

# HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

## MINUTES of MEETING of H&DCS Committee – TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Date** – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 10.00 am

**Venue** -The meeting was held in the Heritage Centre

**Present** – Tony Armstrong (AA), Amanda Bosworth (AB), Margi Blunden (MB), Bob Clark (BC), Valerie Everitt (VE), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK) and Andrew Murray (AM). John Bridger (JB) attended as a member

**1. Welcome and Apologies.**

AB, Chair, welcomed the current full Committee to the meeting. Full Committee attendance.

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

**3. New H&DCS Committee Member.** Valerie Everitt was warmly welcomed to the H&DCS Committee by all members present at the meeting and the appropriate formalities were completed following the voting by the membership at the recent AGM and completion of a Nomination Form. VE duly elected on as a Committee member.

**4. Minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021** – No amends requested and minutes signed by AB.

**5. Matters Arising not otherwise on the agenda.** None

**6. Correspondence, Planning & Hunstanton Town Council Report** – reports from AM and ShK  
- **Planning.** New apartment planned at top (western) end of Lincoln Street. HTC to object on grounds of inadequate parking provision. Also, an annex up for planning on South Beach Road.

- **Precept.** HTC is generating a 5-year plan. A 16-point questionnaire available. A proposition for the precept will be sent to BCKLWN by 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022.

- **Road Safety.** No reply yet from HTC to AM's proposal to have a Pelican or Toucan crossing on St Edmunds Terrace to reduce risk for pedestrians when crossing the road to the Green. This risk will increase markedly when new routes to the bus stops outside the Princess Theatre and the Spinney come into operation following the demolition of the old Library and development of the flats and re-purposing of the old bus station occurs.

- **Footpaths.** Historic/unused footpaths will not be valid after 2026. AM will write to HTC asking for the topic to be discussed at an upcoming meeting and a plan of action to be drawn up. **Action: AM**

- **Former TIC in Town Hall.** No reply from Jan Roomes on HTC's planned usage of the former TIC on the ground floor of the Town Hall.

- **A3 printouts on Hunstanton area soldiers.** Three copies of this important document were given to HTC by AA a few years ago detailing the names and roles of former soldiers based in/around Hunstanton. One copy should have been given to H&DCS, but we have not received it. A letter will be sent to HTC requesting that a copy be transferred to H&DCS.

**Action: AA/ShK**

- **Correspondence.** ShK notified Committee of the sad passing away of two H&DCS members, Mr & Mrs Gillard. Also, a letter had been received from Maureen Sayer enclosing a photograph of Bruce Rumbelow, her grandfather, as a Milkman who was a well known figure around the streets of Hunstanton in years gone by.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

StK noted the accounts circulated to Committee before the meeting were in good order. Committee unanimously approved the accounts.

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8. **H&DCS Membership Report** - ShK reported that there were five members who had not paid their subscription for the coming year. **Action to be decided: ShK**
9. **Talks Programme & Life Stories - 2022**

**David Reeve** – AA stated that spacing of seats at this forthcoming talk must be spaced correctly in view of feedback following the over-crowded talk by RNLI. Numbers are not expected to be as great this time. Agreed that membership to be contacted to warn them of restriction of attendees to a maximum of 40 and to indicate that they should arrive punctually and ideally should wear masks. **Action: Committee**

**Future Talks** – VE suggested H&DCS should look for ideas on future talks from businesses in Hunstanton. She suggested contacting Kevin (Legges) and Richard (Butcher) to begin with. This was agreed by Committee to be a good idea, and VE agreed to contact Legges and put them in touch with AA. **Action: VE**

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sub-Group** – Committee agreed to form a sub-group to discuss plans for talks and events to link the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of H&DCS in its various forms, in order to help promote the future development of H&DCS. **Action: AB, VE, MB.** ShK and StK offered to help with any display work, where necessary
10. **Newsletter** – To include Ivy Scales Part 3 for next month. Other life stories are in the pipeline. Railway article being prepared by one of our members. Further discussion was held by Committee on whether it is necessary to do a monthly Newsletter, or could it be reduced to quarterly Newsletter, with monthly information continued only on the programme of Talks and Visits. Agreed to continue on a monthly basis at present. This should be reviewed in the coming months. **Action: Committee/StK**
11. **Heritage Centre Lease** – Work to complete the Lease has been progressing and accumulated comments are shortly to be passed to Fraser Dawbarns. Lease Group to review. **Action: Lease Group (AM, AB, StK, ShK)**
12. **Heritage Centre Rota Coordinator (AB)** – Thanks to AA for his continued work in the HC. There will be a deep-clean of the HC on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February starting at 10am; all members & volunteers are welcome to help in this effort. Next Coffee Morning and Training for Volunteers planned on 8<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 to 12 noon, prior to re-opening of the HC on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February for half-term week. **Action: AB, Committee & Volunteers**
13. **Marketing/Social Media matters** – Follow-up with Smithdon teachers about visit to HC in mid-February to discuss relationship with H&DCS. Also, for the HC to have more special open days for groups, both within and outside the radius of Hunstanton District. **Action: AB, ShK, StK and MB**
14. **Vision Document / Environmental Assessment / Review of activities and projects** – AB to set up Zoom meeting with Civic Voice to discuss future development of H&DCS. **Action: AB**
15. **Gardens/ Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Grey Britain** – Contact Dave Morton BCKLWN re benches. MB noted to Committee that she is no longer a member of the Hunstanton in Bloom Committee. **Action: MB**
16. **Progress on Pier & Railway Projects** – Nothing to report
17. **Outings** – It is hoped to progress visits in May/June/July, again depending on Covid. **Action: JB**
18. **Town Centre Walks** – These to recommence as soon as feasible. Linked to review of activities of H&DCS as part of its future development.
19. **Rebranding of H&DCS.** This is now urgent if we wish to link it with our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, maybe linking it as well to Civic Day on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – although AB reminded those present that the success of this initiative is dependent on acquiring or freeing-up resources.

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Illuminated “Open” sign(s) mounted on (one of) the columns at the front entrance were suggested to replace the rather worn signs used since the Heritage Centre was first opened. This may improve visibility of the Heritage Centre to visitors walking up from the beach/green to the town centre. To be discussed further.

- 20. Date and time of next meeting** – Agreed that this should be Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, possibly at 2 Clarence Road to enable attendance of MB through Zoom connection which is not available at the Heritage Centre.

The meeting closed at 12.00pm

<b>Dates &amp; Times of future events</b>		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Clean up Heritage Centre for reopening</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022</b>	<b>10.30am -12.00pm</b>	<b>Volunteers’ coffee morning and Training, Heritage Centre</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Committee meeting, possibly at 2 Clarence Road so that it can be supplemented by Zoom connection</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022</b>	<b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b>	<b>Reopening of Heritage Centre</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Set up for evening Talk</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Talk RAF Marham (members only)</b>