

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

HDCS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date Tuesday 15th October 2019 at 10 am

Venue Heritage Centre, Hunstanton, PE36 6EG

Present

Anthony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Robert Clark (RC), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), John Maiden (JM), Andrew Murray (AM), Ann Stephens (AS).

Agenda Items

1) Welcome and Apologies.

JM, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Dave Harris (DH) and Jeremy Simmons (JS).

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

3) Minutes of meeting held on 17th September 2019

The minutes were agreed by all present for signature by JM.

4) Matters to be raised not otherwise on the Agenda for 17th September 2019

None

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

- a) Planning. Development at 29 Sandringham Road; at a recent meeting of the Conservation Panel attended by Martin Chown, the consensus had been that the development proposed was 'not appropriate'.
The Kit-Kat development proposal which has recently been disclosed is on land which is part of Hunstanton's 'one public estate'. The current ownership of the land is unknown. HCS Committee believe that the development should be opposed until the outcomes of the Hemingway proposals have been made clear by BCKLWN.
No other new planning applications to report.
- b) Hunstanton Town Council (HTC). It was disclosed that the Chairs of the main Committees are to be as follows: General Purposes – Wendy Croucher; Finance – Michael Ruston. Budgets have been agreed for redecoration and replacements of lighting and curtains in the Town Hall.
- c) Coastal Erosion. Current thinking at Borough level is to address the erosion of Hunstanton Cliffs with rock armour 'when appropriate'. Currently, erosion is estimated at 15-20cms per year.
- d) The presentation of the King's Lynn/Hunstanton Rail Project to NCC by Howard Johnson was successful. NCC have agreed to fund a Feasibility Study. It is important for NCC to appreciate that the route of the new railway will deviate from its original track where appropriate.
- e) John Crofts (Hunstanton Rotary) will visit the Heritage Centre with a number of club members at 10am on Wednesday 30th October 2019. **HCS Committee members are invited to attend and welcome the visitors.**
- f) Development Proposals within Hunstanton. BCKLWN will update **members** of Town Councils, Civic Societies and the Hunstanton Prosperity Coastal Community Team on these development proposals at a meeting in Hunstanton Town Hall at 4.30pm on 30th October 2019. **HCS committee members are invited to attend.**
There will be a wider public consultation in early November 2019 (date yet to be confirmed).

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- g) AM attended an East Anglia Civic Societies meeting in Colchester. Colchester Civic Society offer coffee mornings to the public, a blue plaque trail and consultations on planning issues. Copy of minutes to be circulated –**Action AM**
- h) Training Day on ‘The Care of Archives’ at King’s Lynn Town Hall on 16th October 2019. **Action - ShK and StK will attend this event. AM will also attend an event offered by The Institute of Historic Conservation.**

6) Treasurer’s Report (StK)

Donations at the new Heritage Centre continue to be weather dependent but still show an appreciable increase over previous years. Expenditure over the previous month has included window cleaning, lighting and the cost of legal advice on the Heritage Centre lease from Ward Gethin Archer. There is currently a cash balance in HCS combined accounts of £15,465.66

7. Membership Report (ShK)

The number of HCS paid-up members is now 164. A few subscriptions are still awaited.

8) Heritage Centre Lease

Discussion on terms and conditions of the Lease of Heritage Centre. Reported separately.

9) Heritage Centre

- **Visitors** – The family of Arthur Mason who risked his life in the floods of 1953 have visited the Heritage Centre and provided a picture of Arthur helping flood survivors.
- **Heating** - There have been three official complaints about how cold the Centre is in the Autumn months. The heating system needs to be recommissioned urgently; boiler, radiators and the timing system for heating . **Action – AM to contact Dean Baker (plumber)**
- **Signage** – It was agreed to declutter windows on Greevegate and Northgate by putting ‘Open’ only on the railings outside accompanied by the ‘A’ board if not too windy.
- **Teachers Packs for use by Schools.** Glebe House School have agreed to help prepare the HCS Teachers Pack. Heacham School will also be approached to contribute help. **Action: JM.**
- **Children’s Quiz** – **Action - ShK to prepare over the Winter period.**
- **Incentives for Heritage Centre Volunteers.** Voucher to be designed and given to volunteers. **Action: AM/StK.**
- **Festive Fun Day on 1st December 2019.** It was agreed to purchase lights to be wound around the pillars at the entrance to the Heritage Centre, ready for switch-on at 4.30 pm on Festive Fun Day. **Action: MB, AS ShK and StK to discuss and purchase lights.**
- **End of Year Event for HCS Volunteers.** It was agreed to hold an event from 6-8pm on Sunday 24th November 2019. Volunteers would be invited to bring a plate of food – drinks would be provided by HCS.

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

Mick Smith is making two long planters to sit alongside the ramp on Greevegate. A Duke of Edinburgh student from Smithdon School has volunteered to help the gardening team. It was agreed to approach Norfolk Lavender for a contribution of lavender plants and also other plants from Wards in Ringstead. AM suggested planting a rabinia tree on the Northgate façade of the Centre, and/or climbing roses with trellis. **Action: MB/AS**

11. **Hunstanton Pier** – work continues below the radar.

12. **King’s Lynn/Hunstanton Rail Project** – See 5d) above.

13. **HCS Talks** – nothing to report.

14. **HCS Outings** – no further visits in 2019.

15. **Historic Towns & Villages Trail** – Nothing to report, but must put this item on the Agenda for the next HCS meeting in November 2019. **Action ShK.**

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16. **Twinning Sign on A149 North of Lighthouse Lane** – No obvious progress so far or information on either location or funding. **Action: JM to write to BCKLWN and copy to our local County Councillor.**
 17. **Town Centre (and High Street) and how to improve character and appearance** – Defer to next HCS Committee Meeting in November 2019. **Action - ShK**
 18. **Future use of Valentine Centre and former Primary School in Valentine Road** – not discussed
 19. **Armistice Sunday** – It was agreed by Committee that HCS should offer HTC to part-fund the buffet event in the Town Hall on a 50:50 basis up to a sum of £300 each. This is especially in view of the likely attendance of 67th SOS, USAF who may number 80 persons with wives, partners and children. **Action – JM to approach HTC.**
 20. **AOB.** Nomination of Mick Smith as new HCS Committee Member was unanimously appreciated for submission to the AGM in December
21. **Date & venue for next HCS Committee Meeting.**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday 19 th November 2019	10am	Heritage Centre

JFB 23rd October 2019
