

ONE Haverhill Partnership Board Meeting MINUTES 29th June 2023 10:00am

Present:

Board Members		
Andy Hunter	AH	Chair and Headteacher, Samuel Ward Academy
Councillor Bruce Davidson	BD	Mayor, Haverhill Town Council
Andrew Bell	AB	Centre Manager, Epicentre
Councillor John Burns	CllrJB	Haverhill Town Council
Lizzi Cocker	LC	West Suffolk Council, Families & Communities
Cllr Quinn Cox	CllrQC	Haverhill Town Council
Helen Cullop	HC	Community Action Suffolk
Revd Max Drinkwater	RevdMD	Priest-in-Charge, Haverhill and Withersfield
Jon Eaton	JE	Families and Communities, West Suffolk Council
Patrick Hanlon	CllrPH	West Suffolk Council
Karen Points	KP	Abbeycroft Leisure
Colin Poole	CP	Haverhill Town Council, Clerk
Councillor David Roach	CllrRC	Suffolk County Council
Alex Till	AT	MENTA
Councillor David Smith	CllrDS	Haverhill Town Council
Amanda Williams	AM	Get Suffolk Reading
Henry Wilson	HW	REACH Haverhill
In Attendance		
Jane Lomas	JL	Haverhill Town Council, minute taker
Apologies		
Jo Albini	JA	Business Development Manager, Citizens Advice West Suffolk
Ian Gallin	IG	Chief Executive, West Suffolk Council
Cllr Donna Higgins	CllrDH	West Suffolk Council
Insp Ben Hollands	BH	Suffolk Constabulary

Phil Stittle	PS	West Suffolk College
Adelle Stopher	AS	Place Programme Lead for West Suffolk, Public Health Suffolk County Council

Item		ACTION
1.	<u>Tour of the EpiCentre</u> Andy Bell facilitated a tour of the EpiCentre for attendees.	
2.	<p><u>Welcome, Declaration of Interest, Apologies</u> Andy Hunter, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Andy Hunter noted that Cllr M Marks is no longer a West Suffolk Council representative on the Board of ONE Haverhill Partnership and he thanked her for her service to the Board. b) AH welcomed Cllr Quinn Cox to the Board. c) Andy Hunter noted that David Ruddy has now left the Board of ONE Haverhill Partnership and he thanked him for his work. AH welcomed Phil Stittle to the Board as West Suffolk College’s representative. d) Andy Hunter noted that Suzanne Stevenson has now left the Board and welcomed Amanda Williams as the Get Suffolk Reading representative. e) Andy Hunter further welcomed Karen Points to the Board, standing in for Warren Smyth as Abbeycroft Leisure representative, and Cllr Joe Mason in the public gallery as an observer. f) Andy Hunter advised the Board that his term as Chair is coming to an end after nearly two years. He asked Board members to contact him if they would like to take over the role. Otherwise he is happy to stand again. This will be considered at the next meeting. <p>Apologies were received from: See above.</p> <p>1 member of the public was present (Cllr J Mason).</p> <p>Declarations of interest: None.</p>	CP
3.	<u>Previous Minutes & Matters Arising from the meeting held 30th March 2023:</u> There were no matters arising. Previous minutes were approved.	
4.	<u>Public Speaking:</u> None.	
5.	<u>Haverhill Science Festival 2024</u> CP reported that the task group has met twice since the last Board meeting, most recently on 28 th June. The obvious choice is to hold the Haverhill Science Festival at	

	<p>the same time as British Science Week (8-17 March 2024) but this is not easy as many speakers and entertainers are already booked. The task group is considering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A jobs fair for STEM industries. A networking event to encourage individuals who might not usually attend one. This has to involve local businesses and ideas are being explored as to how to attract them. Education – to include all schools within Haverhill and potentially beyond. The task group is considering the curriculum and how the Science Festival can add value. Different events will be aimed a specific age-groups, eg secondary school students will have the opportunity to participate in more practical exercises. Shows at the Arts Centre aimed at children and adults. <p>Interesting speaker(s) would add interest and potentially more attendees. This is a good opportunity to showcase Haverhill and the STEM businesses here. If anyone knows of a potential speaker, or businesses in STEM industries, please forward information to CP.</p> <p>It would be helpful if members of the Board could consider how STEM is part of their line of work and what their engagement could be at the Science Festival. The message is for people to recognise Haverhill based STEM businesses offer opportunities in a very wide range of jobs; CNC operatives, forklift truck drivers, warehouse workers – it is not just about attaining a PhD and working in research.</p> <p>Revd Max is keen for the churches to be involved. He has spoken to the Faraday Institute who are interested in participating/helping. He will speak to CP.</p> <p>Amanda Williams suggested STEM related books and packs from the National Literary Trust, with involvement from Phil Stittle.</p> <p>Jon Eaton suggested that this a good opportunity for Suffolk College to become involved.</p> <p>Alex Till raised the question if anyone else in Suffolk is holding a science fair. CP confirmed that Cambridge’s Science Week is 14-28 March, but he is not aware of anyone in Suffolk holding an event.</p> <p>Cllr Pat Hanlon suggested banners, bunting and posters around the town. This was felt to be a good idea, with company sponsorship paying for the cost. Alex Till said that MENTA is happy to support sponsorship of banners with others.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>RevdMD</p> <p>AW</p> <p>AT</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Suffolk Mental Health Funding</u></p> <p>Lizzi Cocker reported thirteen funding applications were received for public mental health projects across West Suffolk. Successful Haverhill projects were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Men’s Shed – to buy a trailer and take the Men’s Shed on tour around local villages. Hands Across Haverhill – intergenerational project to bring together young and old. Dance and Movement – utilising the Arts for wellbeing. Walk, Talk and Be Happy – taking individuals for a walk and having conversations. Haverhill Youth Wellbeing Hub, at The Zone – aimed at 11-24 year-olds. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REACH – for the creation of ‘passports’ for individuals to keep a record of their own data, eg where they have been signposted, projects attended. <p>Projects have a year to deliver, and progress will monitored throughout the year.</p> <p>Out of the £50k received, approximately £11k is still available; allocation to be decided.</p> <p>Cllr John Burns asked about the status of Stourview Medical Centre. Plans had been that it would occupied this month but there are still builders and scaffolding there. Lizzi Cocker said that she will look into it.</p> <p>Helen Cullop reported that her team is lobbying for more crisis support. Andy Hunter said that at the last Board meeting, after Peter Wightman’s presentation, OHP offered space for NHS services in the community. This offer has not yet been taken up. Lizzi Cocker reported that Open Mind run sessions from the Methodist Church but have to pay to hire the hall. She has written to the ICB asking if community groups can occupy space in the Health Centre when it opens. Alex Till said that MENTA would be willing to host this group with no charge.</p> <p>Cllr Pat Hanlon raised the issue that residents are still uninformed regarding services offered in Haverhill. Karen Points reported that Suffolk County Council is funding a Mental Health Prescriber and that there is more support coming on stream, but residents are unaware. It was felt that a dedicated space should be provided where residents can find out what support is available and how to access the help they need.</p> <p>Alex Till said that Flexible Support Funds from the Department of Work and Pensions are available but in order to apply, the impact of how mental health affects working has to be addressed.</p> <p>Andy Hunter reported that Unity Schools are engaging with Reach Foundation in Felton, London. This two-year project supports underprivileged and deprived children with all Unity schools working together. The premise is that every family receives the same support and signposting. Interestingly, Reach Foundation has set up a group similar to ONE Haverhill Partnership and have said it has been transformational in having an impact across the whole town.</p>	LC
7.	<p><u>Reports from Task Groups</u></p> <p>a) CRIME & ASB (Drug & Alcohol Sub-Group)</p> <p>Cllr John Burns reported that this task group has met several times. Unfortunately Inspector Ben Hollands was unable to attend this Board meeting, as he been unable to attend the task group meetings too. CllrJB reported that he collates crime statistics and reported crime is not on an upward trend. However, there have been several instances of graffiti/criminal damage.</p> <p>Turning Point’s contract expires in 2024. Their tender documents will be available on 7th July for a contract starting next April. Once the tender document becomes available, it can be examined by the task group to explore what is being planned for Haverhill. Turning Point has said they have now got a support worker in Haverhill, so hopefully that person will start talking to people needing help.</p>	

	<p>b) HEALTH Lizzi Cocker reported that the Health and Wellbeing Subgroup will now be part of the ICB. A Haverhill Locality meeting is planned for 10th July, which will comprise of clinicians, GPs, and people running health projects in the community. One person from that group will report back to the OHP Board.</p> <p>c) EDUCATION, SKILLS & ENTERPRISE Colin Poole advised that, as David Ruddy has retired, he has confirmed membership of this group and will arrange a date to meet.</p> <p>Alex Till reported that European funding has finished. The Growth Hub (formerly the Chamber of Commerce) is out for tender. Processes for applying for funds is changing, and it is not as straightforward to tender for work.</p> <p>d) INTERGENERATIONAL WORKING Andy Hunter reported that the group has met to explore how they can get it off the ground. It would be helpful to have another meeting within the next three weeks.</p> <p>e) VOLUNTEERING Colin Poole said this group met in April. The Volunteer Centre is now operating from The Link in the High Street. The Big Help Out was promoted on 8th May, and the Good Neighbour scheme is still going strong. The next meeting of the Volunteer Task Group is on 17th July.</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>AH</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr John Burns asked if Public Speaking could be added to the agenda. 2. Cllr John Burns asked if it would be useful to live stream the meetings. He raised the issue of the website being out of date. Colin Poole will provide updates regarding dates and people. Andy Hunter will meet with Cllr Burns to review the website. 3. Jon Eaton informed the meeting that the Community Chest goes live on 12th July and will be on the website from 20th July. 4. Helen Cullop reported that the Voluntary and Statutory Partnership for Mental Health meets every other month. This is an open meeting and is a good place to find out what voluntary organisations do in Haverhill. 5. Cllr John Burns asked if OHP Board meeting dates could be set for 2024. 	<p>CP</p> <p>CP AH</p> <p>CllrJB</p> <p>CP</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> 28th September, 2023. To be held at the EpiCentre, Haverhill Research Park, Enterprise Way, Haverhill CB9 7LR</p>	
	<p>The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.</p> <p>Meeting closed 11:40am.</p>	