

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

HDCS COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

Date Wednesday 1st April 2020 at 10.30 am

Venue The meeting was a virtual one using Zoom; all participants joined in from their homes.

Present - Anthony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM), Jerry Simmons (JS) and Ann Stevens (AS).

1) Welcome and Apologies.

AB, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Bob Clark (BC) and Mick Smith (MS),

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

3) Agenda – As this was to be a test-run of the first-ever virtual meeting of HDCS, and in the extraordinary situation of the unprecedented shutdown of the country, there was no formal agenda. Instead the formal meeting became more of a discussion group. This note therefore records the major items discussed and the actions to be taken.

4) Newsletter

After discussion, it was agreed to issue a Newsletter to HDCS members online, covering items like:

- What is HDCS doing during this indeterminate period of lockdown (including things we are not able to do such as Talks/Outings/Open Days at the Heritage Centre;
- Opening hours at food outlets in Hunstanton and the surrounding area (including concessionary hours for the over 70 age group);
- Opening hours of other businesses such as Lilly's pet shop, Hunstanton Hardware, Post Offices, Petrol Stations;
- Summary of local businesses offering delivery of food, materials etc;
- Other forms of help available (phone-lines, befriending etc);
- Availability of transport if required for medical/similar need;
- Special Help line at HD CS if anybody needs assistance or advice.

Action – Meeting Participants to propose any contributions to StK for the HDCS Newsletter.

5) History of the Coronavirus outbreak.

It was agreed that it would be useful for members to collect together, as it happened, a history of the current virus and its effect on Hunstanton and District both written and photographic.

6) Festive Funday 2020

Rosie at SJP Solicitors has inquired if the Heritage Centre would be opened on Festive Funday 2020, assuming it goes ahead and ideas of fun things that we could do. Unanimous "Yes" from participants at the meeting as regards opening and as it was early days, decisions as to what we could offer would be deferred for the time being.

7) Adopt a Bed, Heritage Centre flower displays, Cliff-top flower beds etc

MB proposed that a minimum of maintenance work continues during the lockdown to ensure that these floral areas do not deteriorate too much. Could work continue on a programmed basis ensuring that no more than one person was engaged at any location at any one time? It was not clear what the Borough's policy was on such work as grass cutting etc.

Action - AB to contact Chris Durham at BCKLWN to ask advice.

8) History of the Mace/Ceremonial Hammer – Information for the Newsletter

To provide a Newsletter feature, this could be our first item of interest

Action - AA to research the above; StK to supply photographs.

9) Accounts & HDCS Membership

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Losing ca £100 per week of visitor donations from closure of Heritage Centre, although utility bills will be lower than normal (mainly just fixed charges). Four new members have joined HDCS.

10) Transition of HDCS from being a Charity to being a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee, not having Share Capital.

StK reported that he had submitted an application to Vistra Group to set up the new Company which has been acknowledged.

11) Funding Agencies for purchase of the Heritage Centre.

It was agreed that it may be a good time to contact potential funding agencies, who may be 'short of work' for the foreseeable future, to establish possibilities for purchase of the Heritage Centre. **Action – StK to forward emails received from various agencies regarding fund raising for AB to follow up**

Date & Time of next Virtual Meeting	
Wednesday 15 th April 2020	10.30am