

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

HDCS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date Tuesday 13th August 2019 at 10.00am

Venue Heritage Centre, Hunstanton, PE36 6EG

Present

Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Robert Clark (RC), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), John Maiden (JM), Andrew Murray (AM), Jeremy Simmons (JS).

Agenda Items

1) Welcome and Apologies.

JM, as Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Terry Ashworth (TA), David Harris (DH), Ann Stevens (AS) and Tony Armstrong (AA).

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

3) Minutes of meeting held on 18th June 2019

Item 5 c) of the minutes should be amended to read "Hunstanton Town Council (HTC) will form a new Environmental Committee at the end of July 2019". Apart from this amendment, the rest of the minutes were agreed by all present for signature by JM.

4) Matters to be raised not otherwise on the Agenda for 16th July

It was suggested to join HTC in the research for and preparation of an application for the next round of funding offered for Refurbishment of Hunstanton High Street see Agenda Item 19.

5) Correspondence, Planning & Hunstanton Town Council Report (AM)

- a) Planning – nothing on the radar at the moment.
- b) New curtains are planned for the Town Hall.
- c) Library at Attleborough – AB has visited this library with a Norwich Library representative. AM & Richard Bird have also visited. See Agenda Item 20.
- d) House in Boston Square – with exterior painted a vibrant yellow. Article 4 directions are made when the character of an area of acknowledged importance would be threatened. They are most common in conservation areas. However, Article 4 has not been applied in Hunstanton by BCKLWN planning department. It was agreed that HCS should investigate how to achieve an Article 4 directive for Hunstanton. **Action: MB**
- e) Catmose College, Oakham – following a visit from this school, a lovely letter has been received from the College, including a copy of a "Teacher's Pack for Hunstanton" which they have prepared. HCS wish to liaise with the College and replicate this Guide for the use of other schools who come to visit Hunstanton in future. **Action: ShK.**
- f) Building numbers of Volunteers for HCS – a letter received from a member of the Civic Society, noting the exceptional and successful development of the new Heritage Centre, suggested that it would be advantageous to open it for more hours per week especially in high summer periods, bank holidays etc when visitor footfall is at its highest. This cannot be easily done with the existing number of volunteers and discussion ensued about how to recruit more volunteers. Ideas from around the table included the following:
 - Free entry to, or VIP seating at, monthly talks
 - Improving status of volunteers by provision of HCS lanyards and name badges; like the blue Town Guides in King's Lynn
 - A voucher card scheme providing discounts at local retail businesses; or a cumulative voucher card which entitles a free coffee, cake or English breakfast when sufficient volunteering 'stamps' have been accrued. Good for HCS connections with local businesses.

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It was decided we have to start somewhere, and that a definition of the volunteer role is required. **Action: MB**

HCS Committee will discuss ideas for volunteering again at the next meeting as an Agenda Item. **Action: ShK**

6) Treasurer's Report

Gift Aid is coming in from recent donations. There is a balance of around £6k for HC but we still have to pay for the Vault Cinema control system although subject of a donation to cover the full cost. Also some invoices have yet to be received. Some expenses are still awaited from AM. The Civic Society has £7k but there is expenditure not yet accounted for Interpretation Boards near Mercy Gray shelter. AM requested a balance sheet of the Heritage Centre covering the move to our new location. **Action: StK**

7) Membership Report.

One new member since the last HCS Committee Meeting. There is a new membership form ready for 2019/20. Any contributions to the HCS Newsletter should be sent to StK and ShK as soon as possible. **Action: All Committee members.**

8) Heritage Centre Lease

1) Discussion on terms and conditions of the Lease of Heritage Centre. Negotiations continue.

9) Heritage Centre

- Entry Fee for Visitors to HC - After some discussion, it was decided not to charge an entry fee to the Heritage Centre until 2020 when Committee should discuss again in the light of donation income at the new location, and actual running expenses of the Heritage Centre.
- Utilities -Quotations are being sought to separate gas, electric and water between the Heritage Centre and the apartment upstairs. **Action: AM/StK**
- Toilet in Heritage Centre - is not for public use.
- Leaflets – quotations received from Paris Print & Dolphin. Maybe need a better picture of the building. **Action: StK/ShK**
- Formal Opening of the new Heritage Centre – it was agreed that Eric Morecombe's daughter would be a good choice. **Action: More suggestions required**
- New Table – agreed this was not required for the time being.
- Teachers Packs – it was agreed to contact Heads of Geography of all schools within 2 hrs drive of Hunstanton and invite them to arrange visits to the Heritage Centre as soon as Teachers' Packs are completed. **Action: MB**
- Children's Quiz. Review and update where necessary. **Action: ShK**

10. Gardens/Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Great Britain (AS)

Nothing to report. Chris Durham remains keen to contribute to the outside gardening at the Heritage Centre.

11. **Hunstanton Pier** – nothing to report.

12. **King's Lynn/Hunstanton Rail Project** - Nothing to report.

13. **Interpretation Boards** – it was noted that 'Practice' and 'Gibraltar' spelt incorrectly on one interpretation board.

14. **HCS Talks** – see email from StK. Other options being investigated by AA include Blickling Belles (Kate Barns) and a speaker from RAF Marham. **Action: AA**

15. **HCS Outings** –the last outing for 2019 will be Oxburgh Hall. Date to be advised. Members of the National Trust will be able to visit on NT members rates. **Action: JB**

16. **Historic Towns & Villages Trail** – Nothing to report

17. **Twining Sign on A149 North of Lighthouse Lane** – In process **Action: JM negotiating the exact location**

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18. Esplanade Gardens – Freeman A. Kilpatrick Way – JM advised that the pathway down to the Flood Memorial from Reis Leming Way is to be named after Freeman A. Kilpatrick who was awarded the George Medal for bravery following his actions during the 1953 floods. **Action: JM with BCKLWN**

19. Town Centre (and High Street) and how to improve character and appearance – There are health and safety issues to be considered as well as appearance and character. **Action: AM to ensure that HCS have the opportunity to work with HTC on the next application for funding.**

20. Future use of Valentine Centre and former Primary School in Valentine Road - There was discussion of the relative advantages for Hunstanton of a conversion of the former Infant School in Valentine Road, or the development of a brand new, purpose-built library space with café when the existing bus station and library is redeveloped. A discussion will be held by AB with Andrew Jamieson and a report will be provided to the next HCS Committee Meeting on 17th September **2019**. **Action: AB, Andrew Jamieson and AM.**

12. Dates & venue for next HCS Committee Meetings: see below.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday 17 th September	10am	Heritage Centre

JFB 27th August 2019
