

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Held on Tuesday 16th September 2019 at 8.00pm at Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 8AR



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Present: Mayor J Burns (Chairman)
Councillor M Marks
Councillor J Mason
Councillor L Miller-Jones
Councillor D Roach
Councillor D Smith
Councillor L Smith

Apologies: Councillor P Fox (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor A Brown
Councillor P Firman

Absent: None

In Attendance: Colin Poole, Town Clerk
Nick Keeble, Arts & Leisure Manager

4 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

LC19 /054 Apologies for Absence
The above apologies were noted.

LC19 /055 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations
None

LC19 /056 Minutes of the Last Meeting
It was proposed by Councillor M Marks, seconded by Councillor D Smith that minutes of the meeting held 9th July 2019 be agreed as a true record.
RESOLVED

LC19 /057 Actions arising from the minutes
LC19/033 – Councillor L Miller-Jones advised that the play area that backs on to railway walk adjacent to the leisure centre tennis courts had a lot of litter.
The Clerk will advise West Suffolk District Council.
LC19/051 – The Clerk apologised that a report would not be available on youth work, but would give a verbal report on the Zone.

ACTION

CLERK

LC19 /058 **Public Forum**
No member of the public wished to speak

LC19 /059 **Dog Friendly Haverhill**
This item was deferred to a future meeting.

LC19 /060 **“Memories are Golden” Community Hub**
Ms Nathalie Gilder and Ms Kelly Kennedy-Smith gave a presentation on the work of the Community hub, based at the Unity Trust building on Park Road, Haverhill. Describing it as a ‘not for profit organisation not yet registered with the Charity Commission’, the hub was set up by a small team of paid home carers to provide a dedicated space for people living with dementia. The group recognise that they need to get independent Trustees on the committee who are employed by or directors of the care company paid by the hub to provide care, as this is a conflict of interest. The Councillors expressed their support for the aims of the group and admiration for the efforts so far and the success in attracting support from the community in terms of tradesmen and funding. It was proposed by Councillor J Mason, seconded by Councillor D Roach, that the council provides £1,806.64 of funding towards arts and craft materials.

RESOLVED

The meeting noted that the current indicated income generated by attendance fees required the Community Hub to register with the Charity Commission.

LC19 /061 **Report on past and future Arts Centre and Leisure Activity**
Nick Keeble referred Councillors to his report (see Appendix 1) and also provided a report on the meeting he had with the Town Centre traders group regarding the Family Christmas Night and a report on an environmental meeting looking to improve the green credentials of the council. Mr Keeble presented proposals for an event schedule for 2020. Discussion ensued regarding local community events, tribute nights and paid-entry events over a weekend. It was agreed Mr Keeble will work up a more detailed set of proposals for the November meeting.

Nick Keeble

LC19 /062 **Determination of current grant applications**
The following grants were considered following representations from several of the applicants, gratefully received by the committee.

Requesting Group	Cause	Amount requested	Amount Awarded
a) REACH	To support the work of REACH Community Project’s Resource Centre	£5,000	£5,000
b) Kernos Centre	Contribution towards counselling costs for clients from Haverhill, delivered in Sudbury.	£500	£0.00

It was proposed by Councillor D Roach, seconded by Councillor M Marks, that there were local options now available for counselling in Haverhill and therefore it was not appropriate to fund counselling outside of Haverhill which may be charged-for.

RESOLVED

LC19 /063 **Reports from Grant Recipients**
Councillors noted that no reports were received at this time.
NOTED.

LC19 Youth Strategy Report

- /064**
- a) **Youth Skills Project Report** Councillors expressed appreciation for the new format report
 - b) **Zone Report** The Clerk had already previously apologised the new-format report for The Zone and other youth activity was not ready.

LC19 Date of Next Meeting

/065 It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 12th November 2019 at the Arts Centre, but this date was subject to confirmation.

LC19 Closure

/066 The meeting was declared closed at 21:45pm.

CLERK

Signed
Chairman

Date

Appendix 1

Arts & Leisure Manager's Report



SUMMER IN HAVERHILL

Above are some images from the recent events that took place during Summer in Haverhill 2019.

Our summer events included the following (approx. attendances in brackets)

Vehicle Rally - 1500 people	Outdoor Cinema – 230	Tribute Night – 4500
Big Day Out – 2000	Summer Film Challenge – 11	Fun Days - 2200
Summer Music Fun- 85	Summer Theatre / Cinema – 600	Other activities – 400

Two events were badly affected by the rain. The Open Air cinema was well received but did not attract the anticipated numbers in the first year. The Fun Days were well supported and excellent links were made with organisations including Havebury Housing, West Suffolk Recycling, OneLife Suffolk and Haverhill South Peoples Forum that will help to influence future events. There was lots of positive feedback including the following comments taken directly from social media

We had a great time. Thankyou to Haverhill Town Council & everyone who made today happen.

It was another brilliant night, thanku Haverhill town council

I've been so surprised since moving here 3 years ago just how much happens in this town. It appears we are so lucky with all the different varied events that happen. Like the Halloween trial, the music this evening, the fireworks at Christmas. I really like loving here 🙌👍

Just a shoutout to Haverhill Town Council and the organisers of tonight's event. What a great evening. What a great place to live. ❤️Haverhill

FREEDOM OF HAVERHILL – Royal Anglian Regiment – Sunday 6 October

Following the granting of The Freedom of Haverhill by the Town Council on 18 June, the 1st Battalion of the Royal Anglian Regiment will exercise this honour on Sunday 6 October 2019 with a parade through the Town Centre of Haverhill led by The Royal Artillery Band. The parade will leave the Market Square at 3.00pm. There will be a reception for Councillors, dignitaries and officers at Haverhill Arts Centre before the parade and a second reception for the troops at St Marys Church after the parade.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND RECYCLING

Cllr Lora Miller-Jones and I got together to discuss how the Town Council should be approaching the development of more environmentally friendly procedures, recycling initiatives and potential projects. The notes from the meeting are attached.

The main work in the short term will be:

Auditing current practices and procedures

Developing an Environmental Policy and implementing procedures across the venues/operations of the Town Council.

Purchasing recycling bins for all venues and re-assessing waste collection

Getting a buy-in from staff to make the Town Council

CHRISTMAS

Following the last Leisure & Community Meeting, a sub-committee of Councillors met to talk about possible re-organisation of Family Christmas Night. The notes from the meeting are attached.

Investigations are being made into implementing some of the recommendations in 2019. There have also been discussions with the One Haverhill Business Engagement Task Group on this matter.

ARTS CENTRE - new events for local talent

The Arts Centre held their first Open Mic Night on Friday 6 September attracting 10 performers and an audience of more than 50 people. The content included music – singer/songwriters, rappers and covers artists, poetry and comedy. One of the aims of the night is to build up an artistic community around the Arts Centre. A second event called Minor Scale is showcasing Young People on Saturday 14 September. The event is organised and put together by the young people. It is hoped that these events will become regular fixtures in the Arts Centre programme

EVENTS 2020-2021

Attached is a provisional schedule of events and activities for 2020-2021. This includes regular activities and envisages a couple of new events – a 3 day summer music event in July and a Community Day in August. The grid also includes other possible opportunities for community activities.

ARTS CENTRE PROGRAMME

We are currently promoting the September to December programme. Current sales for the annual pantomime Snow White are 100% up on sales at the equivalent week in 2018. The broadcast of Fleabag has sold out and a second screening has been booked in.

HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE FILM FIGURES

Months	No of Screenings	General Movie Attendance (no of screenings)	Event Cinema Attendance (no of screenings)	Average per screening
Jan / Feb 2018	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
September/October	29	926 (20)	428 (9)	46.69
Nov / December	19	726 (13)	343 (6)	56.26
Jan / Feb 2019	33	1455 (25)	419 (8)	56.79
Mar / April	25	829 (19)	212 (6)	41.64
May / June	23	543 (16)	401 (7)	41.04
July/August	23	779 (18)	235 (5)	44.09

Forward Diary and happenings

Freedom of Haverhill Parade – Sunday 6 October 2019

Halloween Trail 2019 – Friday 25 October 2019

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 10 November 2019

Family Christmas Night – Friday 6 December 2019

Haverhill Parish Carol Service - Wednesday 11 December 2019

If any Councillors are free on the evenings of Friday 25 October and / or Friday 6 December to assist with collections in donation buckets, please could they contact nick.keeble@haverhillartscentre.co.uk

Nick Keeble
September 2019