

## HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. November 2009

### Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road at 10.00 am

Present: Martin Chown (Chairman), Margi Blunden, Susan Boxell, Brian Holmes, David Jones, Andrew Murray ( Hon. Sec), Cllr. John Smith.

In attendance: Carol Bower, Tony Gooch

1. **Apologies** - Roy Clark, Ken Lawson (Treasurer), John Maiden.
2. **Minutes** of Meeting held on 27 October 2009 signed by Chairman but the word opposed in item 6 to be underlined.
3. **Matters arising** - None.
4. **Treasurer's Report** - Report circulated. David proposed, Margi seconded that expenses should normally be agreed before they are incurred. It was agreed that Andrew's expenses be paid.
5. **Secretary's Report** –  
Lisa Powell does not consider that the report prepared by Martin of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October are satisfactory minutes of that event. It was thought that the meeting was not a formal meeting of the Civic Society although it had been arranged by HCS and we paid for the hire of the hall. MC, MB, AM, DJ, SB, BH, JS & JM were at that meeting. Secretary to make further contact with Lisa.  
  
Further meetings with Borough Councillors- e-mails sent to Jason Law 28 Oct. & 15 Nov but no reply.  
Meeting with Chris Bamfield arranged for 10.00 am Wednesday 20 January 2010  
Distribution of free printed matter in Town centre & seafront – e-mail sent to Jack Daniels - no reply.  
The Conservation Area booklets are now available although still marked 'Draft'.  
David Grech of English Heritage has sent the forms and details of listing of buildings. John Selby has been invited to help in identifying appropriate buildings.  
The Civic Initiative has been active and circulated Bulletin 3 on 30 Oct. and issue 4 on 6 November, both contained many items of interest  
In response to a FOI request we found out that the Deed of Variation had been signed on 14<sup>th</sup> October. Nicola Hodgson of Open Spaces Society is working on the information that we have supplied to her .  
Town circular mini-bus service – Article in Hunstanton Newsletter produced 1 driver and 6 expressions of interest from various part of the town in using the service.
6. **Submission to EERA** on development proposals to 2031  
Andrew to submit response on behalf of HCS by 24<sup>th</sup>. November
7. **Report from Heritage sub-committee**  
See report from Margi - 16 November  
BC will probably pay for 2 new interpretation boards about the geology of the Cliffs and the Wolf but Civic Society to advise on wording and layout.  
The next heritage sub-committee meeting should discuss the most important items of work for 2010 and report back to the main committee.  
Hunstanton St. Edmund – plans for 20<sup>th</sup>. November are as advertised in Newsletter.  
Street Pride Campaign & Signage in the Town for discussion with Chris Bamfield.  
Proposal to give Life membership of HCS to Mr J Selby agreed and he has accepted.  
Possible purchase / preservation of buildings and use as heritage centre – future agenda item.
8. **Engagement of Young People** –. John S. has visited the Headmaster, Mr. Goodchild. Smithdon School is a corporate member of HCS. Mr. Goodchild needs further copies of programme.
9. **Program of Meetings** – Commodore Moore is unable to do the January meeting but Mr Peter Dawe will describe his ideas on **climate change** and the feasibility of building a **barrier** from Old Hunstanton across to Skegness in order to generate electricity from the tidal water and also provide protection from flooding.

- 10 Report from The Pier and Green** sub-committee and Friends of The Green – In the absence of John Maiden, this item was held over.
- 11 Report from AGM** of East Anglian Civic Societies and meeting in King's Lynn 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. (**EACTS**) John Smith reported that there had been an interesting debate between Mr. Peter Dawe and Richard Powell of RSPB about Wash Barrier. The visit to True's Yard was informative. He thought that it might be appropriate to invite Dr. Paul Richards to talk to HCS and HTC about the way in which money was raised.
- 12 Report** from meeting of Association of Small Historic Towns and Villages (**ASHTAV**) – Item held over.
- 13 Report on Participle in Southwark** – 3 short video clips illustrating the project were shown. The committee are interested in the project and its applicability to Hunstanton
- 14 Shopping List for HTC to discuss with the Borough Council** – Item held over.
- 15 Plans for EGM & AGM** – 1<sup>st</sup>. December 2009 A sub-committee met on 5<sup>th</sup>. November and may meet again on 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 16 Dates and times of meetings in 2010** – Agreed that HCS should normally meet on the Tuesday following the Hunstanton Town Council's Friday meeting – i.e. usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month but on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday if the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month falls on a Wednesday. Note that the meeting in January 2010 will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. to accommodate Mr. Bamfield. Room has been booked.
- 17** Mr. Chown asked our guests for some **Feedback** of their impressions of our meeting. Both Carol and Tony were surprised by the extent of the agenda and the wide variety of activities in which HCS was involved. They felt there was a tremendous amount going on but the cultural and historical sides need to be built up. We should try to make sure young are involved at primary and secondary levels. With reference to Signage in the town, we need to set the standard and help the town to thrive with pride. Priority should be given to suitable housing and provision of good culture throughout the year. People, young and old, should enjoy meeting others in town centre. Tony suggested that we co-opt people including children for particular issues and that we need to focus on objectives.
- 18 AOB**  
Flower show, St Edmund's church May 2010 – HCS to have a stall.  
BBC Radio Norfolk 10 towns tour – 24 November – HCS may participate.
- 19 Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>. December 2009 at 11.30 am

**DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009, 11.30 am 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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