

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES 18 August 2008

Executive Committee Meeting held at Valemtine Road, 11.00am

Committee Members Present: Roy Clark (Chair) David Jones (Vice-Chair) Ken Lawson (Treasurer), Martin Chown (Secretary), Canny Jones, Margi Blunden, Brian Holmes, Andrew Murray, John Maiden

Ordinary Members Present: Sue Boxell, Vivien Young

1. APOLOGIES – Gillian Lawson, Pat Maiden

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING MATTERS ARISING

These were generally agreed and signed by Roy Clark as a true record.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Committee members Eddie and Maria Rix have re-affirmed their support and willingness to work at a practical level within HCS, but can no longer continue on the Committee. The meeting accepted this entirely, and the Secretary would write and thank them. Max Thorne also wished to withdraw as a co-opted member.

Correspondence from BCKLWN with a licence to occupy space in Valentine Road for the heritage collection, and also HCS received two photos of a Mr Dolman and his boat – well known Hunstanton characters from yesteryear. Brian took them to scan in, prior to them being passed on to John Maiden as part of the heritage archive.

Correspondence received from West Norfolk Volunteering, offering a local government reorganisation workshop on 11th September. Roy undertook to go, along with John.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

A full report has been circulated to all Committee members.

5. GROUP UPDATES

Heritage sub Committee:

A 'Final' viewing of the Interpretation boards, prior to manufacture. The Committee extends very grateful thanks to Margi, Brian, John and Vivien for their hard work in getting these boards to the final stage. This is a major achievement for the Society this year.

Planning:

Some discussion about the latest proposals concerning Hunstanton. Strong and varied views expressed about the Cycle routes. Whilst no-one was opposed to the principle, the concerns included yellow lines all over Hunstanton, more parking restrictions, views on the acceptability or not of the motor caravans on the front. Concern that the plans did not appear joined up, that the route went nowhere. Views expressed that the route should be separated from the traffic, even put on to the promenade to go to Heacham. Concern that no council body was capable or charged with finding a solution to the controversial issue of a new parking scheme (Borough Council) and Cycle routes (County).

Resolved to say that HCS was completely opposed to the present plan, and calls for appropriate bodies to negotiate with Hunstanton towards an alternative plan.

Regeneration:

Final version of BDP plan would be presented on 11 September 2008 at the Town Hall 6pm.

Constitution:

David Jones said that he would put the main points up on power point for the next Talks evening, and would be available for discussion with interested members. Some discussion about the role of a Vice Chair, but the meeting was happy to go with the new proposal not to have one, and to endorse the new constitution that provided for the Chair to hold no individual power, but simply to facilitate meetings. It was felt that this was the most democratic option.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- David noted that the HCS half of the noticeboard was being encroached upon – Roy undertook to mention it to Lisa Powell (HTC)

- Ken Lawson said that the Society was looking for a new Examiner of Accounts
- Brian Holmes said the Coal Shed Gallery was open again 17- 28 September, and he has been working hard on the photographic exhibits. He said that John Smith had approached him about packs of local postcards being sold at the exhibition, and the Committee were happy for HCS to take £1 per sale towards defraying the costs of putting the exhibition together.
- Roy Clark said he had written in a personal capacity to the Boundary Committee supporting the proposal for one unitary authority.

Meeting closed at 11.30am.

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 22 September 2008, 11.00am VALENTINE ROAD

IF ANY CIVIC SOCIETY MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO COME TO THE NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AS AN OBSERVER, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY. YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME

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