

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

HDCS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 10.00 am

Venue Heritage Centre, Hunstanton, PE36 6EG

Present

Tony Armstrong (AA), Margi Blunden (MB), John Bridger (JB), Robert Clark (RC), John Maiden (JM), Andrew Murray (AM), Ann Stevens (AS). 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), Amanda Bosworth (AB), Sheila Kent (ShK) & Stephen Kent (StK).

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

3. Minutes of meeting held on 18th June 2019

Minutes were agreed by all present, and signed by JM.

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

None

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

- a) Two additional Councillors were co-opted onto HTC at the full Council Meeting on Friday 21st June: namely James Johnson & Cynthia Easeman. Howard Johnson & John Crofts who had both expressed an interest in the vacancies on HTC, could be offered positions on sub-committees.
- b) Trees outside Town Hall: no trimming this year because of bird nests.
- c) HCS will form new Environmental Committee at the end of July 2019.
- d) AM warned of issues with scamming and his experience of Action Fraud.
- e) Roger Partridge is organising a 'Fossil Hunt' for young people on 12th August 2019 and has secured a grant for goggles and hammers for participants. Adult volunteers are sought to supervise the event (either parents or other volunteers).
- f) Heritage Open Days this year are as follows. Hunstanton Hall on 12th & 19th September (2 tours commencing at 10am and 12noon). The Hunstanton Lighthouse will be open to visitors on 13th September. AM has provided full details of both for the August issue of Town & Around. Hunstanton Primary School - Tours of the former Infant School in Hunstanton will also be advertised.
- g) "Plastic Ocean" film - Amanda Knight is organising the showing of this film at our first talk in September.
- h) CCT – should HCS continue to be part of the CCT team and attend meetings? General agreement to do so was positive. Currently AM and AB attend CCT.

6. Treasurers Report

HCS have paid the sum due to AM, as agreed at the Committee Meeting of HCS on June 18th.

The total sum in HCS account has

been reduced from £21k to £12,785. Approximately £5½k for Heritage Centre accounts and £7k for Civic Society main accounts.

7. Membership Report.

Nothing to report.

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8. Heritage Centre Update

- a) Lease AM, StK, ShK & JS have had a meeting and AM will contact solicitors. It was agreed that HCS would pay a rent of £1,500 pa. It was further agreed to start on this basis but to keep under review every few years. It is possible a draft lease may be available for the HCS Committee meeting in August and will be an agenda item at this meeting.
- b) Entry Fee for Visitors to HC. It was agreed to discuss whether or not to charge adult visitors (not children) an entry fee at the next Committee meeting in August.
- c) Formal Opening on HC. A person to formally open HC has not yet been agreed and no date has yet been programmed.
- d) Lynn & Hunstanton Railway Line at Wolferton Station - booklet by Ben Colson. It was unanimously agreed to keep a stock of these booklets in the Heritage Centre for sale to the public on a similar basis to the deal under which they are sold by TIC ie: Sale price to public £3, which includes a commission of 50p per copy to HC. The balance to be donated to St Peter's Church roof restoration fund. **Action: StK to agree mechanics of the process with Ben Colson.**
- e) It was agreed to procure a folding table similar to those used in the Town Hall, for use as required in HC for functions or parties. **Action: To be discussed at next meeting**
- f) It was agreed to write letter to the Heads of Geography at Schools in the local area within two hours' drive of Hunstanton, inviting them to arrange visits to HC in Hunstanton. This might include a link to the Teacher's Packs to be put on the website. **Action: MB and others**
- g) Front Desk – it was commented that the front desk can become a little cluttered and the items beneath the glass top, some of which are for sale, are not visible to visitors.

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

Heritage Centre Planters. Volunteers at HC are watering the exterior planters. Some of the rectangular planters are rotting away and need repair or replacement.

Anglia in Bloom - judging on Friday 19th July

Britain in Bloom – judging Tuesday 30th July

Greening Great Britain (RHS) - **Action: MB/AS to come up with a plan and timescale for 'greening' the vicinity of HC. Possibility to involve Alisha Moat & DoE scheme.**

Captain Fryatt Bench at St Edmund's Chapel Gardens – has been removed for repairs (Chris Durham)

10. Pier Project (JB). JB confirmed the meeting noted on June 18th with Andrew Jamieson, HHPCT and Tim Wardley (Chair of the National Piers Society) at NCC offices in Norwich was held on 9th July. Further news will be disclosed to HCS as soon as feasible.

11. King's Lynn/Hunstanton Rail Project. An opportunity to present the Project to Norfolk County Council will take place in September. **Action: AM to prepare as necessary for this.**

12. Interpretation Boards. The new Interpretation Boards have been installed. Three other boards could yet be replaced by the Borough Council: High Street, TIC plus one other.

13. Talks Programme. John Cushing booked: others being considered. **Action: AA to provide final schedule for the August HCS meeting.**

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14. Visits Programme. Following the visit to BBMF at RAF Coningsby, a schedule of potential visits for the remainder of 2019 and 2020 was circulated by JB to meeting participants and votes have been collected for each option. **Action: JB to circulate outcomes to HCS Committee.**

15. Historic Towns & Villages Trail - High Street Regeneration. Budgets are available and King's Lynn have secured funding for themselves. It was unanimously agreed that Hunstanton should also apply for funding for our High Street. **Action: HCS should write or email HTC to say it wishes to be represented on the High Street working party when it is established by HTC. Action: JM**

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

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday 13 th August	10am	Heritage Centre
Tuesday 17 th September	10am	Heritage Centre

JFB 27th July 2019