple

Overview

July and August were spent ensuring applications/ interviews were in place for young people to ensure they would be engaged in training/work/further education come September. Our Rob Maidment Enterprise project run and finished with both schools taking part. We have supported current "Moving Towards Work" candidates and past candidates. We have continued to support a new and existing clientele of young people who are suffering from low mood and anxiety, via our Signpost Projects both adult and junior. Our apprenticeship project continues, we promote it at every opportunity. Inspire delivered their 12-week team programme out of the Leiston Centre in Haverhill. We worked closely with them and will continue to offer support going forward to their candidates.

Apprenticeships

We have supported local businesses to take on apprentices. It has been interesting to see some have decided to go down the trainee route as oppose to the apprenticeship route, as restrictions with qualifications and training seem to at present over complicate the employment of an apprentice.

We have since the start of the project advertised over 267 apprenticeship vacancies.

Young people

We have supported various people with different needs to enable them to take next steps. We have transported some to Cambridge Regional College/West Suffolk College for enrolment and welfare appointments, also to aid them in applying for college bursaries. We have organised some work experience placements to ensure our candidate are more job ready. We have helped with job applications and developing CV's for those looking for employment. We continue to hold Job Hub sessions in the Media Hub on a weekly basis.

A young person who attended our Job Club recently sent us an email after she successfully secured employment.

Dear Karen and Dan,

I would like to thank both of you so much for helping me find a job and applying for them. I had an interview at Addenbrookes on Tuesday and I was interviewed for the departments Recruitment, Strategy and Human Resources. I had a call back today to say I've got the job in Recruitment! I can't thank you enough for your help in my application and the support I had!!

Kind Regards,

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Schools

We have visited both Academies and supported individual students offering a personalised support package depending on their requirements. We organised a "GCSE Chat Back Event" in August which both schools attended as did both further education colleges. The aim was to support students who didn't achieve the results they were predicted and therefore their planned pathway was not an option. We looked at alternatives available to them and supported them to take up other offers.

Both schools took part in the Rob Maidment Enterprise Project. Samuel Ward Academy won this year's competition. Their Team 'Sam Ward Garden Party' won and donated their winnings to a local charity. The overall event raised over £1000, as organisers the team made £157.00. They achieved this by renting out space at the event to stall holders.

Dan and I also supported the Town Council Summer Events Programme to help increase awareness of our project and we networked with other agencies who were present. We offered support to parents and young people who were at these events and went on to meet them after to further support them. Dan worked several shifts with Sandra Linnane and supported "On the Spot Van" as staff holidays had left this service short.

Training Courses

Aspire, Princes Trust 10 Week Team Programme 16-25

The course has now finished. At the final presentation it was good to hear the young people's intention of going on to study in further education, we will need to follow up on this to ensure their plans have come off. One member secured work and is enjoying her new role. The course is now being rolled out in Sudbury but will return here in the New Year.

Moving Towards Work (18 plus a 4 week course June/July)

The fifth and final "Moving Towards Work" course, designed to improve confidence and employability skills, has now finished. This final course successfully placed 7 clients in to work. We



have supported some of the sessions and built relationships with the participants on the course. We are still offering ongoing support to all attendees that have completed the courses. We have again looked at the training needs of the clients and have linked up with WSC to ensure training will be delivered to those that would benefit from it.

We have so far run Basic IT x2, Customer Service, CSCS Card Training x2 and First Aid. This was in response to identifying training needs of the participants of the Stand Guide Courses.

Stand Guide Case Study

KL is a mother of 6 and a grandmother, who engaged with us on the Stand Guide employability course. After losing her husband, KL's mental health deteriorated, and she felt unable to continue working in the care sector – especially as this reminded her of caring for her husband. Despite her lack of confidence and not having any focus KL joined the Stand Guide course, hesitant as to whether it was right for her. Initially she found it extremely difficult to cope with, but as time went on, she engaged fully with the course, accepting the advice and support provided, and applied for not one, but two jobs! Although unsuccessful with the first, she was successful at securing the second – moving onto working with something that she was keen on doing.

In such a short period of time, KL has begun her journey of healing, for her family and for herself. She has shown immense courage in the face of adversity and demonstrated the value that employability and support courses can provide; as she continues with her successes, we will continue to offer our support and wish her the very best in her new job.

Signpost Projects

Adult SP 18-24 years

The allotment is flourishing and keeping up with it is proving hard work. We have a regular group of 8 attending and we will add to this in the coming months. The lunch club is now working well with everyone chatting and pooling ideas and forward-planning of what to grow in the coming months. We have a nice mix of different age groups who are fully supportive of each other. We are currently growing chilli, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, cauliflower, beetroots, courgettes, and pumpkins, some are growing better than others!

Case Study Adult SP

YU is a 21-year-old young woman, who has been supported by us for the past 12 months. She has had a difficult upbringing, as she was adopted at a young age - this has taken a great toll on her mental health, confidence and self-esteem; she has spoken quite openly about her severe depression and the depths of despair that it has made her feel.

By being actively supported by us every step of the way, and despite her struggles, YU has continued to try to forge a brighter future for herself. She has participated in Inspire Suffolk's Prince's Trust Programme in Sudbury, we referred her to Stand Guide employability course, our SignPost project and she has been supported by Haverhill LifeLink Project. On top of this, we have helped her to update her CV and encouraged her to participate in Customer Service and First Aid courses.

With the beginning of a new academic year, and despite her own misgivings, YU enrolled onto a Level 3 course in Sport at West Suffolk College – an achievement in itself for which we are incredibly proud of her. As she continues to work towards

achieving her dreams, we will continue to support YU in all her endeavours and wish her all the best at college.

Junior SP 13-17 years

Summary of the Project: The Haverhill Community Trust was granted the sum of £6,030.00 for the 2018/2019 financial year to deliver “Provision of a safe environment for young, vulnerable people, who may have additional needs and other wellbeing issues”.

The provision was to provide 12 young people with an opportunity to try out, new activities and, hopefully, develop them into lifelong hobbies, interests and skills.

In a 12-month period, 3 courses were to be delivered, with each course being 10 sessions over a 10-week period. For this project to be a success, a number of outcomes were agreed upon; these were:

- Increased sense of worth and belonging
- Increased confidence and motivation
- Improved communication and better equipped young people who are more open about their feelings and more conscious of their emotions,
- Peer support and positive relationships
- Improved recognition of mood and coping strategies
- Outline of delivery and Outcomes

Our first course began 12 July 2018 at the Leiston Community Centre. Our project has primarily targeted at 13-16-year olds with a range of wellbeing issues including high anxiety, low mood, low self-confidence, low self-esteem and struggling to form and maintain friendships.

Working closely with staff from our local Academies, we were able to enrol more than double the targeted amount of young people – 25 participants. The individuals were extremely diverse; 8 young people have worked with us previously, 4 are males, 3 are young carers, 2 attend special schools, 2 are school refusers, 2 are looked-after children, 1 is home schooled, 1 has English as their second language and 1 assists us as a mentor.

Our provision lasted for 8 sessions, with 2 of those being during the school term and 6 during the summer holiday period. These included a bag design session, a flower arranging session, an ice-cream sundae competition/drumming session and the rest being a variety of outdoor activity days supported by the Outdoor Explore team of Abbeycroft Leisure. One particularly important weekly activity was a so-called ‘weekly emotional check-in’, which enabled the young people to label, understand and share their emotions, if they felt able.

The young people and their parents provided excellent, positive feedback on the project - with particularly good feedback provided on the bag designing and outdoor activity day sessions. On our final session, the young people were very vocal in their disappointment at the course ending. Despite being in-between courses, we very much look forward to continuing our work – continuing to foster a positive, supportive relationship between the young people and ourselves and watching the young people develop into young adults. We will continuously look to improve our provisions in the following courses over the next 8 months.

Case Study – Junior SP

PM is a young man of 13 years old with extreme introversion due Asperger’s Syndrome

and is, consequently, a school refuser – attending school only a few hours per week, at most. At the beginning of our activity day, PM clung to his Mum and was reluctant to mix

with the other young people around him, despite knowing some of them. Whilst the young people and adults tried to 'break the ice' with PM, he held a sullen look upon his face and said very little.

Amazingly, by the day's conclusion, PM had come out of his shell, had fully engaged with every activity and had even made a few friends. He was especially talented at archery, which was his favourite activity. The following morning, we received an email from his mother stating how much he had enjoyed it.

PM is a prime example of those who benefit most from our wellbeing projects – those who struggle in society today due to a multitude of wellbeing issues. For as PM is a school refuser, our sessions provide an important opportunity for him to begin developing his confidence, whilst having fun and learning. He is taking the first steps in his journey with us, and we look forward to continuing to support him (especially with a planned dedicated boys wellbeing group!) And, in addition, PM's story provides an insight into groups that could benefit from our assistance in the future.

Looking ahead

We continue to offer our Job Club on a Monday and support a case-load of young people. We will offer weekly follow up one-to-one appointments for those that need it.

Junior signpost programme will begin and run for 8 weeks starting in October, we will be working with a group of young males and joining up with the Neaco Project to deliver this.

We will work on the allotment with our adult Signpost group and look at next options with them.

We will organise a Jobs fair, with the help of West Suffolk College and Job Centre Plus we will encourage local businesses to attend and offer Christmas temp work, amongst other employment opportunities. The voluntary sector will also be present for those who are not ready for employment. We will encourage clients from all Stand Guide Courses to attend as well as any other un-employed person.

We will visit both upper schools on a weekly basis and work with their ear marked potential NEET Students to try and improve their chances of positive progression on leaving education.

Appendix 4

Youth Worker Report

Sandra Linnane

On The Spot Van

The On The Spot Van project is in its 8th Year and we continue to visit the estates in Haverhill and prominent areas of the town where young people are known to gather.

Youth Workers respond whenever possible to the requests of the young people and others as to where to park up the van.

From on-board the van we deliver sexual health training, drug workshops, awareness activities regarding alcohol, internet safety, food hygiene, further education and apprenticeship information, surveys and questionnaires and it is a place of safety when needed.

It's a facility that young people can pop on and off as they please and use the facilities if they wish and engage with the Youth Workers present.

It also enables the Youth Workers to pick up on conversations to discuss further.

Summer Programme and the On the Spot Van

We supported all the Fun Days and Picnic in the Park at East Town Park during the summer holidays and has had their own summer programme. (See attached.)

Weather played its part as usual and made some events tricky if not impossible.

Zumba in 35 degrees did not go well but the van was still visited and water was offered. Next year if it is something the Young People would like then we will hire a room indoors, just in case we have a hot summer again.

Nail Gels don't like the hot sun and even in the shade it would cause the gels to become sticky. Heavy rain caused us not to be able to park the van by the skate park to offer lunch but the van went to the market square and set up there instead.

Football tournament went well and the Young People went from playing short matches of football to rest and get refreshed by using the vans facilities.

Detached

This form of Youth Work remains very important, allowing Youth Workers to engage with young people on the estates where they live and gather. Being on foot gives us access to areas not able to be reached on the van and meet young people and other members of the community who would not otherwise use the van and its facilities.

Getting into the heart of the estates and talking with members of the public gives everybody a better understanding of what our role is and for us what concerns and activities members of the public want to share.

Youth Workers have supported and attended meetings where anti-social behaviour has taken place and continue to call on residents and shop owners to listen and try to resolve issues whenever possible.

Talking with the police and other professionals help provide a valuable service for the town of Haverhill and surrounding areas.

Residents and shop owners feel that their concerns are being taken seriously and enable everyone to work together to resolve situations.

Over the last few weeks we have had many conversations regarding further education, informing young people of events available that will help them make their choices.

Gangs have been a topic that we have come up against and have needed to call upon the police and other services to help resolve situations.

Youth Workers have been asked to talk with some young people who are in residential care and have had connections with gangs and to offer them information on their options regarding their education and social activities.

Chill Out

Chill Out at Simmo's has had good numbers up to 55 a session until the summer holidays where numbers dropped. This was expected and we are not too concerned about it as we expect the numbers to rise once schools have returned.

It was important to continue with Chill Out as not all Young People go on holidays or have family days out.

Litter Project

This has not taken off yet and once the summer programme has finished it will be revisited and different contacts made at Havebury to get it started as other groups would like to get involved, as it is such an important issue.

Working with other professionals

Youth Workers continue to value the importance in working and sharing information with other professionals.

This enables the best possibilities for our young people and the community of Haverhill.

Listed below are some of the professionals with whom Youth Workers liaise and share information with to help with working effectively Young People and their families.

Police, Drug and Gang Teams, Councillors, Youth Offending, Family Support Workers, Sexual Health Workers, Volunteer groups, Youth Community Officers, Staff at residential homes, Health Centres Mental Health Colleagues etc.

Future Ideas (If funding was available)

Life Skills: Cooking with Young People. (Possibly with families who could benefit from working together)

Drop in café for Young People in town.

First Aid training for Young People and also for Young Mums.

Future art projects giving Young People the opportunity to express themselves through different medias.

Haverhill Town Council's Youth Workers are always willing to listen and give new and old ideas ago so please share your thoughts with us and if funding is available we will do our best to get involved.

Appendix 5

Youth Strategy

Recommendation	Last Action Reported	Update
1 – On The Spot Van	Please see Sandra Linnane's report 13b	
2 – Social Media Project	The YAG received a presentation on a rejuvenated project, with the Town Council taking over this project after the Borough Arts Officer moved on.	No further update
3 – Youth Skills Project	See report 13a above	
4 – Skate Park	The youth survey design is progressing.	The survey was not launched before the summer holidays due to some last minute glitches.
5 Extend Arts Centre	Now out of scope of the YAG	
6 – Creative Arts Strategy	See Arts Manager's Report	
7 – Chill-out Zone at Leisure Centre	The move to Simmo's has gone well, with numbers building well (50+). We are currently paying Simmo's for 3x staff and supplying two youth workers to support them and the young people.	Numbers dropped significantly during the summer holidays, we hope they will recover now school has restarted.
8 – Councillor Involvement	Ongoing	

Appendix 6

LC/18/061 Public Forum

A resident congratulated the Council on the improvements outside the Arts Centre, describing the new digital sign as an elegant replacement for the old poster tower which was unsightly. It was money well spent.

A resident applauded the work of Connecting Communities.

Mr D Smith, Chair of the Haverhill South People's Forum highlighted that lots of ideas had been put forward by the community at their drop-in stalls during the Town Council events. In particular a call for greater youth provision.