

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of H&DCS COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2021 – ONLINE ZOOM

Date – Tuesday 9th March 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), Jerry Simmons (JS), Martin Chown (MC) for item 5.

1) **Welcome and Apologies.**

AB, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Bob Clark (BC), Ann Stevens (AS) and Yvonne Bridger (YB).

2) **Minutes Secretary.** JS volunteered to take notes for the Secretary to write up the minutes.

3) **Minutes of meeting held on 9th February 2021** – No amends requested and minutes signed by ShK on behalf of and as requested by AB.

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

AM had previously circulated his report on Planning, Town Council matters etc although not all had received it. There were no questions.

AB and AM to attend the Civic Voice National Planning Policy Framework and Design codes Zoom meeting tomorrow.

Committee approved the renewal of Civic Voice membership at a cost of £186.00.

AM mentioned, and the committee agreed, for him to arrange visits to Hunstanton Lighthouse and Hunstanton Hall in respect of Heritage Days in the coming September plus any additional visits or tours that anyone can suggest (possibly the Infant School although development work may have started by then).

Southend Road Car Park Development – Discussed in some depth. HTC reported to be objecting on grounds of lost car parking spaces. This Society to also to write in with objection to the development for reasons of failure to comply in any way with the Hunstanton Town Centre and Southern Seafront Masterplan by Building Design Partnership of 2008 nor National Planning Policy Framework guidelines nor Hunstanton Prosperity Community Team Prospectus. ShK to draft letter of objection for circulation based on AM's presentation to Planning Committee on 7th December 2020.

There was a general airing of views pertaining to the replacement and relocation of bus shelters. MC reported that there were no planning requirements for such works and hence BCKLWN had carte-blanche to do what they wanted, although they had apparently agreed to minor amendments to the design as put forward by representatives of HTC.

AM reported on the state of the Town Hall following a recent survey. This has resulted in about £30K of expenditure required.

HTC declined to apply for CIL funding for (1) repairs to/replacement of the Edith Cavell and Captain Fryatt benches and (2) shop front grants to enhance the appearance of the High Street, as identified in the Masterplan. AA and AB to apply for CIL funding on behalf of H&DCS; AM to re-submit request to HTC for shop front grant funding.

A local contractor has offered to pressure wash the exterior of the Heritage Centre. AM advised that, although he will speak to them, such work could result in damage to the stonework and hence may not be advisable.

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

The TAG team provided an update on latest status of the campaign.

7) **Treasurer's Report**

Letter from CCLA Bank where the Society's deposits are held to advise that there is a risk that

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Interest rates could be reduced to the extent that they could possibly go negative. If that occurs then we would need consider what to do with those funds.

StK reported on the current cash position resulting in a total balance on all accounts of £14,355.22

8) H&DCS Membership Report & Renewals.

ShK said that there was nothing to report.

9) March 2021 Newsletter.

Newsletter is in preparation and will be circulated to Committee prior to distribution. Heritage Centre Subjects for April and beyond to be considered – there was nothing in hand presently.

10) Heritage Centre Lease and Fundraising.

A review of the status of the Lease was in hand with suggested alterations submitted to the Landlord for consideration most of which has been accepted but just needs to pass through solicitors. **Action AB, JS ShK & StK.**

11) Heritage Centre. HM Government have indicated that Museums etc are hopefully able to reopen on or after 17th May 2021 and we are therefore aiming for the date to reopen the Heritage Centre. TA reported that there were 52 of present volunteers have indicated their willingness to continue in manning the Centre and are interested in opening during the week. 14 others have not yet replied and three have withdrawn. It was decided that we would try to open Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Quite a lot of work is required to make the Centre ready for opening. There is sufficient rubbish at the side of the Car Park that will require a skip for which a contribution by the Society would be considered and help given to clear the area.

Pocahontas – JS has acquired three books on Pocahontas for £30 charitable donation which the Committee agrees should be paid. JS will write an article for the May Newsletter.

TA left the meeting at this stage (at 11.50am).

12) Marketing/Social Media matters. AB, StK and ShK had a long Zoom meeting with Romily Board under the 'Go Digital' grant funding. He has suggested that we start using WordPress or Wix to transfer our present website to. This would enable more members to contribute towards the content and make it more user friendly for members and visitors alike. The sub-group for discussing the Heritage Centre more young person friendly met on Monday 8th March and have various strategies to research. JS suggested possibility of involving NWT and RSPB regarding outdoor activities. **Action – AB, MB, ShK & StK**

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

14) Gardens/Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Great Britain. Benches discussed earlier.

15) Pier Project. JB advised that there was nothing to report-

Rail Project. AM reported that Funding Bid has been submitted.

16) Talks Programme. ShK and StK had attended the Zoom meeting of KLSA&S that was very well run.

The technology is currently slightly beyond our capabilities but still very interesting. **Action: StK/ShK**

17) Outings. A draft programme formulated by JB would be suitable for 2021. **Action JB**

18) Town Centre & Town Walks. Will resume once lockdown is lifted.

19) AOB – There was no other business to discuss

20) Date and Venue of future meetings – Decided that the next meeting should be held by Zoom on Tuesday, 6th April 2021 at 10.00am

Dates & Time of next Meeting		
Tuesday, 6 th April 2021	10.00 am	Committee Meeting by Zoom