

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of H&DCS COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2020 – ONLINE ZOOM

Date – Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 10.00 am

Venue -The meeting was held online using Zoom hosted by StK

Present on Zoom - Tony Armstrong (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM), Jerry Simmons (JS), Ann Stephens (AS) and Yvonne Bridger (YB) for item 6.

1) Welcome and Apologies.

AB, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Bob Clark (BC), and Mick Smith (MS), Terry Ashworth (TA) due to technical problems.

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

3) a) Minutes of meeting held on 4th November 2020 – No amends requested and minutes signed by ShK on behalf of and as requested by AB.

b) Minutes of meeting held 18th November 2020 (by exchange of emails). No amends requested and minutes signed by ShK on behalf of and as requested by AB.

4) Matters Arising not otherwise on the Agenda. The Minutes contained the action points in red for each matter that required following up. This process considered to be helpful.

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

Town Council – Committee Meeting on 11th November and Full Council meeting held by Zoom on 25th November.

a) Ideas for projects to be funded by HTC:

- i. Large sculpture highlighting climate change or pollution;
- ii. Making car parks look more attractive;
- iii. Plant sculptures;
- iv. Something related to St Edmund;
- v. Use beach huts on north prom as pop-up arts & crafts or food stalls;
- vi. Skate ramp. A recent survey has shown that 80% of 70 respondents to a youth survey would like a skate park either at the Community Centre or on the North Promenade, accompanied by a shelter;
- vii. Upgrade road crossing by Azams from zebra to pelican;
- viii. Create adult outdoor fitness area.

b) “Kerby Ladies” have assessed mobility issues in the Town Centre for the disabled.

c) Mayor’s Christmas Gift Fund has been successful – many items have been donated.

d) Highways and Byways support Old Hunstanton Parish Council concern about the narrow footpath alongside the Pitch & Putt from Lighthouse Lane to Golf Course Road.

e) Letter is to be sent by HTC to Anglia Water about the poor quality of sea water for bathing.

f) A comprehensive survey of trees in the centre of Town has been conducted by Cllr Adrian Winnington.

g) Borough Cllr Paul Beal supports a manned TIC and suggest talks should commence between HTC, H&DCS and BCKLWN.

h) Planning Applications

- i. 20/00818/CU Use of Valentine Road offices as temporary home for library permitted by BCKLWN

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- ii. 20/00817/FM Development of Bus Station area into 49 apartments, new library, public toilets and retail – to go before BCKLWN Planning Committee on Monday 7th December. However, the re-location of the bus station is not mentioned in the application. It was agreed by Committee that H&DCS should strongly object to setting up new bus stops locations on either side of St Edmunds Terrace – planning permission should not be granted unless and until a satisfactory resolution to the bus stopping points has been resolved. Issues relate to air pollution, pedestrian safety, overcrowding by multiple bus movements and delivery vehicles. **Action: MB to join the BCKLWN Planning Committee on Monday 7th December and present H&DCS objections to the proposals. Contributions from Committee members to her presentation should be sent as soon as possible to MB.**
- iii. 20/00811/FM Development of 32 apartments in the car park alongside Southend Road also to go before Planning Committee on Monday 7th December. HTC and H&DCS have already raised significant objections to this development on the grounds of serious encroachment of Hunstanton's car park space. **Action: AM to apply to do a presentation to the Planning Committee.**

Flat above the Heritage Centre - **Heritage View 17 Greevegate** - Plumbing and electrical work are progressing. Advice from Anglian Water and EDF awaited.

ShK advised that she had received letter from Angela Norris, from New Mexico, USA, to notify us that Stan Goldman (Honorary Member) had sadly died. Obituary to be included in the next Newsletter. **Action: Newsletter ShK**

6) TIC Closure and the Coal Shed

The Tourism Action Group (AB, ShK, StK, YB & JB) continues the challenge to reinstate a staffed TIC in a sensible location In Hunstanton by Easter 2021. The support for our cause of James Wild MP will be sought. The proposal to have younger people on board as apprentices in tourism, marketing, hospitality and heritage to potentially work with staff at the TIC will be progressed in due course.

Action: Tourism Action Group (TAG)

7) Treasurer's Report

Some subscriptions still being received whilst other are still awaited. The accounts for the last month were approved by the Committee, who also collectively thanked StK for his meticulous financials.

8) H&DCS Membership Report & Renewals.

ShK advised that all necessary paperwork had been sent out for the AGM. All voting responses must be returned asap – no later than 2 hours before the AGM. No new applications to join the H&DCS Committee had been received by the date of today's meeting.

9) December Newsletter – 2020.

- a) Polish Forces in Hunstanton - MB has prepared a document following her interview with Asia Hutchinson who lives in Hunstanton with a view to providing her life story for the December Newsletter.
- b) Include a list of members who have died and a welcome to new members to be included.
Action: StK and ShK
- c) Committee will look at new technology – maybe voice memos on smartphone for interviewing people with a story to tell.

Action: StK, ShK, MB + others as required

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10) Heritage Centre Lease and Fundraising.

Nothing to report.

11) Heritage Centre. Closed at least until mid-February. Committee to consider revising opening hours next year – four days a week instead of two or three, but only 2 hours per day instead of 3. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. **Action: Committee to review in 2021.**

12) Chair's Discussion Document. Nothing to report.

13) Gardens/Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Great Britain. MB & AS will continue to look after the gardens around the Heritage Centre and the Railway garden. Committee thanked MB and AS for their work on the floral displays at these gardens that had been recently replanted for Winter. Benches - No news from the 'BBC Repair Shop'. Still waiting to hear from David Morton re the name panel from Captain Fryatt's bench: H&DCS will need to buy a new bench in due course and affix the panel to the new bench.

14) Pier Project. Nothing to report. **Rail Project.** NCC & Rail Project Partners are invited to attend a Department of Transport online workshop before Christmas. **Action: AM to enquire if the proposal is a publicly available document at this stage.**

15) Talks Programme. After discussion, it was decided to keep in touch with Judith Thursby and follow her lead. StK offered to lend MB a recording device. **Action: StK/ShK to follow up.**

16) Outings. Nothing to report.

17) Town Centre & Town Walks. In abeyance until Spring 2021.

18) AOB.

Dates & Time of next Meetings		
Wednesday 9th December 2020	7.30pm	H&DCS AGM on Zoom
Wednesday 16th December 2020	10.00 am	H&DCS Committee Meeting (by Zoom)
Tuesday 12 th January 2021	10.00 am	Provisional date for next Committee Meeting