

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of H&DCS COMMITTEE MEETING, 11 AUGUST @ HERITAGE CENTRE

Date – Tuesday 11th August 2020 at 10.30 am

Venue -The meeting was a socially distanced one held at the Heritage Centre.

Present - Anthony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM), Ann Stephens (AS) and Bob Clark (BC).

1) Welcome and Apologies.

AB, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Margi Blunden (MB), Jeremy Simmons (JS) and Mick Smith (MS).

2) Minutes Secretary. JB volunteered to write up the minutes.

3) Minutes of meeting held on 22nd July 2020 – No amends requested and minutes signed by Chair.

4) Matters Arising not otherwise on the Agenda. None

5) Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report (AM).

- Planning permission for the Kit Kat re-development. This application was discussed at a ZOOM Meeting of BCKLWN Planning Councillors in August and approved. The Borough Council Planning Committee voted 11 for the development, and 6 against with 1 abstention
- Planning permission has been requested for development of an S/D property at 6 Clarence Road.
- HTC (Amanda Knight) is working hard to reduce the amount of litter in Hunstanton from residents and visitors. Volunteers are welcomed.
- Next meeting of HTC Full Council is at 6pm on 20th August 2020. All questions from the public at this HTC meeting must be submitted to the Town Clerk by noon on 17th August; they will be read out and responded to by the Chair, a Committee Chair or the clerk as an Agenda Item. There will be no public question time at the end of this forthcoming meeting; it is unclear if this is to be a permanent arrangement, or not.
- Correspondence: H&DCS membership of Open Spaces has been renewed for a further year. Hunstanton's Open Spaces will be identified and discussed at the next H&DCS Committee meeting on 8th September 2020.
- JS has agreed to work with AM on Planning and related issues concerning newly formed planning processes and the issue of how we are supposed to be consulted on planning applications when we are listed as being a statutory Consultee.

6) TIC Closure and the Coal Shed. There is much unrest in the Town from businesses and from residents who are struggling with car park permits being issued online from Kings Lynn. It was agreed to hold a gathering on the Green outside the Town Hall on 5th September to collect signatures for a petition to reinstate a manned facility in a prominent situation in Town. H&DCS will also consider launching an online petition. A letter to Martin Chisholm (i/c Parking at the Borough) will be written by the Secretary.

7) H&DCS Accounts. StK reported all OK. There has been no spending and no income since the last H&DCS Committee meeting. Accounts for the period 1st October 2019 to 31st July 2020 had been audited by David Boxell, were unanimously approved by the Committee and signed off by Chair.

8) H&DCS Membership. ShK reported that renewal of memberships will be despatched on w/c 7th September. How will H&DCS deal with Talks going forward, and the format of AGM is as yet unclear. These issues will be discussed as an Agenda item at the September H&DCS Committee Meeting. **Action:** ShK

9) Communication with Membership. ShK suggested we consider asking if H&DCS members have interesting 'life histories' they would be content to disclose, perhaps being interviewed by MB for upload on the H&DCS website. A further idea was perhaps to upload previews of proposed Talks onto the H&DCS website.

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- 10) H&DCS August Newsletter.** AA suggested perhaps the exciting objects found in the Bank Vault should be highlighted in the August Newsletter and the histories of the Edith Cavell and Captain Fryatt benches in the following months. All would be useful also for Town & Around and would spread the word around the District. **Action: StK/AA.**
- 11) Formation of a Company limited by guarantee, not having share capital.** All now registered. Matters concerning our bank accounts were well in hand. **Action: StK**
- 12) Heritage Centre Lease.** Will be addressed once the limited company legalities are 100% completed. Nothing to report at the moment.
- 13) Heritage Centre.** A potential re-opening on 15th August has been agreed. A familiarisation day will be held for Volunteers to explain Covid -19 arrangements on Friday, 14th August.
- 14) Chair's Discussion Document.** Nothing to report
- 15) Gardens/Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Great Britain.** Captain Fryatt's bench still missing, otherwise nothing to report
- 16) Pier Project.** Nothing to report
- 17) Rail Project.** Nothing to report
- 18) Visits Programme.** Nothing to report
- 19) Town Centre & High Street Walks.** Next walk at 10am on 12th August meeting at the Cemetery Gates, Alexandra Road. **Action: Committee**
- 20) AOB. Positioning of the Mary Rhodes Plaque.** It was agreed to position the plaque on the Northgate façade of the Heritage Centre.

Dates & Time of next Meetings (monthly in future)		
Tuesday 12 th August 2020	10.30 am	Town Walk, Cemetery
Wednesday 8 th September	10.30 am	HDCS Committee Meeting in Heritage Centre