

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for Tuesday 21st April 2010

Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road at 11.30 am

Present: Cllr. Carol Bower, Susan Boxell, Brian Holmes, David Jones, Ken Lawson (Treasurer), John Maiden, Andrew Murray (Hon. Sec), Miss Ivy Scales, Cllr. John Smith and Margaret Robinson.

In Attendance for 10.00 meeting – Mr. Chris Bamfield, executive Director for Leisure and Public Space.

1. **Apologies** - Martin Chown (Chairman), Margi Blunden, Roy Clark, Anthony Gooch and Jilly Hall.
2. **Chairman** – In the absence of Martin Chown, David Jones was elected to chair the meeting.
3. **Minutes** of Meetings held on 16th. February and 18th. March 2010 were signed by Chairman as true records. Matters arising – proposal carried to move our talks to 3rd. Tuesday of Month except for the AGM on 7th. December 2010. It was suggested that we might arrange a talk on the 3rd. Tuesday in September (21st.)
4. **Secretary's Report** –
Proposal for a detached house in the grounds of Driftwood House has gone to planning appeal. Kit-Kite site – a revised plan is to be submitted by the developers.
A reply has been received from the Shoreline management team in reply to our response. There is now a consultation on an Addendum.
A letter has been sent to Martin Chown from Heacham Parish Council but not yet passed to me.
5. **Treasurer's Report** - Report previously circulated. Projections of income if fees were increased to £10 single and £18 double were tabled. It was resolved to increase the membership fees (1 abstention and 1 against.) There may be a loss of members. We need to consider fund raising events possibly associated with August or September talks, a fund raising dinner and the need to recruit new members. An invoice had been received from Stella Gooch for setting up Website link.
6. **Insurance Cover** – Cost £200 to cover current risks approved. We need to compile a list of our assets.
7. **Civic Voice** – AM attended the launch at the Building Centre, Store Street, London on 17th April. Griff Rhys Jones raconteur and environmentalist gave the opening address, then the six newly elected Trustees were introduced. Tony Burton updated the delegates about the formation of Civic Voice as a new national charity for the civic movement. Civic societies promote and celebrate the best of what is inherited from the past and what is developed for the future. They are a fundamental source of civic pride, their work brings benefits to the whole community and not just to those who are members of the societies. After a buffet lunch, the new chairlady, Paula Ridley outlined her aims for the coming months. Sir Tony Farrell, architect then gave a well illustrated talk about the relationship between the built environment and the community.
8. **East Anglian Civic Societies** met in Ipswich also on 17th April. The theme was how towns could make best use of their rivers and water facilities.– KL had circulated a report. He noted that other civic societies had problems with their Councils. The excellent relationship that has developed in Blackpool was discussed.
9. **Report from Town Council Meetings / Liaison with Borough** – There needs to be a higher proportion of councillors actually elected to the Council rather than co-opted in order for the quality Town Council to gain the power of well being. CB said that she felt it important to engage with the town's people. A new working party is to examine ways of raising money to promote the Town. All agreed that the local Council should not be political. It was proposed that a liaison group be formed with the Chamber of Trade, Town Council and Civic Society.
10. **Report from Green and Pier sub-committee.** – No meeting. JM needs to respond to the advice that Mr Petchey, barrister has given to the Norfolk County Council regarding registration of The Green.

11. **Report from Heritage sub-committee** - Work is in progress regarding the listing of important buildings in Hunstanton, supporting Britain in Bloom and the production of a new interpretation board concerning the geology of the cliffs and a second one about the legend of St. Edmund and the wolf. It was noted that there was to be a St. George's day concert on Friday 23rd. 7.00 in Princess Theatre.
12. **Wash Week** – It was agreed that the society could defray £ 250 of the expenses of our speaker, Cindy Howells, Collections Manager, Paleontology, University of Wales. She will be speaking about the life and work of the boy geologist of Hunstanton, James Frederick Jackson, on Tuesday 18th. August in the Town Hall.
13. Proposed Civic Society Newsletter – item deferred.
14. **Proposal to maintain link with Haiti.** There was a wish to record appreciation of AM's work in Haiti. AM considered that it would be better to support the charity Merlin rather than anyone in Haiti.
15. Because of the wide variety and number of projects and other things that the Civic Society was involved with it was agreed to form a permanent and informal **steering committee** to focus on the priorities.
16. **Dates & Times of future committee meetings – Monday 24th. May 2010, Tuesday 15th. June, Wednesday 21st. July**
17. **AOB** - none

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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