

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of MEETING of H&DCS Committee - TUESDAY 12th October 2021

Date – Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 10.00 am

Venue -The meeting was held in the Heritage Centre

Present – Tony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM)

A discussion was held prior to this meeting about the provision of photographs for the H&DCS Calendar for 2022. StK provided a slide show of a number of photographs that had been submitted, from which a selection could be made for next year's calendar. **Action: StK/ShK**

1. Welcome and Apologies

AB, Chair, welcomed the Committee to the meeting. Apologies received from Bob Clark (BC).

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

3. Minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2021 – No amends requested and minutes signed by AB.

4. Matters Arising from Meeting on 14th September 2021

- a. **Future of H&DCS** – Following an in-depth discussion, proposals will be put to the membership at the AGM. **Action: AB**
- b. **Benches** – Since it has proved difficult to access sources of funding for bespoke benches (Capt Fryatt and Edith Cavell) the committee decided to explore the possibility of BCKLWN replacing them with standard benches. H&DCS could then fix identification plaques to the back rails, indicating that the original back rails and further information would be on display in the Heritage Centre. **Action: MB**

5. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report – report from AM

HTC are currently focussed on plans for participation in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. AB reported on the meeting held in the Town Hall where a programme of events was identified, with local groups outlining their plans (meeting report shared with committee members).

Christmas lights' switch on scheduled for 28 November. H&DCS will decorate the Heritage Centre and will also participate in the Christmas Tree Festival (3-5 December).

Action: ShK/MB/AB

6. Treasurer's Report – report from StK

Gift Aid to the value of £687 had been earned – a good outcome. Cash balance had risen from £13,180 to £14,904 after taking account of payment of an insurance premium for the Heritage centre of £657.

7. Memberships – report from ShK

Total members who have renewed membership so far amount to 83, down from previous year but still slowly coming in. Life and Honorary Members not included in this total. The many members who made a donation in addition to their membership fee will be thanked at the forthcoming AGM in December.

As regards the venue for the AGM, the basement in the Town Hall will not be available.

Committee members will therefore plan to hold the AGM in the Heritage Centre. The key item on the Agenda will be discussion of proposals relating to H&DCS.

8. Talks Programme & Life Stories - report from AA & MB

AA reported that he had made some progress with the Talks programme. Part 1 of Ivy Scales' life story (MB) will be included in the October Newsletter and Town & Around.

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9. **Newsletter** – See 8 above. October Newsletter will be circulated in the next few days. **Action: StK**
10. **Heritage Centre Lease – report from AM**
In progress.
11. **Heritage Centre – report from AB**
The first Volunteers’ coffee morning had been a success and could become a regular event to develop team spirit and encourage more potential new recruits. Next possible date:
16 November. **Action: AB**
12. **Marketing/Social Media matters**
Meetings on 14 October with (1) Head of School and others at Smithdon School on 14th October (AB, MB, ShK & StK) and (2) Assistant District Commissioner of Cubs, Scouts (AB, ShK & StK) to discuss potential group activities linked to Heritage Centre.
Follow-up on potential sponsorship opportunity (proposed notice board on the west facing wall of the storage shed on Greevegate). **Action: AB**
13. **Vision Document** – To be revised in line with latest discussions. **Action: AB**
14. **Gardens / Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Grey Britain** - Nothing to report
15. **Progress on Pier & Railway Projects** - Nothing to report
16. **Outings** – Re-arrange visits to Blickling Hall and RAF Bircham Newton in 2021. **Action: JB**
17. **Town Centre Walks** – possible resumption in Spring 2022

Dates & Times of next Meetings in 2021		
9 th November 2021	10 am	Committee Meeting at Heritage Centre
8 th December 2021	7.30 pm	AGM at Heritage Centre