

ONE Haverhill Partnership Board Meeting MINUTES

25th March 2021 10:00am

Zoom teleconferencing

Present:

John Mayhew	JM	Chair and Haverhill & District Chamber of Commerce
Andy Cook	AC	Police
Andy Cuthbertson	AC	Communities and VCS Lead People Services Suffolk County Council
Andy Hunter	AH	Headteacher, Samuel Ward Academy
Andrew Smith	AS	Havebury Housing
Colin Poole	CP	Town Clerk, Haverhill Town Council
Councillor Dave Smith	CllrDS	Haverhill Town Council
Councillor David Roach	CllrDR	Suffolk County Council
Councillor John Burns	CllrJB	Haverhill Town Mayor
Councillor Margaret Marks	CllrMM	West Suffolk Council
Councillor Pat Hanlon	CllrPH	Haverhill Town Council
Councillor Susan Glossop	CllrSG	Cabinet Member for Planning & Growth, West Suffolk Council
Daniel Pilley	DP	Haverhill Chamber of Commerce
Dave Gooderham	DG	ONE Haverhill PR Consultant
David Osborne	DO	West Suffolk Council
Helen Cullup	HC	Community Action Suffolk
Henry Wilson	HW	REACH
Ian Gallin	IG	Chief Executive, West Suffolk Council
Jacqui Singleton	JS	Work Related Learning Coordinator, Samuel Ward Academy
Joanna Cowley	JC	West Suffolk Alliance
Jon Eaton	JE	Families & Communities Officer, West Suffolk Council
Lois Wreathall	LW	Head of Primary Care, West Suffolk CCG
Paul Vella	PV	MENTA
Rachel Cox	RC	Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid Centre
Sargent Matt Gilbert	SargMG	Police
Tony Howard	TH	Business Development Manager, Citizen Advice Bureau
Alisha Jenkins	AJ	Haverhill Town Council, minute taker

Item	ACTION
<p>1. <u>Welcome, Declaration of Interest, Apologies</u> John Mayhew welcomed everyone to the meeting and mentioned to members that the meeting was being recorded.</p> <p>Apologies were received from: Alex Till, CEO MENTA Councillor Paul West, Suffolk County Council Councillor Tony Brown, Haverhill Town Council Darren Woodward, Director of Education (Primary) Unity Schools Partnership David Ruddy, Vice Chair and West Suffolk College Inspector Kevin Horton, Police Lizzie Cocker, Families & Communities Officer, West Suffolk Council Warren Smythe, Abbeycroft Leisure</p> <p>2 members of the public were present.</p> <p>Declarations of interest: None.</p> <p>J. Mayhew reminded members with any declarations of interest in future meeting to notify himself or Alisha before the meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>2. <u>Governance:</u> Nomination of new Chair: J. Mayhew has discussed with Tim Coulson, CEO of Unity Trust, Andy Hunter's appointment which is fully supported of Unity Trust. Andy is Head of Samuel Ward Academy. There will be a 3-month transition period which would allow Andy Hunter to take over from June Board meeting. APPROVED.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Previous Minutes & Matters Arising from the meeting held 3rd December 2020:</u> Substantive actions from previous minutes (Reference numbers from previous minutes) None, all previous actions taken under relevant agenda items.</p> <p>Previous minutes were approved.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Financial Overview:</u> C. Poole reported that various donations have been received which are ringfenced for general ONE Haverhill funds and the Heart of Haverhill projects. March figures for ONE Haverhill Partnership will be released in the April Op's Group meeting minutes.</p> <p>J. Mayhew reminded all representatives that it was part of the expectation of being a member to seek within their organisations for any funding opportunities that the ONE Haverhill Partnership could use to meet core costs and fund any of prospective projects.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>5. <u>Public Speaking:</u> Rachel Cox – Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid Centre: Latest statistics:</p>	

1 in 4 women experience domestic abuse in their lifetime, 1 in 6 children. Covid-19 has escalated domestic violence, by limiting or closing down roots for support services and making it harder for victims to reach out. It is currently estimated that 130,000 children are living in UK where domestic violence is prevalent and are not known to support services.

A Women's Aid survey found that:

- 67% of women reported that their abuse worsened during the pandemic
- 78% of women reported that covid-19 made it harder for them to leave.
- 58% of women felt that they had no one to turn to.
- 52% of women felt more afraid.

The national Women's Aid chat service was working reduced hours pre covid-19, but demand has increased by 41%, with the chat service now open Monday to Sunday.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chzz5VCgVi0> - Rosie Duffield MP Speech on Domestic Abuse

Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid Centre provide temporary accommodation for women and children fleeing Domestic Abuse. The refuge has living accommodation for up to eight women and fifteen children offering temporary accommodation in a safe and supportive environment where women and their children can recover from the traumatic effects of Domestic Abuse and make informed choices about their futures.

The Domestic Abuse Outreach Centre offers a range of community services. All services are offered to anyone who has been affected by Domestic Abuse and needs support. These services include:

- Empowerment programmes
- Peer support
- Specialist one to one support
- Access to counselling to support people to rebuild their lives after domestic abuse

A lack of support services present in Haverhill is a barrier for women, with closest services being in Bury St Edmunds. When hosting a pre covid pilot at Castle Manor there was an overwhelming demand for more service in Haverhill.

Suffolk Police have trained officers available to assist and give guidance with domestic abuse perpetrators.

6. Task Group updates:

6.1. Health and Wellbeing Task Group:

The task group had been unable to meet due to members availability and the pressures of Covid-19; the task group was expected to meet again in March.

6.1.1. L. Wreathall updated that the mental health early adopter project – led by Dr Roz Tandy, mental health lead for West Suffolk CCG Haverhill has successfully piloted additional Mental Health Nurses at GP surgeries which is about to roll out in Suffolk in April due to being successful in the town. L. Wreathall to invite the mental health lead to the June Board meeting to discuss the changes in the service and potential development areas **LW**

6.1.2. Unity Healthcare have a lease for 14 more years, Family Practise have one in place for another 25 years the hub will not have GPs based there.

Plans are being made to remove certain services from West Suffolk Hospital, meaning services would be delivered at local surgeries. The potential site for the new hospital is Hardwick Manor, confirmation of the site is expected later this year.

A. Jenkins to circulate Future Systems Board report provided by Councillor M Marks with the minutes **AJ**

I. Gallin reported that partners are exploring the idea of co-locating health services and engaging in the West Suffolk Hospital consultations. It was mentioned that Haverhill should go bold in their aspirations to cope with the increase in demand once the new housing estates around the town are built.

6.2. Education, training, and Employment Task Group:

No further update.

6.3. Crime and ASB Task Group:

6.3.1. Sarge M. Gilbert informed that the Task Group has been focusing on the management of antisocial behaviour in new build areas. Currently looking to improve the consultation between developers and designated crime officers. Including looking at the risks of housing similar banding on a large scale in areas of the town and the lack of tenancy support for tenants moving into their first home.

6.3.2. Sarge M. Gilbert added that services such as Turning Point will return once covid-19 restrictions ease. Haverhill has an ongoing issue with residents having direct access to services in town, which is a large barrier.

6.3.3. J. Mayhew reported that Ops Group have monthly meetings where updates from all the task groups are discussed but there has been no updated from the Crime and ASB Task Group and asked whether a member would be able to forward a report to A. Jenkins after their meetings to be circulated to the Op's Group members.

6.4. Town Centre MasterPlan Task Group:

6.4.1. Cllr S. Glossop reported that the task group has temporarily been renamed to the Town Centre Safety Group as it is currently looking at safety measure for the town centre inline with covid-19 restrictions. The High Street remains shut from 10am till 4pm to improve social distancing for pedestrians. Gurteen's have been negotiating with Suffolk County Council Highways to have unlimited access to the High Street for their deliveries, which has been agreed in principle providing Gurteen's have trained employees to see the vehicles in and out of the High Street. Work has continued on the development of the High Street Haverhill has been granted £80,000 by Suffolk County Council for improved walking and cycling facilities in the town centre and work has continued to sign local businesses up to LoyalFree which is an app designed to encourage local shopping.

Haverhill Town Council shopfront vinyl's project is now live and local artwork is being displayed in the empty shops in the town, this project has been very well received.

Haverhill Town Council have ordered some picnic benches that are placed on the edge of the Market Square primarily to prevent drivers from attempting cross the square to get around the road closures. The benches will also be available for the market to use when it is on the square. Haverhill Town Council has also repaired all the benches throughout the High Street.

6.6. BID Task Group:

6.6.1. J. Mayhew informed the successful candidate for the Heart of Haverhill Town Centre Manger position has declined and the recruitment process had restarted. The closing date for applications will be the 29 March with interviews expected to be held the week after.

6.7. Volunteering Task Group:

6.7.1. C. Poole added that the Volunteer Centre is continuing to work remotely and building up relationships with the voluntary sector. The Volunteer Centre is setting up the Media Hub at the Haverhill Arts Centre as a temporary hub until the centre can move into the AXA building.

7. Press and Social Media:

No further update.

8. Joanna Cowley - West Suffolk Alliance update:

A. Jenkins to forward attendees Joanna Cowley's presentation.

AJ

West Suffolk Alliance Priorities:

1. Strengthening the support for people to stay well and manage their wellbeing and health in their communities.
2. Focusing with individuals on their needs and goals.
3. Changing both the way we work together and how services are configured.
4. Making effective use of resources.

Looking forward the alliance will be looking what has changed and what have we learnt over the pandemic for the community, system operating models and collaboration.

9. **Any Other Business:**

None.

10. **Dates of Next Meetings:**

Thursday 3rd June

Thursday 23rd September

Thursday 2nd December

A. Jenkins to send out outlook invites to attendees and Louise Hempstead.