

Hunstanton Civic Society

Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday 10 July 2013 at 9.15 am

In Large Committee Room Valentine Road, Hunstanton

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Sue Boxell, Martin Chown, Norma Ham, Ivy Scales, Ann Stevens

- **Apologies:** Valerie Everitt, Penelope Pinder

- **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 11 June 2013 and Matters Arising.** Referring to the funds allocated to the future Heritage Centre, AM thought that AG had said, “if a year later they asked for £600 more it would be reasonable”. Apart from that, he could accept the minutes as satisfactory. MC said that we should be clear about what money we gave to the Heritage Centre.

- **Secretary’s Report – incorporating report from Town Council, Planning applications.** NCC were to do a further survey to assess whether residents might wish to have parking permits. The Town Team were planning to spend most of the £10k Portas money on providing a free WiFi service along the Prom and High Street. MC was not in agreement with the idea, also generally shared by members present. AM said it was a “done deal” and would go ahead. Local stores could send offers of discounts direct to visitors’ mobile phones.

- **Treasurer’s Monthly Report, Membership Renewals.** Current a/c £1,476.10 (less £1000 for Heritage Centre), deposit a/c £7,376.85, total assets £8,852.95. SB asked how long it took to withdraw funds from the deposit account. AG would enquire and advise. The subject of the siting of the three cliff-top shelters along with the Chapel Bank shelter was raised. AM said this was for discussion with Chris Bamfield and he would be writing to him. IS asked how much further back the shelters would be placed. AM said that, as previously, they would be in the middle of the grass area. MC suggested making a feature of the newly-moved shelters with flowers. AM thought it was preferable to leave them simply with the grass, as they always had been.

- **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee – including Green and Pier, QEII Fields Challenge.** AM had not received anything from John Maiden.

- **Report from Hunstanton Heritage Centre Trust.** AM reported that of the £1,000 allocated, £750 had already been spent. He would discuss accounting procedures with AG. The lease was awaiting signing. A display cabinet was in process of construction.

- **Report from In Bloom.** SB reported that it was “full steam ahead”. Names of volunteers were being collected. MB stressed the enormous amount of work put in over the years by Canny Jones, though the Civic Society was responsible for several of the gardens. NH suggested asking members to help. SB would prefer this appeal to be made at a Talks evening, rather than in Town and Around magazine. Of the gardens, the Railway bed had always been taken care of by the Borough Council. The others were the Pier bed, the St Edmund’s plot, the Signpost bed and the Wolf Garden.

- **Forthcoming events – Fossil hunt Wednesday 7 August, Heritage Open Day in September and the Visit to the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow.** Norman Wye had kindly agreed to be the “point of reference” for the Fossil Hunt. Helpers should assemble at 10.00 am, wearing high-viz jackets. AM requested permission to purchase more hammers. Reporting on the Visit to the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow on 25 September, MB said that 33 places had been paid for. She had put a letter through the door of Alison Gifford, Secretary of KL Civic Society, in case they were interested but so far no reply had been received. A suggestion was made to contact Docking Heritage Centre also, as well as West Anglia College students and those of Smithdon.

- **Date of next Committee Meeting Tuesday 13/Wednesday 14 August, Tuesday 17/Wednesday 18 September.**