

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of H&DCS COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY 6th APRIL 2021 – ONLINE ZOOM

Date – Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 10.00 am

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

Present on Zoom - Tony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM), Ann Stevens (AS), and Yvonne Bridger (YB)

1) **Welcome and Apologies**

AB, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Bob Clark (BC), Jerry Simmons (JS) and Martin Chown (MC)

2) **Minutes Secretary**

ShK and StK volunteered to take minutes.

3) **Minutes of meeting held on 9th March 2021**

No amends requested and minutes signed by ShK on behalf of and as requested by AB. Minutes accepted by all except AS since she was not present at that meeting.

4) **Matters Arising not otherwise on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising concerning the Committee Meeting that were not otherwise on the Agenda.

5) **TIC Closure and the Coal Shed**

AB reported that it has been announced by the Borough Council that the TIC will be relocated to Alive Oasis, the café area. YB expanded on this explaining that it was considered as being the best the TAG Team could achieve. ShK expressed huge gratitude to YB for all her support with the efforts of the TIC Action Group; committee members supported unanimously. AB reported that we have offered to have an information stand in the Heritage Centre; we await feedback. A possible link with RNLi was referred to, but no action taken presently. We have indicated to Mrs Nockolds that some of our volunteers might like to take part in any tourism training offered to Oasis staff. JB mentioned that Wolfy's is soon to close and possibly may have fittings or other items available for us to acquire for the Heritage Centre. This is to be followed up.

6) **Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report (MC, AM & ShK)**

AM reported that HTC is looking at the possibility of having a Citizens' Advice Bureau on a part-time basis. He does not know what the future plans are for the area in the Town Hall formerly occupied by the TIC. Andrew Jamieson had advised HTC of the many grants available. AM also reported that he has asked Jan Roomes to have an item on the HTC agenda seeking to apply for CIL funding to offer grants to Hunstanton shopkeepers to improve their shop front in line with the Shop Front Guide. He has also requested that HTC continues to support reinstatement of the KL–Hunstanton railway line. Referring to the planning application for Southend Road car park, issues regarding car parking numbers were highlighted once more. It was decided that AM and MB should prepare statements for presentation to the Planning Committee meeting next Monday. ShK will circulate the letter of objection previously sent by HDCS committee regarding this planning application. AB offered to assist MB in creating a statement to the Planning Committee. It seems that from now on only reports from organisations sponsored by the Town Council will be included in the Annual Town Report. ShK reported that Civic Voice has acknowledged receipt of our subscription

7) **Treasurer's Report**

StK reported on the current cash position resulting in a total balance on all accounts of £13,228.27. Over last month more Hunstanton Guides have been sold. We have had to pay a £40 subscription to the Information Commissioner's Office (GDPR).

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8) H&DCS Membership Report & Renewals

ShK said that there was nothing to report.

9) April 2021 Newsletter.

No Newsletter had been prepared so far and it was proposed to issue a shorter version in April without any report on an object from the Centre.

10) Heritage Centre Lease and Fundraising

A review of the lease was in hand with suggested alterations submitted to the Landlord for consideration; most of these had been accepted but just needed to pass through solicitors. AB reported that she is investigating grants available through the Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) that may be worth following up. StK will send pieces about the history of the bank to AB with a view to submitting a Project Enquiry Form to establish eligibility. **Action AM, AB, JS, ShK, StK**

11) Heritage Centre

We still plan on reopening on Wednesday, 19th May. TA reported that there were 56 volunteers who have indicated their willingness to continue manning the Centre and who are interested in opening during the week. It was agreed that we needed a clean-up day and this was fixed for Wednesday, 12th May from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Two training sessions were fixed - Monday 17th May from 10.00am to 12.00pm and Tuesday 18th May from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. TA to advise volunteers. ShK and StK indicated that quite a lot of work is required to make the Centre ready for opening. **Action – All**

12) Marketing/Social Media matters.

AB, StK and ShK had a second long Zoom meeting with Romily Broad under the 'Go Digital' grant funding. StK is investigating the practicalities of changing to a WordPress website. This will require others to become a little bit familiar with WordPress. Included in our application for the £500 funding that is part of the Go Digital scheme is a credit card reader, an A3 printer/scanner, a tablet and a lapel microphone. The sub-group looking at making the Heritage Centre more young person friendly did not have anything to report this month. **Action – AB, MB, ShK, StK**

13) Chair's Discussion Document

Nothing to report.

14) Gardens/Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Great Britain

Regarding replacement of the Captain Fryatt and Edith Cavell benches, AB reported that CIL funding requires higher spending than that which we have budgeted presently. AM to see if Glen Pooley can create a new bench for Edith Cavell and at what price. Ownership of the benches was discussed as it is unclear who is responsible for their replacement; the committee needs to take a decision as to whether this is something that they are willing to take on. AB has registered to receive notification when the TESCO token scheme reopens in case this may be a potential source of funding. **Action – AB, AM**

AB has been approached by someone who wishes to lease the Coal Shed Gallery. This person has offered a couple of benches for placement in the Railway Garden: meeting to be arranged between MB/AS and lessee. MB/AS reported that new sleepers were required for this garden. **Action - AB**

15) Pier Project/Rail Project

Pier Project: JB advised that there was nothing to report except that he is planning to visit Henry Moreton in Paignton later in the summer. Rail Project: AM reported that Funding Bid has been submitted and waiting to hear the result.

16) Talks Programme.

AM suggested that a life story could be written about Geoffrey Needham from the Lifeboat station. Other names were put forward. There was some discussion about holding meetings in the Heritage Centre. This would require having stackable chairs available. **Action - MB**

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17) Outings

A draft programme formulated by JB is still suitable for 2021. **Action - JB**

18) Town Centre and Town Walks

Will resume once lockdown is lifted.

19) AOB

ShK reported that John Maiden had contacted her as he had some boxes of photos left to him by Mr Gee. In addition, there are over 100 cards for sale. AM asked whether the Shop Front Guide for Hunstanton should be promoted; it would probably require grant funding of about £100,000 as a pot. There was no other business to discuss.

20) Date and Venue of future meetings

It was agreed that the next meetings should be held on Tuesday 11th May, 22nd June and 20th July 2021 at 10.00am.

Dates & Time of next Meetings		
Tuesday, 11 th May 2021	10.00 am	Committee Meeting by Zoom
Tuesday, 22 nd June 2021	10.00 am	Committee Meeting by Zoom or HC TBD
Tuesday, 20 th July 2021	10.00 am	Committee Meeting by Zoom or HC TBD