

## Hunstanton Civic Society

### Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday 4 December 2012 at 9.15 am in Large Meeting Room, Valentine Road, Hunstanton

**Present:** Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Sue Boxell, Norma Ham, John Maiden, Ivy Scales

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13 November** were approved and signed.
3. **Secretary's Report** and matters arising.
  - **Planning applications and developments.** In view of the opposition of both the town council and civic society, AM could not understand how the **hangar ice cream signs** application could have been approved under delegated authority. Now the owner wanted to widen the front sales counter. MB suggested informing the other ice cream sellers. Unfortunately they were presently all closed for the winter.
  - The chosen landscape architects for the town centre enhancement scheme, Wynne Williams Associates Ltd, will be displaying their initial proposals at a "drop in" session at the Community Centre on Friday 14 December between 2 and 5 pm. They may recommend pollarding of trees in the **Spinney** on a 5 yearly rotation.
  - **New planning regulations.** The Borough Council are currently consulting on whether the town council should proceed to draw up a neighbourhood plan for the parish of Hunstanton St Edmund. The absence of an up to date plan can give developers carte blanche.
  - **Town Council.** Regarding the proposal for the **Community Centre** to be taken over by the TC, it was believed that this would be preferable, saving some £4,000 p a. The Centre would be used by the BC in the event of a flood emergency, as also would Valentine Road offices.
  - JM showed an album with photos taken at the **Reis Leming/Commemoration** of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the USAF unit at Sculthorpe on 10 November. This would be presented to the USAF 67<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Squadron at Mildenhall.
4. **Treasurer's Monthly Report.** "Estimated" £2,130.39 in current a/c, £7,349.54 in deposit, making total assets £9,479.93. MB asked whether the monthly interest amounts could be invested. AG thought not, in case they were ever needed. SB suggested investigating possibilities with Barclays. AG agreed to inquire.
5. **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee.** MB showed the Ibberson/A&C Houses leaflet with pen and ink drawings complete. Photos of some of the houses and other details were next to be added, after which the help of Brian Holmes would be arranged next week (if possible) to produce a printer-ready version. MB mentioned a recent visit made with IS to the V & A Museum in London to view Arts and Crafts furniture and other items with the idea of organizing a day trip for members, either to the V & A or to the William Morris Museum in Walthamstow, which they also intended to visit soon. The suggestion was favourably received. AM passed round a leaflet advertising a book about Peterborough and its surrounding villages. Peterborough Civic Society has identified many building that whilst not eligible for national listing are of importance to their communities. HCS needs to work along similar lines.

6. **Report from Green and Pier Sub-Committee.** JM was applying for £5M from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a Heritage Centre for Hunstanton. (AG said that Clive Bond could be helpful in completing the application). Possible sites could be:

- The “Railway Station”
- The Kit Kat
- The Hangar (purchase the building then demolish it)

For the **QEII Fields Challenge**, areas eligible were:

- The cliff-top up to the Lighthouse
- Lincoln Square
- Upper Green
- Lower Green up to the footpath in front of the Hangar
- The Spinney (upper and lower)

Unfortunately the Le Strange Estate, while stating they had no plans to build on the Recreation Ground (currently leased to the BC), had not agreed to allow its inclusion in the QEII Fields Challenge.

7. **Report from In Bloom Committee.** SB reported that thousands of bulbs had been planted along Oasis Way and at the top of Redgate Hill. Five trees had been planted on the Green and a consignment of tamarisks was awaited, one of which would bear a plaque stating that it was donated by HCS. At the last meeting of the In Bloom Committee SB had mentioned the idea of IS that Hunstanton could become a “Floral Town” by efforts of residents themselves. It was agreed that the idea was a good one but it needed someone to carry it through. IS regretted she lacked the necessary qualities to inspire.

8. **Arrangements for AGM on 12 December.** These were duly discussed and arranged between members present.

9. **Topics to discuss at possible meeting with Mr Chris Bamfield.** AM would e-mail Mr Bamfield regarding a meeting in the New Year and the topics for discussion.

10. **Dates of next Committee Meetings – 8/9 January, 12/13 February.**