



Haverhill Area Working Party

Record of a Meeting held on 27 October 2011 at 4.15 pm at New Croft Community Football Facility, Chalkstone Way, Haverhill

Present *(please tick if present)*

Ager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	McManus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ms Byrne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Redhead	<input type="checkbox"/>
French	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs Richardson (Chairman)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mrs Gower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs Rushbrook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Whittaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Substitutes

Clifton-Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farthing	<input type="checkbox"/>

By Invitation

Haverhill Town Councillor Pat Hanlon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gordon Mussett, Clerk to Haverhill Town Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Neil Williams, Head of Art, Samuel Ward Academy (for Minute 31 below only)
Students of Samuel Ward Academy (for Minute 31 below only)

Officers in attendance

Carol Rowntree (Economic Development Officer - Strategy)
Ivan Sams (Head of Property and Engineering Services)

27. Substitutes

No substitutions were declared.

28. Apology for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Redhead.

29. Minutes

The record of the meeting held on 8 September 2011 was confirmed.

30. Declarations of Interests

Members' declarations of interest are recorded under the item to which the declaration relates.

31. Public Art in the Town Centre of Haverhill (PATCH): Update

(The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Richardson declared a personal interest as her employer, Haldo Developments Limited may supply equipment to assist the erection of the artwork in the High Street and remained in the meeting for the consideration of this item.)

The Working Party considered a narrative item which sought approval for the preferred option to be developed into a piece of artwork for positioning in the High Street, Haverhill.

On 20 July 2011, the Cabinet had approved a budget of £8,000 with a contingency of £2,000 towards this project (Minute 19(b) referred), which was provided from the total £750,000 Growth Area Funding budget allocated for the entire High Street Enhancement Scheme.

The Working Party received a presentation from Neil Williams, Head of Art, and students of Samuel Ward Academy, who had been asked by PATCH to formulate options for a piece of artwork to be installed in the High Street, Haverhill as part of the High Street Enhancement Scheme. A recommended design option was presented, which was a face/head sculpture with enormous 'spectacles', which were actually screens on which artwork, advertisements or information about Haverhill could be displayed. The sculpture would be positioned on a plinth and would incorporate seating. The suggested location for the sculpture was outside the entrance to Gurteens. Images which inspired the creation of this option were tabled. The Working Party was impressed with this option, commending Mr Williams and the students for the work already undertaken to produce the potential artwork. Members agreed that it should be developed into a detailed design for further consideration at a future meeting of the Working Party.

RESOLVED:-

That the design for a face/head sculpture for incorporation into the High Street Enhancement Scheme be developed into a detailed proposal for further consideration at a future meeting of the Working Party.

(Mr Neil Williams and the students from Samuel Ward Academy left the meeting at the conclusion of this item.)

32. Welcome Signs for Haverhill

(The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Richardson declared a personal interest as her employer, Haldo Developments Limited, may be asked to provide the Welcome Signs in Haverhill and remained in the meeting for the consideration of this item.)

The Working Party considered a narrative item which sought a decision on whether to proceed with the provision of new Welcome Signs in Haverhill and if agreed, to consider an appropriate design option to develop into a detailed proposal.

Haverhill had three Welcome Signs located at entrances to the town, but a view had been expressed that these were in need of updating and it would be desirable for Haverhill to have new Welcome Signs in keeping with its modernised image.

The Working Party received a presentation with possible design options for new Welcome Signs. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of locating the signs at five secondary entrances to the town; however, Members considered the signs should only be erected at the three main entrances. A specific budget of £5,000 was agreed at

the meeting for the project, which would be allocated from the existing overall Haverhill Masterplan Feasibility budget. Members asked that additional designs should be presented to a future meeting of the Working Party and that consultation on the proposed designs should be undertaken with ONE Haverhill.



RECOMMENDED:-

That new Welcome Signs for Haverhill be provided within a budget limit of £5,000 allocated from the overall existing Haverhill Masterplan Feasibility budget.

RESOLVED:- That,

- (1) additional designs for Welcome Signs be presented to a future meeting of the Working Party; and
- (2) consultation on the proposed designs be undertaken with ONE Haverhill.

33. Dates of Future Meetings

Members were informed that insufficient business would be available to transact at the next scheduled meeting of the Working Party on Thursday 15 December 2011 and therefore, with the agreement of the Chairman, this meeting was cancelled.

The Working Party subsequently approved the following dates for future meetings in 2012:-

26 January (to primarily consider the draft Haverhill Vision 2031 document);
15 March;
10 May;
12 July;
6 September; and
15 November.

All dates were Thursdays and the meetings would commence at 4.15 pm. Venues were to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 6.10 pm

This record has been completed by Ivan Sams, Head of Property and Engineering Services

W:\Democratic WP Services\Committee\Minutes\Haverhill Area Working Party\2011\11.10.27 notes.doc