

Hunstanton Civic Society

Minutes of Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday 15 November 2011 at 10.00 am In Large Meeting Room, Valentine Road

Present: John Maiden (Chairman), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Martin Chown, Sue Boxell, Norma Ham, Brian Holmes, Margaret Robinson, Ivy Scales

1. **Apologies:** Andrew Murray.
2. **Minutes** of Meeting held on 20 October 2011, after amendment for the cost of the forthcoming AGM buffet, were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Secretary's Report**, incorporating report from Town Council and Planning Applications. As circulated and read out by MC.

Matters Arising:

CoastHopper Bus. Too many people were travelling free and use of passes was likely to be restricted.

Multi-Use Games Area. The lights were to be repaired . JM would push for the Skateboard to be moved there.

Norfolk's WWII Heritage. Richard Hoggett had requested support for Gressenhall's application to the HLF for a project on this subject.

Chapel Bank Shelter. JM to contact Ben Colson.

Coal Shed Gallery. Chris Bamfield had supplied cost figures.

Regeneration. The BC were prepared to get special lighting for the High Street and the Spinney.

Olympics. Resolution Ramble to take place on New Year's Day.

Statue of Henry Le Strange. A public meeting was to be held on 24 November in the Town Hall to raise funds/support for the project.

Honeysuckle Cottage. A planning application for a double-storey extension to this cottage in the Conservation Area had been submitted. JM thought the BC might give its approval.

4. **Response to Planning Regulation Review and Site Specific Allocations**

HTC wanted development to be to the east of the A149 and not stretching towards Old Hunstanton any more than towards Heacham. (AG suggested that a railway link could also be to the east of the A149.)

5. **Treasurer's Report.** Current a/c contained £1,652.63 and deposit a/c £7,286.48. AM reported that expenditure per member was getting close to £10 per annum. He said that we needed to get an annual survey for Gift Aid.
6. **Report from Green and Pier Sub-Committee.** Not presented, but HLF bid to be submitted by 30 November 2011.
7. **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting of 7 November 2011.** As a "stand-alone", a statue would not qualify for a grant. It would need back-up such as a heritage centre. JM thought this could be located in the front part of the Town Hall, with the TIC re-housed in the Princess Theatre, also selling tickets for shows. He suggested asking Kate Gigg, local accountant, for her advice. MC believed that it would be good to interlink the Statue/Heritage Centre/Princess Theatre/TIC. For the sake of simplicity, the HCS membership should be asked to participate with the TC in some grand plan to say we want a million pounds (?). JM had been highlighting that regeneration funds of £2.5m were held. The BC had found money to spend on the College of West Anglia and he had asked Liz Watson if there was a pot of money for education. If the NORA project had gone ahead there would have been a brand new College of WA. We needed the CC and BC to get together to promote Hunstanton. AG said there was a £350,000 subsidy for the Princess Theatre and that the BC puts other things on this budget. Asbestos was present in the theatre. Separate dressing rooms were required for infants.
8. **Report from Steering Committee.** The order of proceedings would be AGM at 6.30 pm, followed by the Raffle, the Talk, the Buffet and the Draw. Details of foods and wines were discussed. Helpers would be MC, AG, NH and MR. AG advised that total cost was estimated at £190-£200. The helpers arranged to meet to finalize arrangements at **2.00 pm on Monday 28 November at Willow Tree Cottage.**
9. **Support for WWII Heritage Project.** JM had spoken with Richard Hoggett. It would help the NCC get money from the Heritage Fund if we supported this project.). MC would like to be involved in something under support for the men on the War Memorial. **Action: JM/AM to draft a letter to the HLF.**
10. **Date of Next Meeting.** Tuesday 13 December at 10.00 am.