

Hunstanton and District Civic Society

Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday 6 May 2014 at 9.15 am Large Meeting Room, Valentine Road Council Offices

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), John Little (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Martin Chown, Norma Ham, Margaret Robinson, Ivy Scales, Ann Stevens

1. **Apologies.** Terry Ashworth.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8 April** approved and signed.
3. **Secretary's Report – incorporating report from Town Council Planning Applications and Developments.**

AM read out the report and discussion followed.

The **Heritage Plaques** leaflet was to be re-printed. The new version would be an improvement.

The **Heritage Trail** leaflet contained some inaccuracies and was still on sale. These also would be corrected in the next version.

The DVD film of **Barnacle Bill** was now available in Norfolk Libraries. MC suggested that we could show it at a Talks evening.

Snettisham Beach Footpath. MC wondered if we could get involved. AM said it did come into our remit but was complicated. NCC was keeping a neutral stance. NH said we should ask the members. MC asked about the **coastal path** from Hunstanton to King's Lynn. AM said this was not complete. MC requested it should be put on the next meeting Agenda and include the former rail track. AM thought it should be open as a walking or cycle path.

JL asked what was happening about the **free WiFi** intended for the town. AM did not know the current situation. It would take in the Waterside Café, the promenade, up to the Town Hall and then along the High Street.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** Current a/c £1,271.23, deposit a/c £7,408.00, total assets £8,679.23. MC thought that the reserves were rather low and said that the cost of Talks had gone up. AS said that TA would like to come to a meeting about membership. MB suggested that we should "push" the Civic Society, perhaps using leaflets. JL had put a small entry on Facebook about the Heritage Centre. The same could be done for the Civic Society. This was considered a good idea and a note could be entered about the Talk on Wednesday 14 May. AM was thinking about annual meetings of the Heritage Centre volunteers. MC said there was to be a meeting on 28 May on membership fees.
5. **Report from Hunstanton Heritage Centre Trust/Plans for Civic Day 21 June.** MB said that we needed to attract people. MC wondered if a walk would be feasible. MB asked if we could advertise the Civic Society in the Heritage Centre. AM said we could. For Civic Day a table could be set up outside the doors. MB suggested having a supply of the

Plaques and the Ibberson leaflet available. She also enquired about promotional material from Civic Voice. AM would pursue the possibility. MB asked if we could draw up a rota now to “man” the table throughout the day. AM replied that this should be done through Brian Holmes and TA. AS said that Chris Bamfield had said that he could provide flower containers for the empty space outside the Heritage Centre. MC said this would provide a link to In Bloom.

- 6. Preparations for Britain In Bloom.** MB reported that the Pier Garden was complete and the problem of raffle tickets blowing out of the nearby blue bins had been solved.

- 7. Progress on Projects. Talks evenings Autumn 2014/Spring 2015.**

MC said that we needed to check that the dates were booked with the Town Hall. JL would enquire. We needed to know for December. JL had not yet received an invoice for the 14 May Talk. Updating of the equipment in the Town Hall was needed to keep up to date with other local venues. AM wondered if we could have an electronic screen but it was pointed out that there was nothing to suspend it from and we would have to find a mounting base. Technicalities of the screen, laptop computer and projector were discussed. MB asked if this was a matter for the Town Council. AM said that it was and it was up to them to invest in it.

Relocation of Chapel Bank Shelter. A quotation was still awaited from Mr Penty.

Updating and re-printing of Interpretation Boards and Plaques Leaflet. AM said that we wanted to get them finished in the next few months. Viv Young was presently on holiday. John Maiden and Brian Holmes would prefer the boards to be done differently. The Plaques Leaflet was in hand. **Ringstead Windmill's historical associations.** MB said that the text was complete and had been sent for approval to the current owner Lucy Wedderburn. It was hoped to have it ready for 21 June.

Annual Coach Trip. MB reported that this year's trip had been cancelled and she suggested that next year's could be a visit to Wrest Park, Bedfordshire, in April.

- 8. Date of next Committee Meetings – 10 June and 8 July.**