

Hunstanton & District Civic Society Committee Meeting

Thursday 21 April 10.00. at the Heritage Centre

Present: - Amanda Bosworth (AB), Sheila and Stephen Kent (ShK, StK), Tony Armstrong (AA), Margi Blunden (MB), Andrew Murray (AM)

1. Apologies from Bob Clark (BC) and Val Everitt (VE)
2. AM took notes until John Bridger (JB) arrived at 11.15hrs.
3. **The Minutes** for the committee meetings on 15 February and 1 March were approved and duly signed. The notes for the virtual Zoom meeting with Civic Voice on 1 March, the internal meeting of 8 March and the notes from the meeting with Ian Harvey and Sarah James from Civic Voice on 4 April were agreed but they will not be published on the web-site as they are internal working documents.
4. **Matters Arising.** Many topics were discussed under matters arising, including the quiz devised by John Smith about architectural features in the town; the Wolf trail; the quiz devised by John Windibank and used at an AGM; the town walks led by John Maiden and the need for the owners of properties to approve of the parties stopping outside; the possibility of developing walking trails and then advertising them to local walking groups. **Action: AA will speak with John Smith.**

In order to draw attention to the Heritage Centre when it is open, it was agreed that 2 feather flags should be purchased at a cost of about £200 to be mounted on poles and attached to the railings. Possible designs to be circulated. Consideration of the possibility of installing an external video screen was deferred.

John Wright, an architect involved with the re-development of Smithdon High School, has visited the Heritage Centre to look at Mr Crown's pictures of the present school when it was being constructed.

A welcome letter for people moving into the area is under consideration, possibly working with local estate agents. Contacts with schools and coach companies might be developed, although it seems that previous attempts failed to generate custom.

Memorabilia exhibition: a life size cardboard model of Queen Elizabeth has been offered on loan.

Mannequins are being sought to display period clothes.

Two Hunstanton guidebooks for 1909 and 1923 have been donated; StK will scan them and add to the touch screen.

A display featuring historic Hunstanton schools is to be produced.

AM has paid Jonathan Wadsworth £128 for replacing damaged shingles on the Mercy Gray shelter. When Old Hunstanton Parish Council wished to demolish it, the Civic Society arranged for its relocation and restoration. Note of costs of repairs to the shelter to be prepared. **Action: AM**

5. Correspondence & Town Council Report (AM)

A Town Meeting will be held at the Town Hall at 18.00 next Wednesday 27th April.

Preparations are being made for the Carnival and the celebration of the Queen's Platinum jubilee.

6. **Treasurer's Report (StK).** Major items of expenditure were £40 to Information Commissioner's Office; £45 subscription to Open Spaces Society (although cheque not yet dispatched); £175 subscription to Civic Voice; £1500 to Fraser Dawbarns for the lease; £1015.20 to Gerry Desroches for electrical work. The total balance has reduced by £2,300 since the February Report.

7. **Membership Report (ShK).** The death of Neil Quincey was noted. Otherwise NTR.

8. **Talks programme:** The talk on 20 April, which included film clips from the battle of Dunkirk, was extremely thought provoking and topical, but unfortunately only 18 attended. The next talk is about Blickling Hall on 18 May. Promotion of talks in local Facebook groups will restart.

9. **Newsletter.** MB is doing a life story on David Jones in two parts.

10. **Heritage Centre Lease** is now complete. Progress with the sale of the flat has been delayed, awaiting further inspection by building control.

11. **Heritage Centre Team.** Next coffee morning for volunteers is on Tuesday 26 April. One new volunteer will hopefully join the team.

12. **Civic Voice** - The way forward for H&DCS. Several items were discussed in preparation of the next meeting with Civic Voice.

14. Gardens & Benches – MB advised no reply so far from BCKLWN on replacement of benches.

Action: MB to get in touch again with Dave Morton.

15. Pier Project (JB) & Rail Project (AM) – NTR

16. Outings (JB) – A revised date for the Cream Tea experience on the North Norfolk Poppy Line steam train was agreed in principle for Thursday 9th June 2022. Issues concerning group bookings remain to be resolved, as well as the possibility of taking an earlier morning train from Holt to Sheringham and joining the Cream Tea steam train departure from Sheringham to Holt at 15.10. This would be much more convenient for members resident in the Hunstanton area as the return car journey to Sheringham could be avoided. It was agreed not to circulate the visit details until the issues could be resolved. **Action:** JB

17. Town Walks. None planned for the time being.

18. Date & Venue of future meetings

| Dates & Times of Future Meetings | | |
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| 10 th May 2022 | TBA | Zoom meeting with Civic Voice |
| 11 th May 2022 | 10.00 am | Filming by Henry Buckton at Heritage Centre |
| 16 th May 2016 | 10am | H&DCS Committee Meeting at Heritage Centre |
| 18 th May 2022 | 7.30pm | Talk on “Blickling – River of Time” |
| 19 th May 2022 | 6.30pm | Railway Event at Heritage Centre with Talk by Howard Johnston |
| Starting 1 st June 2022 | | Exhibition in Heritage Centre of Accession & Coronation Memorabilia |