

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for Tuesday 16th. February 2010

Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road at 11.30 am

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

In Attendance for 10.00 meeting – Richard Bird, Paul Groom, John Eastgate, Jason Law and Sgt. Curl

1. **Apologies** - Margi Blunden, Carol Bower, Roy Clark, Brian Holmes, Ken Lawson (Treasurer) Margaret Robinson.
2. **Welcome** – no guests at Executive meeting.
3. **Minutes** of Meeting held on 20 January 2010 were signed by Chairman as a true record except for amendment regarding voting at item 12.
4. **Matters arising** - none
5. **Treasurer's Report** - Report previously circulated. Needs recruitment drive along the lines of the one reported in the Civic Initiative in January 2010 from Marple Civic Society
6. **Secretary's Report** –
 - a. Unitary Authority – Government have opted for a Unitary authority for the City of Norwich but to leave the status quo in the remainder of the County.
 - b. Soundness of Submission Document of Core Strategy – the secretary is struggling with this response and feels that we may need a sub-group to formulate a reply. MC thought we should thank the BC for the opportunity to respond.
 - c. A response to proposed Car Park charges and motor cycles on Green has been sent but surprisingly the Town Council and the Chamber of Trade do not appear to have responded.
 - d. The Hunstanton Ladies Group of 30-40 middle aged ladies meet at 14.00 in the United Services and would like to have someone from the Civic Society explain what we do.
 - e. The Development Control Board rejected the proposal to erect a detached dwelling in the grounds of Driftwood House because it is now in the Conservation Area. It is anticipated that the proposals for the Kit-Kat site will be on the agenda of the March DCB meeting.
 - f. M&Co have submitted proposals for replacing the shop front and entrances of the former Woolworth's building and to install illuminated signs. Secretary to write emphasising need to promote the Shop Front Guide.
 - g. A letter has been received from the Police concerning Traffic and parking in Hunstanton.
 - h. A document on Green Infrastructure in the Borough published in Sept 09 has been received.
 - j. JM and BH are keen to help advise CPRE on the films to be shown on 8 July. The Betjemen Railway journey and Barnacle Bill featuring the pier have been suggested.
 - k. A letter is to be sent to Nicola Hodgson OSS concerning The Green, the Deed of Variation and the parking of motor cycles.
 - l. David Elvidge may donate a cassette – Great Explorations of Hunstanton prepared by Smithdon VI form.
 - m. Richard Webb suggested that the Town notice board would be better if it were divided into 3 sections. DJ liked the proposal but emphasised that the middle third would need to be managed. He is willing to liaise with other groups and put up appropriate posters.
7. **Report from Town Council Meetings / Liaison with Borough** –

AM gave a report to the General Purposes committee on 3 February covering the past 6 months activities of HCS

8 Report from Heritage sub-committee

Heritage trail leaflets and a CD of pictures of the Hunstanton Plaques have been sent to English Heritage for use at their meeting at RIBA, London on 18/19 February.
Princess Theatre is likely to be used as a cinema but the BC to retain control.
JH volunteered to type up Ken Arnott's literary material –JS will liaise.
Research Biographic details for Street name leaflet to be progressed later in year.
Chronology and other Leaflet printing costs – deferred until Treasurer is able to advise.
Participation in Wash Week 7-15 August – IS knows friend who is geologist. AM and JS to go to Gressenhall soon. Geological specimens may be borrowed from Norwich & King's Lynn museums.
Reproduction of 1911 book on Geology of Hunstanton by James F Jackson is now with printers and will be financed by John Smith.
Cliff interpretation board design – JS has written to CB as to whether an interpretation board should be along the lines of the other ones in the town or to be pictorial like the previous cliff board.
Shop Front policy needs to be supported actively.
Displays in empty shop windows, JM to go to see Whitleys. Await response from Michael Ruston

9 Report from The Pier and Green No meeting of sub-committee. JM attended parliamentary outreach at Norwich to get background information. An MP or a member of House of Lords could ask questions. Although Lord Peter Melchett declined to ask a question, he has agreed to write on our behalf to Lord Adonis. Colin Morris thought there was merit in not repealing the 1868 Act. A legal challenge is needed if someone else did want to build a pier. Need to ask Parliament to dissolve HPC's charter. Mr Moreton claims to be the HPC because he can claim the £1 a year rent.
The Green – JM has informed NCC about the red line demonstrated to us by C Bamfield. The introduction of a parking charge was an attempt to derail registration. Philip Petchey's response is awaited

10. Civic Initiative – Time to decide – The proposal to send £ 1.50 per member agreed at the last meeting has turned out to be just the amount that is now being requested. Launch of Civic Voice is planned for 17th. April in London

11. Dates & Times of future committee meetings – Thursday 18th. March

12 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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