

Hunstanton Civic Society

Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday 13 February 2013

In Large committee Room, Valentine Road, Hunstanton

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Sue Boxell, **Martin Chown**, Valerie Everitt, Norma Ham, Brian Holmes, Penelope Pinder, Ivy Scales

- **Apologies:** Margi Blunden, Ann Stevens.

- **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8 January 2013** were approved and signed after minor amendment.

- **Secretary's Report and Matters Arising.**
 - **Land Train.** To transport visitors from the coach park to town. Searle's train already did the job, but dropped people off at the lower end of the Spinney. AG said visitors should be brought all the way up to the Greevegate end of the High Street, where, thanks to the protection afforded by the train, they could arrive dry in all weathers. He suggested that shop advertising could be used on the train. AG would talk to Searles about the idea.

 - **McCarthy & Stone Meeting re Former Garage Site.** VE agreed to attend the meeting in the Golden Lion on 19 February to find out M & S's intentions concerning the building of a home for elderly people. NH thought that such a home did not need to be in the centre of town. IS feared the proposed site would be rather sad for the inhabitants. MC had heard on the radio that McCarthy & Stone were a holding company who handed over the running of their establishments to other companies who had little regard for the residents.

 - **Treasurer's Report.** Current a/c £2,261.56, deposit a/c £7,363.66, total assets £9,626.22.

- **Chapel Bank Project.** AG (had opened a) **has ring fenced the** Chapel Bank Project (account with) funds **within our accounts, at present** of £256.89. He listed other possible sources of further funding to cover removal, re-installation and restoration costs. MC proposed the setting up of a Sub-Committee to take charge of the project. He volunteered to be a member, as did AM and VE. They agreed to hold their first meeting on 19 March.

- **Interpretation Boards.** AM reported that three of the HCS interpretation boards were in bad condition and needed renewal. These were situated at The Oasis, The Pier Stump Garden and the High Street. Also a new one was required by the Flood Memorial recording the Reis Leming story. AG estimated costs at £500 per board.

- **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee.** IS informed the meeting that the Leaflet for the Arts and Crafts houses would shortly be available from the Printers. She showed members the supporting poster for the Leaflet, designed by Brian Holmes. It would be on display at the TIC (alongside the Leaflets), the Town Hall and the HCS Notice Board.

- **Report from Pier and Green Sub-Committee.** AM read out the report from John Maiden wherein he appealed for others to help him on the subject. AG stated that JM could not represent HCS as he had not stood for re-election to the Executive Committee. AM agreed and would discuss with JM. MC said that the Pier and Green had been a long-running sore and that we should concentrate on the best of the past and leave the rest to the Town Council. In his report, JM suggested that the regeneration money for improving the High Street and Spinney area could be the 10% needed to support an application to the HLF for a Heritage Centre. Members did not agree. HCS had received an offer via Chris Bamfield to allow the Society to use the Coal Office Gallery as a starter Heritage Centre. AM asked members to consider this and discuss it at the next Committee Meeting

- **Report from In-Bloom.** **SB said** the tamarisk trees had arrived and were ready for planting. Hunstanton in Bloom would like HCS to plant the tree allocated to them; Tuesday 19 March was the chosen date. Concerning the garden representing a tribute to Reis Leming, Chris Durham would like HCS to design it. This could be a flower bed depicting the emblem of the USAF 67th Special Operations Squadron. It was presently too early to plant flowers and in any case nothing could be done until the 67th SOS advised us of the date on which they could be present.

- **Volunteers to man the coffee bar in basement of the Town Hall.**

PP volunteered. No-one else was in favour of the idea. (AG) NH said that the Town Council should be reminded that the refurbishing of the basement had been intended for the benefit of the town's young people.

- **Use of the Community Notice Board, Greevegate.** The Town

Council had asked if it could use some of HCS space on the shared board. AG said that some of their material was out of date. The answer would therefore be negative.

- **Dates of next Committee Meetings: Tuesdays 12 March and 9**

April.