

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of MEETING of H&DCS Committee – TUESDAY 13th December 2022 at 10am

Venue - The meeting was held at 2 Clarence Road, Hunstanton

Present – Tony Armstrong (AA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), Bob Clark (BC), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK) and Andrew Murray (AM). Also in attendance Jackie Cunliffe (JC) and Bill Cunliffe (BC)

1. **Welcome and Apologies.**

AB, Chair, welcomed Committee members to the meeting and, in particular, Jackie and Bill Cunliffe who are up for election tomorrow. Apologies received from Valerie Everitt (VE),

2. **Minutes Secretary.** Sheila and Stephen Kent (ShK and StK) agreed to take notes to write up into minutes

3. **Minutes of meeting of Committee Meeting on 15th November 2022.** Approved and signed by AB

4. **Matters arising from meeting held on 15th November** – All matters arising covered in Agenda

5. **Correspondence & Planning** (ShK and AM)

- a) Mr David Birkett has offered to supply books for sale at the Heritage Centre entitled 'Hunstanton and Wells-next-the-sea through time'. Agreed that we should see a sample that has been offered.
- b) AB received an email from Lewis Little requesting some work experience at the Heritage Centre 3rd to 7th July 2023. Secretary to respond with positive email.
- c) Letter received from Hunstanton Mayor with invitation for H&DCS to take part in Floods Commemoration event taking place on 29th January 2023. Secretary to respond positively with request to be represented on Working Group. Discussions included Scottish Pipe Band, ShK and StK plan on expanding our display but need names of Heacham victims – suggestions included contact with Maureen Sayer and Dick Melton. Contact with Bill Quincey, David Drury, Stuart Dark and John Smith. Princess Theatre has offered to show Floods film on 29th January as was shown ten years ago. Noone knows what film that was. AB to check with John Maiden.
- d) Email from Debra Sauntner of Beach View Residential home requesting a Raffle prize – Response from Secretary to be supportive but unable to help with a prize.
- e) Kath Fryer has carried out a reprint of 'A Fine Strong Boy' selling at £5 of which £2 would be donated to the Heritage Centre. We already have names of some who have asked for copies.
- f) Civic Voice have issued letter to members reporting on their major financial loss – to be reported to the membership at tomorrow's AGM.
- g) Planning issues – AM reported on the delays concerning the Bus Station Development. Currently the whole project is under complete re-review. Also reported that there were questions concerning affordability of developments for those less well-off. A question on state of play with respect to the potential Oasis Development was back with BCKLWN. Also questions re what is to happen to M&Co building as a result of them going into administration. Reported that Fakenham group is looking at reopening their TIC.
- h) AB reported on West Norfolk Tourism Forum and their recent AGM. Reported that Phil Eke has a number of cine-films that could be interesting and has offered to work with StK with a view to make them available for viewing in the Vault Cinema.

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6. **Treasurer's Report** - The monthly report circulated to Committee before the meeting was agreed as being in good order and should be approved.
As a result of the Civic Voice experience, StK tabled the bank statements for both our accounts to demonstrate the fact that the amounts in our accounts were real. A question arose as to who exactly were our signatories. StK to determine and report back to the next meeting.
7. **Membership Report (ShK)** – Membership renewals - ShK reported that a few subscriptions still had not been renewed. Arrangements for AGM were well in hand. AM to heat up mince pies in his upstairs kitchen.
8. **Talks** - AA reported that no more advances had been made to fill the programme of Talks. Agreed that we should have a brainstorming session in the New Year to discuss Talks, talks budgets, timings of meetings etc. Speakers from the Police and Fire department were suggested particularly with the son of a member being high up in the police force.
9. **Newsletter** – Agreed that we should send our Newsletter to Heacham Newsletter for them to include some items in their publication. The same applies to the Link Magazine. It was hoped that an article based on an interview with a local Fun-Fair family could go out with the January Newsletter for inclusion in February T&A. Subsequently discovered that would not be possible.
10. **Heritage Centre** –AM reported that the contractors were currently working on the Fire Compartmentation of the Heritage Centre. The main room would be clear for tomorrow evening's AGM. Discussions between these contractors and Building Control had highlighted the fact that there are two standards covering the work and those over the toilet area would require more thought before it could be signed off.
11. **Marketing and Social Media matters** – Re printing of new leaflets. BC advised that we need to produce new leaflets based on the same size as previous. These fit into the standard slots in stands used by those holding stocks of leaflets.
12. **Gardens** – MB advised that she would not be standing for re-election onto the committee tomorrow and hoped that someone would be prepared to take over maintenance of the Gardens that we look after (Heritage Centre and Railway gardens). The Committee unanimously expressed huge gratitude for the work MB and Martin Chown had given to the Society over the many years they had been on the Committee.
13. **HHPCT Pier Project and KLHRC Project** – Nothing to report.
14. **Outings** – Nothing to report
15. **Date and Venue next meetings** – A Planning Meeting to discuss Talks, Leaflets, Newsletter, Outings, Student work experience and HC Displays set for Monday, 9th January 2023 at 10.00am in the HC. Also a Committee meeting to be held Tuesday, 17th January, 10am also at the Heritage Centre..

Dates & Times of Hunstanton & District Civic Society Events		
Mon, 9th Jan	10.00am	Committee Planning meeting at Heritage Centre
Tue, 17th Jan	10.00am	Committee meeting at Heritage Centre
Wed, 18th Jan	7.30pm	Talk by David Porteous 'My long career in the RN'