

# HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

## MINUTES of MEETING of H&DCS Committee – TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Date** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 10.00 am

**Venue** -The meeting was held in the Heritage Centre

**Present** – Tony Armstrong (AA), Amanda Bosworth (AB), Margi Blunden (MB), Bob Clark (BC), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM).

### 1. **Welcome and Apologies**

AB, Chair, welcomed Committee members to the meeting. Apologies received from Valerie Everitt (VE).

2. **Minutes Secretary.** John Bridger (JB) had volunteered to write up the minutes but only from 11am due to a prior commitment; in his absence, StK and ShK agreed to take relevant notes 'twixt 10 and 11am.

3. **Minutes of meeting from last Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022** These were approved and signed by AB.

4. **Matters arising,** StK reported that Victorian Society had repeated the payment of our annual subscription. StK has emailed them requesting a refund. AB reported that she had received an email from them about this mistake. She will forward to StK. AA to circulate potential list of contacts for local history groups to committee members for additional input (with a view to organising a potential future group meeting to discuss mutual support)

5. **Correspondence, Planning & Hunstanton Town Council Report. Hunstanton Advisory Group. Costings re Mercy Grey Shelter.** Responsibility for upkeep of the Mercy Grey shelter and maintenance of memorial benches (Captain Fryatt and Edith Cavell) was discussed. AB to write to HTC and BCKLWN to raise the issue of financing their maintenance.

AB reported that a meeting of the new Town Advisory Group is scheduled to take place this week, if quorate (to be confirmed).

AM reported that the Chamber of Trade has now been declared defunct.

No quotation has been received yet from the carpenter re potential repairs to Edith Cavell bench.

AM reported that Maureen Howard has been elected Mayor, with Mike Ruston as Deputy Mayor. He also reported that two residents have put themselves forward for co-option at the next Full Council meeting.

AB reported that a planning application (housing with care) has been submitted for the area beside the Industrial Estate, east of the A149. AB to circulate the link to this application to committee.

AB also reported that an Observatory is to be sited on the clifftops (beside Pitch and Putt). AB to circulate the media link to committee members.

An invitation passed on to the Society from HTC to host a group of Ukrainians from Hertfordshire was discussed. Agreed that we could not really help but can offer to invite the group to the Heritage Centre during their visit on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> July. AM to follow up, as appropriate.

### 6. **Treasurer's Report**

StK noted the accounts circulated to Committee before the meeting were in good order. Committee unanimously approved the accounts. It was agreed to donate £25 to Tapping House Hospice in respect of the special lace-made patch embroidered by Lynn Hallifax to celebrate the retirement of the Commander USAF 67<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Squadron.

7. **H&DCS Membership Report & AGM Arrangements** - ShK stated NTR, other than that two new members, Mr & Mrs Cunliffe, had joined the Society on the outing on the NNR Steam Train on 9<sup>th</sup> June and seemed to have enjoyed themselves as had all those who took part. Thanks were conveyed to JB for his organisation.

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**8. Talks Programme & Life Stories** This was discussed in some depth with numerous suggestions put forward by members of the Committee. These have been listed separately for AA's consideration. AA to circulate draft list to committee for input

### **9. Newsletter**

Suggestions by committee members for life stories included on the list of Talks listings

Following the second episode of David Jones' life story in July, no further life story has been set for August but H&DCS would like to recommence other life stories or information about an item of interest held at the Heritage Centre monthly from September 2022.

### **10. Heritage Centre**

AB stated that a new volunteer coordinator still not found, but she hoped to identify one soon. Heritage Centre opening hours cannot be extended without more active volunteers.

Suggestions of potential candidates most welcome from Committee or other H&DCS members.

Next Volunteer Coffee Morning agreed for 19<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am in the Heritage Centre.

Jubilee displays to be taken down on 4<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am. One or two volunteers welcome to help.

### **11. Civic Voice**

Discussion centred on whether we should drive towards Museum Accreditation. The following actions were agreed:

- a) To invite Hannah Jane Bentley (Share Museum East, Norwich) to a meeting with H&DCS Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 11am on the Museum Accreditation, following a shortened Committee Meeting from 10am to 11am. **Action: ShK**
- b) After said meeting, to arrange a Zoom Meeting with Sarah (Coffin Works) preferably Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am to discuss the options for H&DCS moving forward to Museum Accreditation and the process of employing a part time employee at the Heritage Centre. It may be that we should invite Ian Harvey and Sarah James to this Zoom meeting.

### **12. Marketing/Social Media**

NTR, other than the arrangements for the H&DCS gazebo on the Green for Civic Day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June between 10.00am and 2.00pm to promote the Heritage Centre and membership of the Civic Society, as well as to canvas public views on the purpose and future development of H&DCS. **Action: AB plus committee members and volunteers.**

AB has been invited to open the "One Act Drama Festival" at the Princess Theatre on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022, reinforcing the link between heritage and civic pride with traditional and cultural events under the umbrella of the Hunstanton and District Festival of Arts

**13. Gardens/ Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Grey Britain** – MB stated that she was no longer part of these two organisations, and therefore had nothing to report other than a request for volunteers to water the plants outside the Heritage Centre over the summer.

### **14. Progress on Pier & Railway Projects**

#### **Hunstanton Pier (JB)**




Following his circulation prior to today's H&DCS Committee Meeting of a note on the current status of the Hunstanton Pier Project, and in view of his impending house move, JB will arrange a meeting in early July to discuss the future of the Pier Project with the Trustees and the Secretary of HHPCT. **Action: JB**

#### **Rail Project (AM) – NTR**

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### 15. Outings (JB)

Prior to today's Committee Meeting, JB had circulated details of three outings for H&DCS members in July, August & September 2022, as follows (following some minor adjustments to dates as suggested during the meeting):

-  Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Boston Market & the Boston Stump (aka St Botolph's Church)
-  Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – Fakenham Market Day, Gas Museum & Heritage Trail
-  Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Forncett St Mary Industrial Steam Museum, Norwich

Details and invitation forms for these three visits will be prepared by 23<sup>rd</sup> June. **Action: JB**

### 16. Town Centre Walks – NTR for the time being. These to recommence as soon as feasible.

Dates & Times of H&DCS Events in 2022		
18 <sup>th</sup> June	10am - 3pm	Civic Day - H&DCS Gazebo on The Green – Canvas Public Views
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Evening	AB to open HDFA "One Act Drama Festival", Princess Theatre
4 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Take down Jubilee Decorations/Displays at Heritage Centre
12 <sup>th</sup> July	10am -11am	Committee Meeting Heritage Centre – one hour only
12 <sup>th</sup> July	11am	Meeting with Hannah Jane Bentley (Share Museum East)
21 <sup>st</sup> July	10.00am	Zoom meeting with Sarah from Coffin Works + Civic Voice
19 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am - 12.00pm	Coffee Morning for Heritage Centre Volunteers
3 <sup>rd</sup> <sup>h</sup> Aug	11.15 for 11.30am	H&DCS Outing to Boston Market & Boston Stump
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug ??	10am	Committee Meeting Heritage Centre
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11am	H&DCS Outing to Fakenham Market, Gas Museum & Heritage Walk
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept ??	10am	Committee Meeting Heritage Centre
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11am	H&DCS Outing to Forncett Industrial Steam Museum, Norwich