

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY
Committee meeting on Tuesday, 13th June 2017
at the Heritage Centre

Present: Amanda Bosworth(AB), John Maiden(JM), John Bridger(JB), Judy Simmons(JS), Robert Clark(RC), Tony Armstrong(AA), Andrew Murray(AM), Ann Stevens(AS), Alethea Gillard(AG)

1. Apologies for absence received from TA, MB, BH, SK, ShK and IS.
2. Minutes of meeting held on 2nd May 2017 and matters arising – Amendment that AB and MB will be 4th and 5th signatories on both bank accounts. Following the amendment, the minutes were agreed and signed.
3. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report – Adrian Winnington is the new Town Council mayor and congratulations were extended to AB on becoming deputy mayor. JB asked who owns the kiosk on the prom. It is BCKLWN so the Council is applying to itself for planning permission. Re-location of skateboard ramp near Sealife is not favoured due to noise for neighbours. The new website should be available later this month. The new town board is awaiting installation but planning permission is needed. There is a steering committee for the railway. There is a paper petition in the Heritage Centre. So far, there are 1300 signatures.
4. Treasurer's report – The bank balance for the Civic Society is £4993.95 and Heritage Centre is £8137.25. Receipts for the Heritage Centre last week were £85. Windows have been cleaned as has the glass in the Mercy Gray shelter.
5. Membership – No report.
6. Website – This has been updated.
7. Heritage Centre Lease – There was a meeting on 9th June with Solveig and Derek. A new lease will be prepared up until 31st July 2018. It was suggested we pay rent of £1,000 per year and this was agreed.
8. Heritage Centre – A clean needs to be done. The windows need to be cleaned inside so the cleaning will also be done on this day and we will liaise with the window cleaner. Solveig would like the tubs re-painted dark green but a light colour was chosen deliberately to brighten up the dark area where the tubs are situated.
9. Unveiling of the statue of Henry le Strange – This will take place on Friday, 16th June at 5.30pm. Activities will take place from 4.30pm. The interpretation board has been removed and the plaque is very small.
10. Esplanade Gardens – Red tarmac has been laid and the shelters will be painted blue, even though the town colour scheme is green and gold. New tarmac has been laid round the new play area but it is still screened off. The shelter near the bandstand needs to be cleaned more often. There is as plan for an official opening of the gardens sometime mid July. This has been badly managed from the outset. It was suggested that the Friends of the Gardens need a constitution but this should not be accepted as it currently stands because it is a group of volunteers and BCKLWN should take responsibility.
11. Civic Day – The Heritage Centre will be open and community tables will be at the Town Hall from 10.30am to 4pm – cubs, scouts, Community orchard, beavers, TIC and maybe LILY. It has been decided to postpone Mr. Selby's talk in view of all

the other events taking place in the evening and this will now be held on 20th September 2017 .

12. Pier progress – Hastings Pier won the National Pier Society’s award of Pier of the Year 2017. A draft letter to them was circulated and this will be signed by Andrew Murray. We are hoping to hear soon whether the Trust has been set up and then we can write to the Town Council and BCKLWN. Four original pier stumps have been removed from the foreshore and maybe these can be placed in the time and tide garden.
13. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 25th July 2017 at 10am at the Heritage Centre.
14. AOB – Plants have been replaced in the railway garden. An urn has broken and needs repairing. The Welcome to Hunstanton road sign advising we are twinned with the 67th special operations squadron will be erected by BCKLWN but we are not sure who will pay for this.