

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **DRAFT**

Date Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 6.30 pm

Venue Town Hall Basement, Hunstanton, PE36 6BQ

Members Present – 45 members, including committee, were present at the meeting.

Agenda Items

1) **Welcome and Apologies.**

John Maiden, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Sue and David Boxell, Elizabeth Bray, Shirley Davies, Janet Hathaway and Dennis South, Pat Maiden, Mr and Mrs N Maiden, Jeremy Simmons, Ann and Roy Stevens, Susan and Timothy Sullivan.

2) **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 12th December 2018**

The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Robert Clark and seconded by David Jones. The minutes were then signed by John Maiden as a true record.

3) **Receive and approve the Chairman's Report**

The major issue for the year 2018-2019 had of course been the acquisition of the former NatWest Bank Building and its transformation into the new Heritage Centre which was opened to the public in June 2019. Tribute was paid to the generosity of the member who funded the acquisition, and to the numerous volunteers who worked to refurbish, equip and transform the building into its present highly regarded form.

4) **Receive and approve the Financial Statements for the year ending 30th September 2019.**

Stephen Kent had circulated the report and accounts to members prior to the meeting. The accounts had been audited by David Boxell.

- Income & expenditure: costs of refurbishing the NatWest Bank were £12k to 30th September 2019. No rent had yet been paid by the society for the new building. Donations had been significantly higher in 2019 than before in the former Heritage Centre location at 15 The Green.
- Balance Sheet: small incomes from sale of booklets on Railway & Fossils

The Accounts were proposed for acceptance by Michael Ruston and seconded by Margi Blunden and unanimously accepted by the meeting.

5) **To elect an independent examiner for the ensuing year**

- Stephen Kent thanked David Boxell for his work in auditing the accounts for 2018-19 and recommended that he be re-appointed for 2019-2020. This suggestion was formally proposed by David Jones and seconded by Bob Clark.
- The Chair thanked Stephen Kent for his excellent work in keeping track of the financial health of the Society.

6) **Election of Officers for 2019-2020**

The following had been nominated for appointment as the Officers of the Society for the next year:

	Proposer	Seconder
Chair – Amanda Bosworth	Margi Blunden	Stephen Kent
Hon Secretary – Sheila Kent	Robert Clark	John Maiden
Treasurer – Stephen Kent	Sheila Kent	Margi Blunden

These Officers were approved unanimously for election to their respective positions.

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John Maiden stood down from the Chair and Amanda Bosworth took her position as Chair.

7) Election of Committee Members of the Society for 2019/2020

The following had been nominated as Committee Members of the Society for the next year.

Tony Armstrong	Ann Stephens	John Bridger
Terry Ashworth	Andrew Murray	Amanda Bosworth
Margi Blunden	Stephen Kent	Sheila Kent
John Bridger	Terry Ashworth	Andrew Murray
Robert Clark	John Maiden	Tony Armstrong
Andrew Murray	Amanda Bosworth	Margi Blunden
Jeremy Simmons	Stephen Kent	Sheila Kent
Mick Smith	Tony Armstrong	Sheila Kent
Ann Stevens	John Bridger	Terry Ashworth

These Members were approved unanimously for election as Committee Members of the Society.

8) Amanda Bosworth - Statement on appointment as Chair of the Society

Amanda Bosworth expressed her enthusiasm on her election as the Chair of the Society and said she looked forward to encouraging membership of the Society, both as new members and onto the Committee in due course. She also expressed her thanks to retiring Committee members, David Harris and John Maiden and also thanked the rest of the Committee for all their work.

9) AOB

Michael Ruston expressed his personal appreciation of the benefactor who made possible the acquisition of the new Heritage Centre, and also of the tremendous efforts of the volunteers who so effectively turned an old bank building into a magnificent Heritage Centre for the benefit of the Hunstanton and its local community.

10) After the AGM

After the AGM, members enjoyed a delicious finger buffet prepared by Margi Blunden, Martin Chown, Ann Stevens, Sheila and Stephen Kent and lots of help from other members on the day. The evening concluded with a talk by Doreen Reed entitled "A Selection of Amusing & Meaningful Poems", which was much enjoyed by members.

11) Next Meeting

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday 17th December 2019 HCS Committee Meeting	10am	Heritage Centre

JFB 12th December 2019