

## HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for Monday 24 May 2010

### Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road at 11.30 am

Present: Martin Chown (Chairman), Margi Blunden, Susan Boxell, Anthony Gooch, Jilly Hall, Brian Holmes, David Jones, Andrew Murray ( Hon. Sec), Miss Ivy Scales, Cllr. John Smith and Margaret Robinson.

1. **Apologies** – Kenneth Lawson (Treasurer), Cllr. Carol Bower, Roy Clark and John Maiden,
2. **Minutes** of Meeting held on 21st. April - AM apologised that these minutes had not been done.
3. Secretary's Report –
  - a) **Driftwood House** planning appeal – a letter has been sent to the planning inspectorate.
  - b) **Kit Kat** site revised application – a letter has been sent to the Borough Planning.
  - c) Letter from **Heacham Parish Council** – A reply is to be sent explaining the wide variety of activities in which the Civic Society is engaged and inviting co-operation.
  - d) Distribution of free printed matter in Town and promenade – Response now received from Mr. Jack Daniels. He had not responded earlier because I had misspelt his e-mail address.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (pre-circulated) – discussion was held over to next meeting.
5. Report from **Town Council Meetings 5 & 14 May** – It is anticipated that planning permission should be granted on 7 June for the Signal to be erected near Coal Shed Gallery, work may start on 14th. June. BH is liaising with Richard Brown of Wolferton who has donated the signal. An unveiling ceremony is to be arranged.
6. **Liaison with King's Lynn Civic Society and Civic Voice** - MB suggested a more formal link, possibly become corporate members. She thought that the King's Lynn Society would be useful allies and in some matters a joint approach to the Borough could be appropriate. E-mail sent to Sally Smith.
7. **Report from Green and Pier sub-committee – Motor cycle parking** - Tony Gooch has written to Nicola Leader, requesting details of the legal basis behind the public notice that appeared in the Lynn News on 16 March 2010. In her reply she states that without the order, the Council cannot effectively prohibit parking over the whole of The Green but failed to answer Mr. Gooch's requests.
8. **Report from Heritage sub-committee – Listing of buildings, Princess Theatre, signage in Town, interpretation boards, Britain in Bloom** JS submitted all the graphics for the interpretation boards but he has had to redo them. He reported that he had had a long useful meeting with Sarah Glenn (Regeneration). JS to design alternatives to the Cairn and discuss with the town's residents. JS suggested that HCS donates £1000 towards the £3000 cost – this will be considered as an agenda item in June. We are still waiting for the Governors of the Junior School to agree to a visit so that photographs of the interior can be taken. Next meeting of sub-committee 26<sup>th</sup> at MB's house.
9. **Discussion about the Focus of the Civic Society - aims & objectives, involvement of committee members, conflicts of interest, recruitment, outreach to children & youths.**

It was noted that the new choir met on each Tuesday evening and clashed with the talks evenings. It was thought that the Society may have too many things on the go or not enough people really involved. MB would like to see the Society more focussed and effective. DJ is to concentrate on Web-site. JM may have conflicts of interest. JH is away frequently. SB is to continue and IS is to join Heritage S-C. AG is keen on the steering committee and will be involved with Green & Pier. AM needs an assistant, perhaps a minutes secretary. The initial meeting if the Steering Group is to be on 7<sup>th</sup>. June at MB's home.
10. **Proposed Civic Society Newsletter** – defer for consideration by Steering group
11. **Arrangements for participation in Hunstanton Carnival – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>. June** – AM, MB, IS will man stalls on The Green and / or in the Town Hall with projection on to a screen on the stage.

- 12 **Arrangements for Wash Week events – 8 to 15 August** – details submitted to the Wash Estuary Strategy Group who will co-ordinate publicity.
- 13 **Dates of next meetings – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June & Wed. 21<sup>st</sup>. July 2010**
- 14 **AOB**
1. Cllr. John Smith tendered his resignation from the executive committee because he felt that his business interests, HunnyJohn Productions, might conflict with the charitable status of the Society. He did indicate that he would still be an active participant and attend the meetings.
  2. MB said that the letter from Elaine Clutton concerning the Kit Kat was good and she should be invited to join the Civic Society. She also supported a letter from Mike Shaw about the crossing on the A149 to the recreation ground
  3. Cllr. Christine Earnshaw suggested that we should involve the Civic Society membership in the Carnival but we do not have any talks evenings until August.