

ONE Haverhill
Meeting Notes
15th June 2011, 10am-12.15pm
Conference Room, Police Station, Swan Lane, Haverhill



1. **Attendees:** Gordon Cox, Sarah Howard, Geoff Rivers, Phillip French, Gordon Mussett, Robert Feakes, Henry Wilson, Mary Taylor, Lyn Burgess, Elaine Hewes, Philip Sullivan, Roger Andre, Ernie Goody, Frank Hanlon, Jeremy Farthing, Tim Marks, Warren Smythe, Anne Gower, Clair Harvey, Helen Lindfield, Will Wright, Guy McGregor, Dave Watson, Suzanne Buck, Kevin Horton, Andrea Mayley, **Apologies:** Mark Marshall, Chris Galley, Adam Whittaker.

2. **Matters Arising:**

- **Supporting Young Haverhill update:** Very successful launch event attended by Mathew Hancock MP last month. The group is currently pushing forward with a number of task and finish groups.
- **School Representative:** Jo Ager has now moved into another role. Sarah Howard has approached the schools and they are willing to attend in the new school term in September.
- **Faith Representative:** Mayors Chaplain role has come to attend. Waiting for Haverhill Churches together to nominate a new representative to sit on the board.

3. **Local Transport Plan (Cllr Guy McGregor/ Dave Watson/Suzanne Buck):**

A link to the county's Local Transport Plan, LTP3, is provided below.
<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/TransportAndStreets/Policies/LocalTransportPlan.htm>

Request for comments on/ support for, the schemes identified on the plan (attached), to include any views on the priorities identified on the plan and table (attached) or, any new schemes that the group would like considered (in keeping with the sustainable transport theme)..



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Comments on the following three schemes, both in terms of inclusion in the LTP3 programme and priority currently shown in the table; 1) Camps Rd - New link - A feasibility study and if appropriate the implementation of a scheme. 2) Bergamont Rd/Haycocks Rd - Study into the need for traffic calming and if appropriate the design and implementation of a scheme 3) Chimswell Way - Study into the need for traffic calming and if appropriate the design and implementation of a scheme.

General discussion:

- Double yellow lines on the High St are not always enforceable due to some lines being worn.
- Suggestion to try signage about parking restrictions rather than rely on lines alone and to try signage to encourage people to cycle/walk into Town.
- Suggestion to link Railway walk with Industrial Estate and extend cycle route to encourage workers to walk/bike to work.
- More people would cycle to Leisure Centre if secure bike locks were available.
- Conversations underway with Cambs CC to look at congestion on A1307 and demand responsive transport solutions.
- A need for a statement of what we have now in the High St and what is planned, including timescales.
- Haverhill is the largest town in southern England with no railway station. Agreement that work on progressing this must start now.

ACTION: 1) All comments to be received by 24th June 2011 via Clair Harvey 2) Suzanne/Dave to take these issues back and provide update on progress at the next meeting. 3) Guy McGregor to start work on lobbying for Haverhill Train station

4. **Anti-social Behaviour (PC Will Wright & Helen Lindfield):**

- Haverhill has a culture among young people, to go out on a Friday evening and gather in groups. Recently this has resulted in large numbers of young people (up to 50, aged 10+) gathering in green areas across Haverhill from 6pm through to midnight, although this is not every Friday evening and there are times when there are no young people on the streets.
- Problems encountered: Excessive alcohol consumption, excessive shouting and shrieking and general noise, criminal damage, urinating in a public place, hassling adults to buy age restricted products, underage purchase attempts.
- Police are reporting that young people have a bad attitude and a lack of respect for both the Police officers and the community. What appears to be different this year is that this has continued, for the most part, all through the winter when normally it reduces at this time and re emerges with the lighter nights. It has also been noted that younger children (middle school age) are becoming involved
- A multi agency meeting was held to try to address these issues and came together in April to discuss but we more effort, ideas and resources to tackle this effectively.
- It has been acknowledged by the agencies that, with ever diminishing resources (staff and funding), we cannot carry on putting in short term diversionary activities eg Positive Futures. We have to move away from 'fire fighting' and move to something more sustainable and aimed at changing the culture. Any future work needs to be coordinated across statutory, voluntary and business communities and result in a structured sustainable approach.
- Existing ASB group to 1) To investigate good practice from other areas. 2) To investigate the instigation of a Community Alcohol Partnership led by Trading standards – a partnership to tackle underage drinking.

ACTION: 1) Task and Finish Group to be set up to develop a 5 year community led plan for young people in Haverhill within 6 months-volunteers to make themselves know to Clair Harvey. 2) Increase engagement of schools and LEA. 3) Tim Marks to approach SCC in regard to funding existing youth workers with Town Council funds.

5. **Promoting Haverhill (Andrea Mayley):**

- Town Centre manager role has now finished. Much of the work is being taken on by St Eds BC economic development team but there are obvious opportunities for ONE Haverhill to get more involved.
- Animating the Plaza/Market Square: How do we co-ordinate these and get more people coming into Town?
- Monthly Column: Could we have a monthly column giving out positive messages from ONE Haverhill members either as individuals or organisations?
- Promoting Haverhill: Do we make best use of the CB9 logo? Chamber can help link/promote. We need o draw on the expertise/talent we have available-wider than this board.

ACTION: 1) Task and finish group to be set up to take these opportunities forward-volunteers to make themselves known to Clair Harvey.

6. **Future Topics:** Agreed only 2 topics per meeting to allow for discussion/debate.

- Quality Of Life Budget
- Vision 2031
- Intelligent Lighting System
- Community Engagement

7. **A.O.B**

- **Task & Finish Group to organise September Forum:** Suggestion to merge SNT public Forum and ONE Haverhill Forum. Anybody interested in being part of the group organising this event please let Clair Harvey know.
- Agreed that nominations for 1) Chair of ONE Haverhill Board 2) ONE Haverhill Forum be put forward at the next meeting in August. The new chair(s) will be elected in time for the September Forum/Board meeting
- **Future Meeting Dates:** Wed 17th August, Wed 19th Oct, Wed 14th Dec all meetings will be 0930-1130.
- **Community Enterprise Now event 30th June:** Phillip French volunteered to attend this event and feed back at the next meeting.
- **Terms of reference:** New members can find details of the Terms of reference for ONE Haverhill at http://www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/sebc/work/pdf/economy/One_haverhill_terms_of_reference.pdf
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