

Hunstanton Civic Society

Ordinary Executive Meeting Tuesday 10 April 2012 at 9.15 am In Large Meeting Room, Valentine Road

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Brian Holmes, Sue Boxell, Norma Ham, John Maiden, Ivy Scales

1. **Apologies:** Margi Blunden.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13 March** were held over for adjustment before signing.
 - **Matters arising.** The Chamber of Trade had produced a video in support of Hunstanton's application to be a Portas Pilot Town in the coastal town category for a grant of up to £100,000 and was supported by the new Great Anglia LEP.
3. **Secretary's Report.** As circulated.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Current a/c balance was £1,399.93, deposit a/c £7,300.37, making total assets of £8,700.30. AG thought we should write to life members, explaining the achievements of Civic Voice and the levy of £ 1.50 and invite further contributions. He proposed this should be dealt with in the Focus Group. Also, some members had made mistakes in their standing orders, causing a deficit of £37. JM suggested removing their names from the members' list and calling their payments "donations".
5. **Report from Green and Pier Sub-Committee.** While waiting to hear from the Heritage Lottery Fund re a grant for a pier, if this was not successful JM would intend to apply for Government funds of up to £300,000-£400,000 available for coastal communities. This could be used towards a museum for the WWII Heritage Project. Concerning QEII Jubilee Fields, the BC had not taken note of the Town Council's concern that the Recreation Ground, the whole of The Green as defined by the 1955 covenant and the Community Centre were at risk and required increased protection. AG said that the Spinney was crowded with too many trees. Being in the Conservation Area, none could be cut down. JM stated that the proposed "retail pods" on plinths for daily hire by traders proposed to be sited in the Spinney would be a step too far. Their ideal location would be on the Northgate Precinct.
6. **Heritage Sub-Committee.** MB and IS were gathering information for the preparation of a leaflet featuring the best of the Ibberson Carrstone houses for the Heritage Open Days in September.
7. **Focus Group.** The Portas Pilot Application for revitalizing the town centre was supported in principle. Dates for next meeting of the Focus Group were suggested as 30 April.
8. **Site Specific Allocations and Retirement Complex.** AM reported that an invitation had been received to visit Lincoln House, a 30-bedroom residential/nursing retirement complex at Swanton Morley. One or more members should go and see it, if possible. Any similar development in Hunstanton would be located south of the industrial estate, east of the A149, opposite the water tower. NH stated her objection to a retirement complex for the town, fearing it might exacerbate the shortage of doctors.
9. **"Events this Summer and Autumn".** BH gave a presentation on the 10th Anniversary of HCS. It included the new design for the Coal Office garden, featuring railway sleepers, track, buffers and a bench seat. He also showed a picture of Henry le Strange obtained from the family archives. AM thanked BH for all his work in producing the presentation.

10. **AOB “In Bloom”**. NH said that the “Wash of Dreams” garden at the Coal Office was to be moved on 28 April to a position outside the Surf Shop. AG enquired about the watering of the hanging baskets outside the shops. He mentioned the possibility of water butts for each shop and whether the bowsers could be connected to them. Anglian Water would be able to advise.

11. **Dates of next meetings. Tuesdays 8 May and 12 June.**