

ONE Haverhill Partnership Board Meeting MINUTES

24th September 2020 10:00am

Zoom teleconferencing

Present:

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| John Mayhew | JM | Chair and Haverhill & District Chamber of Commerce |
| Amanda Ankin | AA | Suffolk Chamber of Commerce |
| Andy Cuthbertson | AC | Communities and VCS Lead People Services Suffolk County Council |
| Andrew Smith | AS | Havebury Housing |
| Colin Poole | CP | Town Clerk. Haverhill Town Council |
| Councillor Aaron Luccarini | CllrAL | Haverhill Town Council |
| Councillor John Burns | CllrJB | Haverhill Town Mayor |
| Councillor Margaret Marks | CllrMM | West Suffolk Council |
| Councillor Pat Hanlon | CllrPH | Haverhill Town Council |
| Councillor Paul West | CllrPW | Suffolk County Council |
| Councillor Susan Glossop | CllrSG | Cabinet Member for Planning & Growth, West Suffolk Council |
| Darren Woodward | DW | Director of Education (Primary) Unity Schools Partnership |
| David Collinson | DC | West Suffolk Council |
| David Osborne | DO | West Suffolk Council |
| Dave Gooderham | DG | ONE Haverhill PR Consultant |
| Helen Cullup | HC | Community Action Suffolk |
| Henry Wilson | HW | REACH |
| Inspector Kevin Horton | InspectKH | Police |
| Jacqui Singleton | JS | Work Related Learning Coordinator, Samuel Ward Academy |
| Jon Eaton | JE | Families & Communities Officer, West Suffolk Council |
| Lizzie Cocker | LC | Families & Communities Officer, West Suffolk Council |
| Paul Vella | PV | MENTA |
| Tony Howard | TH | Business Development Manager, Citizen Advice Bureau |
| Alisha Jenkins | AJ | Haverhill Town Council, minute taker |

| Item | ACTION |
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| <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 Ann Allen, REACH Councillor David Roach, Suffolk County Council Councillor Dave Smith, Haverhill Town Council Councillor Tony Brown, Haverhill Town Council David Ruddy, Vice Chair and West Suffolk College Ian Gallin, Chief Executive, West Suffolk Council Warren Smythe, Head of Primary Care, West Suffolk CCG Lois Wreathall, Head of Primary Care, West Suffolk CCG</p> <p>1 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>Previous Minutes & Matters Arising from the meeting held 18th June 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>3. <u>Financial Overview:</u> C. Poole informed that ONE Haverhill Partnership has £4,900 remaining in general funds and additional funds of £1,350 allocated to task group projects.</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>4. <u>Public Speaking:</u> Russell Day, Salvation Army, mentioned that they are hoping to engage with local people to help build the community in Haverhill and was keen to work with ONE Haverhill in any community-based projects. J. Mayhew to arrange a call with Russell Day after the meeting to discuss further ideas. Cllr M. Marks mentioned that many councillors still have locality funding available if the Salvation Army needed any additional funds to help support projects.</p> | <p>JM</p> |

5. Task Group updates:

5.1. Health and Wellbeing Task Group:

L. Cocker mentioned that if anyone had any further questions on the Health and Wellbeing update to email L. Wreathall who can give further details.

5.1.1 The LifeLink project was suspended from March to May during the peak of the pandemic, as the co-ordinators help support the Home But Not Alone scheme for vulnerable people. The project is officially running again now and taking referrals.

The University of Essex will be providing Haverhill LifeLink specific data and is optimistic that this will be available for the December meeting.

5.1.2 The mental health early adopter project – led by Dr Roz Tandy, mental health lead for West Suffolk CCG - has rolled out with a new structure of mental health nurses and a triage system by care -coordinators. The triage system will enable patients to be connected with the right level of service for their needs. Haverhill GP's are keen to continue with this model as it appears to be working effectively.

5.1.3. L. Cocker mentioned that L. Wreathall was looking at potential health projects that would help to support those that were suffering from post Covid long term related illnesses. As more and more people are reporting additional health issues after contracting and 'overcoming' the illness.

It was also suggested that a weight loss programme could be put together aimed at those considered middle aged.

Cllr P. Hanlon added that Slimming World offer a free consultation to those that are referred to the service by a GP.

Cllr M. Marks added that flu vaccinations are currently being offered to those that are over 60 or are deemed vulnerable.

5.2. Education, training, and Employment Task Group:

5.2.1 In David Ruddy's absence, Darren Woodward from Unity Trust, gave this report:

Schools in Haverhill have now re-opened and attendance is increasing with the national average being at about 80%. Unity Schools Partnership have schools averaging at 97%-98% which is well above average.

There has been a slight issue around booking testing for Covid. Now that schools are back open, many students are starting to get common colds, so arranging testing for students that have Covid symptoms has been a challenge. Most students that have been tested generally come back negative for contracting the illness.

Staffing has been a struggle with all the extra responsibility placed on teachers to ensure that the students are safe in schools. This includes maintaining pupil's social bubbles and ensuring government guidelines are being followed. D.

Woodward praised all the teachers for all their hard work and effort in safeguarding that pupils stay safe.

5.3. Crime and ASB Task Group:

5.3.1. I Inspector Horton reported that as lockdown has eased there has been a steady increase in demand for police related matters, but Haverhill is still lower in crime stats, compared to surrounding areas.

Cllr P. Hanlon asked whether there had been an increase in complaints for Covid related issues?

Inspect K. Horton confirmed so far that there had not, but the new restrictions have only just come into place. There has been an increase in calls regarding domestic abuse and harassment.

Cllr M. Marks asked if the domestic abuse helpline and information could be published for members.

The helpline is: 0800 977 5690 which is open 24/7.

Further information can be found at:

https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/page/downloads/domestic_abuse_useful_contacts.pdf

https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/page/downloads/make-yourself-heard-guide_200323.pdf

5.3.2 County Lines – No further issues have arisen in Haverhill.

Cllr M. Marks queried this as in another meeting county lines appeared to continue being an issue with 14 active cases being monitored. InsptKH felt that this had been true some months previously, but that currently there were none.

5.4. Town Centre MasterPlan Task Group:

5.4.1. Cllr S. Glossop reported that there are the Temporary Road Closures to both the High Street and Queen Street. These are in operation between 10am and 4pm, 7 days a week.

- Cyclists are allowed.
- Deliveries are permitted before and after these times.
- Blue Badge parking is also permitted outside of the closure times.
- Several on-street parking bays have been suspended adjacent restricted width footpaths to enable pedestrians to step safely into the carriageway outside of the closure times.
- Displaced Blue Badge holders can use the bays further along the high street or Public Car Parks.
- WSC and Partners will now keep all measures under regular review to establish how effective they are and will adjust as required.

Cllr P. Fox has been liaising with various disability groups in Haverhill to gain information of how best to make the High Street as accessible as possible.

Cllr M. Marks asked whether it would be viable for Haverhill to have raising bollards with a transponder to close off the High Street, instead of having someone sat of the Market Square in a van all day.

Cllr S. Glossop confirmed that this option was currently under discussion and has not been ruled out.

5.6. BID Task Group:

5.6.1. J. Mayhew reported that plans for a campaign leading to vote in October 2020 had been deferred. The Task Group felt that there will be little appetite amongst Town Centre businesses to be receptive to a BID in view of the Covid-19

crisis. However, the Task Group was watching with interest the campaign in Felixstowe, due to go to ballot in October 2020.

5.6.2. An early version of the BID Business Plan has been published to a group of 'place shapers' in the hope that some funding might be possible, pre-ballot. The Task Group would like to appoint a Town Centre Manager for a year on behalf of Town Centre businesses as it is hoped that this will help to rejuvenate and help the High Street recover. The Task Group is looking to raise £50,000 for the position and to include a PR and Digital media budget; so far, 30% of the funding required has been sourced through match funding.

5.7. Volunteering Task Group:

5.7.1. C. Poole updated that the Task Group has a funded plan to reopen the Volunteer Centre in Haverhill. The group was looking at 36 High Street as a hub, which has been an empty shop for years, but it now has commercial interest. So, the group is continuing to explore other venues. The Haverhill Arts Centre is currently closed to the public and has space available for a temporary hub but advertising its existence will be difficult and will only be able to operate by appointment only.

Jill Moss, Volunteer co-ordinator and Emily Fox the Good Neighbour Scheme Co-ordinator, will be based at the Volunteer Centre.

6. Press and Social Media:

Dave Gooderham mentioned that he had been discussing with the Operations Group a 'Haverhill Covid Community Champions' event. If approved, the event will be an opportunity to praise and recognise the efforts of local people that have gone above and beyond in volunteering to help others during the pandemic. It was thought that the month of October could be held open for nominations from the public, with each person that gets a suitable nomination to be awarded a certificate. It was also added that there would be the potential to develop further on this event later with an in-person event and celebration. D. Gooderham to forward the Board the proposed plans.

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Most members of the Board agreed that this event was a great idea and supported the proposed plans.

Cllr M. Marks queried whether it would put off quieter volunteers that may not get nominated from continuing volunteer work if they do not receive any recognition.

D. Gooderham confirmed that volunteers could nominate themselves.

Cllr S. Glossop agreed with CllrMM comment and asked whether it would be better to hold the event at the end of Covid.

Cllr J. Burns added that isolating it down may also upset volunteers that have been tiresomely volunteering during the pandemic unrelated to Covid.

J. Mayhew agreed to discuss further in the next Op's Group meeting and report back to the Board.

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7. Any Other Business:

Governance:

Chair of ONE Haverhill:

C. Poole asked members whether they would agree to temporarily suspend the clause for replacing the ONE Haverhill Chair until a suitable replacement has been found. This would leave J. Mayhew in position until such person comes forward.

AGREED.

Vice Chairs of ONE Haverhill:

J. Mayhew asked members whether they were happy to offer A. Till and D. Ruddy another 12 months in the Vice Chair positions.

AGREED.

8. Dates of Next Meetings:

Thursday 3rd December via Zoom. A Zoom invite will be sent ahead of the meeting.