

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of H&DCS COMMITTEE MEETING, WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2020 – ONLINE ZOOM

Date – Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 10.00 am

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

Present on Zoom - Anthony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK) Andrew Murray (AM) and Ann Stevens (present until 11am)

1) Welcome and Apologies.

AB, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Bob Clark (BC), Jeremy Simmons (JS), Mick Smith (MS) and Yvonne Bridger (YB).

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

3) Minutes of meeting held on 6th October 2020 – No amends requested and minutes signed by ShK at the request of AB.

4) Matters Arising not otherwise on the Agenda. None

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

a) Town Council – Full Council meeting held by Zoom on 28 October.

Transfer of Freehold of Community Centre from BC and NCC to HTC is proceeding slowly.

Borough Councillors - Carol Bower is awaiting apology from Mayor and Clerk.

Mayor's Christmas Gift Fund. Borough Council have donated some items that they bought from the TIC closure.

Outdoor hand sanitizers to be installed on Hunstanton High St.

Precept likely to be a little less for 2021/2022.

£1200 donated by HTC to Smithdon School Kenya fund.

b) Future HM Government Consultation on 'Planning for the Future' – AM submitted a response as an individual. HTC did not respond to the Consultation. Nor did H&DCS although JS did report thoroughly on the process of the consultation.

c) Planning Applications. 18/01142 for the Witley Press site to increase number of dwellings from 16 to 18 was approved by Borough Council on Monday. It had been opposed by HTC on grounds of inadequate parking spaces. 20/01409 Extension of roof area of Cliff top café (by Lighthouse)

Other new Planning Applications. 20/01612 to extend garage 49 Northgate; 20/01523 new access, loss of chimney, UPVC windows, loss of 2 monkey puzzle trees at 2 Avenue Road; 20/01526 5 holiday chalets and swimming pool at 3A South Beach Road.

d) Tourist Information Point in the Coal Shed Gallery closed by the Borough at end October 2020 for the winter.

e) HTC Town Notice Board has been revamped.

f) Environment. Working party led by Amanda Knight (which last met on 1st July 2020) are to meet again to discuss Litter Campaign; Crabby Sandi Starfish for lost children; Eco Shop; Cigarette butt bin; Waste water from promenade traders; Tree planting; Ponies on the beach; Refill scheme; Love seals - ban on plastic rings; WildEast; Planning new proposals; Giki earth – carbon footprint; Earth watch -plastic usage.

g) Borough Cllr Kines is now in charge of carbon reduction and climate change with Borough Cllr Stuart Dark MBE in charge of environmental services.

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- h) Heritage Centre – now closed for winter due to Pandemic. Water company Clear business had advised that water supply needs to be branched to allow fitment of two new meters. EDF have been approached for advice on providing a second electricity meter.
- i) Plumbers have connected water supply for the flat.
- j) Jonathan Wadsworth expected to access roof again to repair gully on Wednesday 4th or Thursday 5th November.
- k) Post code PE36 6BB has been abolished by the Post Office. Heritage Centre now officially Northgate, PE36 6BA. The flat will be 17 Greevegate; postcode to be advised.

6) TIC Closure and the Coal Shed

Following the H&DCS meeting with BCKLWN (Elizabeth Nockolds) on Wednesday 7th October, a further meeting has been held with Borough Cllrs Beal and Bower and Andrew Jamieson (NCC). Our objective is to agree staffed provision of Tourist Information in the town before March 2021, so that it is organised and in place ready for the 2021 tourist season.

Action: Tourism Action Group (TAG)

7) Treasurer's Report

Donations included a Charities Aid Foundation voucher on 26th October from Mrs Crofts. There has been expenditure at the Heritage Centre on electric heaters. However, after allowing for this expenditure along with a repayment to AM, and the profit from the sale of DVDs, the accounts are still in credit. Accounts have been audited to 31st July 2020. Mapus-Smith & Lemmon LLP (Sharon Edwards) will prepare statutory accounts prepared for 18th June 2020 when the new Charity was registered to 30th September 2020. However, if income is less than £25,000, no formal audit is required. An annual profit of £64 has been achieved for the year ended 30th September 2020 after Covid expenditure.

8) H&DCS Membership Report & Renewals.

ShK advised the Committee that two new members had joined H&DCS (Denise & Robert Hunt) and two had resigned resignations (Verity Jowett and Norman Mitchell), leaving a net total membership of 183. In respect of the AGM to be held using Zoom, this meeting will be quorate if 10% of H&DCS members (ie:18 in total) sign in and join the meeting or vote in advance by email or hard copy.

An email on Nominations, Proposers and Seconders for re-election of Committee will be sent to each person named last year to agree to a repeat for this year. **Action: ShK**

At this point AS left the Committee Meeting.

9) Next Newsletter – 2020.

The decision whether to highlight Captain Fryatt or focus on the AGM was discussed. It was decided to focus on the AGM and related issues in the next Newsletter, but to do a more 'newsy' newsletter in January 2021. Applications to join the AGM on Zoom would be invited in the Newsletter. A separate update on progress towards re-establishment of a staffed Tourist Information Centre would however be provided to Town & Around. AB proposed consideration of books and DVDs for Christmas Gifts could also be offered in the Newsletter; this idea was unanimously approved by Committee. Also it was agreed to place Christmas decorations in the Heritage Centre windows and lights on the pillars by the main entrance at a date to be agreed in December 2020. **Action: StK, ShK, AB + others as required**

10) Heritage Centre Lease and Fundraising.

Nothing further to report pro tem. **Action: AB.**

11) Heritage Centre. New radiators ordered and are to be delivered and installed.

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- 12) Chair's Discussion Document.** Work in progress.
- 13) Gardens/Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Great Britain.** MB & AS will continue to look after the gardens around the Heritage Centre and the Coal Shed.

Benches. Nothing to Report from the Borough nor from the BBC Repair Shop. **Action: MB to contact Borough.** AB offered to look after the Edith Cavell bench in her garden on Lighthouse Lane. **Action: AA to deliver to AB.**

Terry Ashworth left the meeting at this point.

- 14) Pier Project.** Nothing to report. **Rail Project.** Nothing to report.
- 15) Talks Programme.** The True's Yard talks uploaded to YouTube are of poor quality. Potential life story of a Polish lady in Hunstanton with connections to the Polish armed forces stationed in Hunstanton. **Action: MB to follow up both these potential avenues.**
- 16) Outings.** In abeyance. Visit to RAF Bircham Newton cancelled due to Covid 19
- 17) Town Centre & Town Walks.** In abeyance until Spring 2021.
- 18) AOB. Remembrance Day Wednesday 11th November 2020.** Wreath ordered by AA to be laid on Remembrance Day Wednesday 11th November 2020 after the British Legion Hunstanton Branch ceremony. Committee members may attend socially distanced. **H&DCS Calendar** - Hi-quality photos for a 2021 Calendar to be sold in the Heritage Centre are required from members – this opportunity to be featured in the Next Newsletter.

Dates & Time of next Meetings		
Tuesday 1 st December 2020	10.00 am	H&DCS Committee Meeting on Zoom
Wednesday 9 th December 2020	7.30pm	H&DCS AGM on Zoom