

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 10.00 am

Venue Heritage Centre, Hunstanton, PE36 6EG

Present

Tony Armstrong AA, Terry Ashworth TA, Amanda Bosworth AB, John Bridger JB, Robert Clark RC, Sheila Kent ShK, Stephen Kent StK, John Maiden JM, Andrew Murray AM, Ann Stevens AS.

Agenda Items

1) Welcome and Apologies.

JM, as Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from David Harris (DH), Margi Blunden (MB), and Jeremy Simmons (JS).

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

3) Minutes of meeting held on 14th May 2019

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

4) Matters to be raised not otherwise on the Agenda

None

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

No report, other than that two additional Councillors may be co-opted at the HTC Meeting on Friday 21st June.

6) Treasurers Report (StK)

A full report for both HCS and the Heritage Centre were circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting by StK. These documents were discussed in some detail, and it was unanimously agreed that both sets of accounts were acceptable, and that the money spent on the refurbishment of the Heritage Centre had been wisely disbursed and to excellent effect. It was also unanimously agreed that HCS should pay to AM, an agreed sum of money deemed as shared costs and reimbursement of expenses.

Discussion was held as to the future use of the first floor apartment, but it was agreed that these decisions would be deferred for the time being.

7) Membership Report.

One new member had joined HCS in the last month. There are currently 194 members altogether. ShK reminded those concerned that papers would be required for distribution to the membership at the end of August

8) Heritage Centre Update

a) **Informal Opening on 8th June 2019** – a great success and widespread publicity has been achieved. Amanda Bosworth was thanked for her attendance as Mayor of Hunstanton in cutting the ribbon to open the Centre

a) **Lease** – no further progress to date. **Action: AM to see Solicitor in King's Lynn.**

b) **Utilities** – discussion was held on supply options for gas, electricity and water. There remain various options to be considered. The utilities will in due course need to be divided between the Heritage Centre and the upstairs apartment. **Action: AM/StK.**

c) **Other Work** – AA has nearly finished the indoor work and there is some remaining painting and other work to be completed in the Staff Room and back door area. **Action: AA/JB**

d) **Publicity & Leaflets** – The outdoor high-level signage for the Civic Centre needs to be installed before the Heritage Centre can be photographed, and the DL folding flyer revised

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and reprinted. Book marks are to be considered as prizes to children doing the Quiz.

Discussion took place regarding the items that can be sold from the Centre. **Action: StK/ShK to investigate fridge magnets (supplied through John Smith) and create the book marks.**

- e) **Formal Opening** – The Lord Lieutenant’s Office has advised that a Royal visit could perhaps be achieved, but it would likely be only as ‘an impromptu visit’, than as a formal opening ceremony. After discussion it was agreed to invite Gail Stewart (the daughter of Eric Morecombe, who gave a successful talk to HCS Members some time ago), to formally open the Heritage Centre, possibly in September/October 2019. This to be discussed at the next Committee meeting in July 2019. **Action –TA to approach Gail Stewart and ask if she would agree to open the Heritage Centre.**

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

Heritage Centre Planters & other Beds. Work continues. The proposal to remove the gravel and paving slabs outside the Heritage Centre and replace with good soil or grass was deferred to 2020. **Action - MB to prepare a budget for 2019-20 to send to StK.**

Gardens near the Lighthouse – person(s) unknown have cut down the ornamental grasses, taken it away and doused the flower beds with weed killer. Chris Durrant has stated categorically that BCKLWN staff were not responsible for this action. Further discussions are to be held with Chris Durrant next week. AS and MB need more volunteer help. **Action AS/BM to keep the Committee advised.**

Captain Fryat Bench at St Edmunds Church – deemed to be unsafe and needs repairs. BCKLWN state that the work is ‘in hand’ but it has not yet commenced. **Action - MB to keep in touch with the Borough as necessary.**

Freeman A Kilpatrick Way (JM) – JM believes that the walkway between the Time and Tide Garden and Reis Leming Way should be given the name titled above. He is discussing this with KLWNBC . **Action- JM to pursue with KLWNBC as appropriate.**

A149 signage of “ Welcome to Hunstanton - Victorian Town” on Redgate Hill – This sign has become increasingly overgrown and obscured by vegetation this year. **Action – AS to discuss regular tidy-up of the sign with Chris Durrant.**

10. **Pier Project (JB).** JB confirmed that the project continues. However, at the moment discussions are being held on a confidential basis preparatory to signature of a non-disclosure agreement which it is hoped will presage a big step forward in the process. A meeting between Andrew Jamieson, HHPCT and Tim Wardley (Chair of the National Piers Society) is being arranged at NCC offices in Norwich. Further news will be disclosed to the Society as soon as feasible. **Action: Arrange meeting - JB**

11. **King’s Lynn/Hunstanton Rail Project.** An opportunity to present the Project to Norfolk County Council is awaited in the near future. **Action: AM to prepare as necessary for this.**

12. **Interpretation Boards.** There is no information available yet from BCKLWN as yet on the installation of the new Interpretation Boards agreed as noted at the previous Committee meeting on 14th May 2019. **Action- StK to establish dates for installation of the Boards from BCKLWN (Roger Partridge).**

13. **Talks Programme.** JM recommended Mark Leslie as a potential speaker. **Action – JM to give AA contact details. AA to prepare outline programme for 2019/2020 by the end of August 2019.**

14. **Outings Programme.** The next visit is to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at RAF Coningsby on 4th July 2019. Details of three other options for the last visit of the year in September have already been circulated to the Committee (Oxburgh Hall, North Norfolk Railway at Sheringham, and the Hoste Arms Cinema Experience). Two other ideas were suggested at the meeting, namely St Botolph’s Church (known as the Boston Stump) and Forncett Industrial Steam

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Museum south of Norwich. **Action –JB to circulate all 5 options to Committee with a marking system and see which option attracts the most votes. The remaining four options could be reserved for the Visit Programme in 2020**

- 15. Historic Towns & Villages Trail** – No action as yet & discussion was postponed until the meeting in July 2019. JM proposed that the Society press for de-cluttering the High Street in Hunstanton, removing raised kerbings and some railings. **Action – ShK to put this on the Agenda for discussion at the next Committee Meeting on 16th July 2019.**

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

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday 16 th July	10am	Heritage Centre
Tuesday 13 th August	10am	Heritage Centre
Tuesday 17 th September	10am	Heritage Centre

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