

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of H&DCS COMMITTEE MEETING, 8th SEPTEMBER 2020 at HERITAGE CENTRE

Date – Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 10.30 am

Venue -The meeting was a socially distanced one held at the Heritage Centre.

Present - Anthony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM), Ann Stephens (AS), Bob Clark (BC) and, for item 6, Yvonne Bridger (YB).

1) Welcome and Apologies.

AB, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Margi Blunden (MB), Jeremy Simmons (JS) and Mick Smith (MS).

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

3) Minutes of meeting held on 11th August 2020 – No amends requested and minutes signed by Chair.

4) Matters Arising not otherwise on the Agenda. Following ShK's letter, Phil Eke has agreed to post information in the TIP on how to obtain, or renew, car parking tickets for traders and senior citizens. The use of Hunstanton's open spaces for drinking binges is also under careful observation.

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

- a. Nothing to report on the last full council meeting on 20th August. Next full council meeting is on the 24th September.
- b. No new significant planning applications.
- c. HTC support a Borough intention to extend the ban of alcohol consumption in certain areas of the town. This ban allows the police to intervene and/or to confiscate bottles or cans of alcohol, if drinkers' behaviour warrants such action.
- d. JS has circulated a résumé of the new planning procedures introduced by HMG. No action for the time being.
- e. John Donovan (a descendent of the Le Strange family) is coming to Hunstanton at the end of September. Michael Meakin is aware of this. A special opening of the Heritage Centre may be requested.
- f. A discussion on making monthly talks on Zoom has been proposed by Judith Thursby (Literary Society). The suggestion to be considered. **Action – AA, AB, StK & ShK and others**

6) TIC Closure and the Coal Shed

It was agreed to continue the collection of written petitions on the Prom, High Street and at Tesco until 15th September. The online Change.org petition will continue for a further 2 or 3 weeks, possibly until the end of September. Ideally, H&DCS hope to collect over 2,000 signatures.

7) H&DCS Accounts. StK reported all OK. £245 has been expended on 2 x bar stools for the Heritage Centre, Covid screening and hand sanitisers, as well as framing of railway posters. It was agreed by Committee to fund the items required for the launch of the TIC Petition on the Green such as a table, printing, Hi-Viz H&DCS gilets, clipboards/pens and banner from Paris Print. StK reported that he had made a successful application for a 'Business Adaption for Covid Fund' offered by the Borough; £238.62 had been granted to H&DCS. AB has made a separate successful application for the Borough's "Autumn & Winter Fund". Monies yet to be received.

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- 8) **H&DCS Membership Report & Renewals.** ShK reported that Members renewal letters and the Chair's report would be despatched by 1st October 2020. Currently H&DCS has 180 Members.
Action: ShK/StK/AB
- 9) **September H&DCS Newsletter.** ShK to add in an item on the renewal of members' subscriptions. The next headline item will possibly be Captain Fryatt. The Newsletter will also announce a change in HC opening hours from 1.00pm to 5.00pm as previously, to 2.00pm to 4.00pm from 19th September onwards, due mainly to a shortage of volunteers. **Action: ShK/StK/TA.**
- 10) **Heritage Centre Lease and Fundraising.** AB still working on Vision Document. Once completed, advice will be sought from Andrew Jamieson on funding sources. Will be addressed once the limited company legalities are 100% completed. Nothing to report at the moment.
- 11) **Heritage Centre.** Signalisation of the re-opening was discussed – a temporary 'A board' outside the main door; a "brown sign" suitably located in town; a sign on the blank wall opposite Norfolk Deli. Other actions; AA to remove old radiators and install trunking for new heating system; check price for banners with Paris Print. Old School Bell from St James Primary School to be delivered by Mary Gosnell along with some old photos.
- 12) **Chair's Discussion Document.** Work in progress.
- 13) **Gardens/Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Great Britain.** Captain Fryatt's bench still missing. Edith Cavell Bench is in Mike Smith's garden awaiting completion of repairs.
- 14) **Pier Project.** Nothing to report. **Rail Project.** Awaiting reply from Department of Trade on the document submitted by NCC.
- 15) **Talks Programme.** Potential life story of a Polish lady in Hunstanton with connections to the Polish armed forces stationed in Hunstanton. **Action: MB to follow up.**
- 16) **Outings.** In abeyance.
- 17) **Town Centre & Town Walks.** Report on visit to Hunstanton Cemetery. The Graves of Polish armed forces were of particular interest – reference agenda item 15 above.
- 18) **Positioning of the Mary Rhodes Plaque.** It was agreed to position the plaque on the Northgate façade of the Heritage Centre. It was agreed to delay the planning of an official ceremony until AA is able to confirm when Mary Rhodes's daughter is able to attend. **Action: AA**

Dates & Time of next Meetings (monthly in future)		
Tuesday 6 th October 2020	10.00 am	HDCS Committee Meeting in Heritage Centre (to be confirmed)