

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of MEETING of H&DCS Committee - TUESDAY 9th November 2021

Date – Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 10.00 am

Venue -The meeting was held in the Heritage Centre

Present – Tony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Bob Clark (BC), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM).

1. Welcome and Apologies.

AB, Chair, welcomed the Committee to the meeting. Apologies were provided by Margi Blunden (MB) and Society member, Valerie Everitt who had expressed a wish to attend.

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

3. Minutes of meeting held on 12th October 2021 – No amends requested and minutes signed by AB.

4. Matters Arising not otherwise on the agenda. No matters arising

5. Correspondence, Planning & Hunstanton Town Council Report – reports from AM & ShK

- The Norwich-based Chamber of Commerce is considering expanding its activity elsewhere in Norfolk. A branch in Hunstanton may be a potential outcome.

- There are currently 5 vacancies in HTC. A drive for new members is underway.

- Planning – Nothing to report

- AM noted Victorian Society Lectures on Zoom at £5 pp per lecture.

6. Treasurers Report

StK noted that the electricity cost of running the heaters in the Heritage Centre (HC) on open days is £2.50 per day. Donations from visitors to HC have ranged from nil to ‘reasonable’.

Current cash balance has risen from £14,900 to £15,400 from receipt of annual subscriptions.

Chairs for events in the HC have been purchased, plus some plants for HC flower beds. David Boxell has audited and signed the annual management accounts. Fees from Mapus, Smith & Lemon have increased from £200 last year to £250 for the current year.

H&DCS Committee unanimously approved these accounts for signature by AB & StK.

Statutory accounts produced by Mapus, Smith & Lemon were also approved for signature by AB and StK.

7. H&DCS Membership Report & AGM Arrangements

ShK reported that subscriptions are still coming in slowly. There are currently 153 members including 41 life members.

Regarding the AGM, AB noted that the AGM will present a useful opportunity to collect views from members on the future of H&DCS, on future activities for H&DCS such as talks, visits, planning application inputs, community events, coffee mornings, and the use of the Heritage Centre. Roles of the H&DCS Committee must also be defined (minute takers/garden help, volunteer coordinators etc) and filled. **Action: AB to draft a note with the Agenda for the AGM.**

Committee: Nomination forms for 2021/2022 committee members must be sought prior to the AGM. New names welcomed.

8. Talks Programme & Life Stories 2021/2022 – already reported to Committee by AA

9. Newsletter – The November Newsletter would be replaced by AGM papers. Part 2 on Ivy Scales will be circulated prior to publishing in the December Newsletter. StK reported that 100 Hunstanton Calendars are on order. **Action: StK.**

10. Heritage Centre Lease – a review meeting will be held in the next few weeks. **Action: AM, AB, StK and ShK will participate.**

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- 11. Heritage Centre** – As TA has stood down from managing the rota of volunteers for the Heritage Centre with AB covering the job temporarily, it is necessary to find someone else to undertake this role in future. This is to be considered after the AGM in December so as to be in place when the Heritage Centre is reopened at half-term in February 2022.
- 12. Marketing/Social Media matters**
Smithdon School – AB/MB/ShK/StK are waiting for the History and Geography Heads of Department to make a visit to view the Centre with the aim of students visiting the Heritage Centre whenever is mutually convenient.
Cubs & Scouts – Relevant leaders will visit the Heritage Centre and afterwards make plans to involve the Cubs & Scouts in 2022.
Proposed sponsorship by McCarthy & Stone – will not go ahead because of budget constraints
- 13. Vision Document** – Agreed unanimously to be a well written and visionary document. To be discussed again after inputs from members and the AGM. **Action: AB**
- 14. Gardens/ Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Grey Britain** – Nothing to report
- 15. Progress on Pier & Railway Projects** – Nothing to report
- 16. Outings** – Visit to Blickling Hall on 15th December has 9 participants so far. Visits in 2022 can include 3 or 4 visits proposed in 2020 that did not happen. **Action: JB**
- 17. Town Centre Walks** – Delay walks and discussions until Spring 2022

Dates & Times of next Meeting in 2021		
8 th December 2021	10.00 am	Committee meeting and set up for the AGM
8 th December 2021	7.30 pm	AGM at Heritage Centre