



**Hunstanton Advisory Group
Notes of Meeting
Thursday, 20th July 2023, 18:00 hrs
Hunstanton Town Hall**

Members:

Charles le Strange Meakin (CLSM) (Chair), Cllr Paul Beal (PB), Cllr Angie Dickinson, Paul Searle (PS), Derrick Lloyd (DL), Colleen Roper (CR), Amanda Bosworth (AB), Mark Kacary (MK) Joe Bates (JB), Cllr Mike Ruston (Hunstanton Mayor)(MR), Cllr Mark Williamson (MW)

Officer and additional support:

Jason Richardson (BC), Lynda Brister (Cruso & Wilkin) (LB) note-taker

Apologies:

James Wild (JW) MP, Cllr Andrew Jamieson (AJ), Joel Large

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		ACTION
1	<p>Welcome, apologies and membership changes</p> <p>Borough representation is still to be resolved. We understand that this will be resolved by Terry Parish on his return from holiday.</p>	CLSM
2	<p>Declaration of interest (standing item)</p> <p>CLSM declared his interest in the Recreation Ground as a Trustee of the le Strange Estate who are the landlord.</p>	
3	<p>Review of Hunstanton Signage</p> <p>A productive meeting was held earlier in the day with members of HTC, HAG and Resort Services. It was facilitated by Catherine Thurley of Norfolk Coastal Partnership who is performed the review, notes to follow.</p> <p>A public consultation has now commenced through a link to a questionnaire which will be distributed to visitors and residents by Catherine’s team. This consultation closes on 18th August. A formal report will be issued in early September. The cost of the review is modest and leaves the bulk of the allocated Borough budget to be spent on changes to signage.</p>	

4	Website and PR - Joel could not attend at the last minute and so this item has been deferred to the next meeting	Joel Large
5	Notes of previous meeting – agreed.	
6	<p>Establishment of Lido</p> <p>Economic and Environment feasibility exercises are ongoing by WSP and JBA respectively. WSP’s work is progressing well. JBA’s appears to be delayed. We expect to receive reports in early September. These should determine the factors effecting the practicality of such a scheme, possible scales and locations along with associated building costs. At that stage further discussions will take place to determine how best to proceed.</p> <p>It seems likely that such a scheme might work best in conjunction with a Oasis replacement project. Subject to establishing build cost, funding of the project might either be i) in partnership with a private sector organisation specialising in such schemes; or ii) from the proceeds of a levelling up bid.</p>	CLSM
7	<p>Regular monthly Sunday market (during Summer Months)</p> <p>It is considered that such an event would be beneficial to the Town offering residents and visitors a regular additional attraction. It would also support and provide opportunities for local businesses and traders.</p> <p>If HAG and HTC concluded that it was desirable to hold such an event, then Dave Morton and JR have confirmed that resort services would be supportive.</p> <p>The current stumbling block is obtaining authority to close the high street to vehicles during the event. In consultation with NCC highways AJ has confirmed that this would require an application process which will take a year, although anecdotally other Towns appear to have managed to get authorisation more easily.</p> <p>It was agreed that Mark would talk to Adrian Stoa (Highways) and Roger Partridge (Resort Services) to check everyone is on the same page.</p> <p>DL to check with his brother-in-law how Holt managed to have an application approved more easily,</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>DL</p>

	<p>Subject to this, whilst the timeframe is disappointing, it was agreed it would be sensible to commence the application process. In this way perhaps events could be started in 2024. MK and JR to work together to progress this.</p>	<p>MK and JR</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Reinstated of Skate Park/ Jump track in Hunstanton</p> <p>Historically there has been support for reinstating this facility. This would add a facility to the benefit of young people in the Town. Both Borough and HTC have funds set aside to contribute to such a scheme, however it's likely to cost considerably more than funds set aside. Research has suggested that, dependent on design, cost could be up to £400k.</p> <p>There is scope to make a 'Community Infrastructure Levy' Grant Claim, but this requires evidence of public support for such a scheme.</p> <p>HTC has drafted a questionnaire to be circulated to provide support. Members of the public will be asked to offer views on the quality of existing facilities in the Town for young people, whether such a facility is needed and where it should be.</p> <p>Questionnaire to be circulated by MW to HAG members for comment. Comments please by the end of the week.</p> <p>Cllr Mark Williamson is running a subgroup to progress this. JR to support – he has experience of similar schemes. It was agreed that the following items should be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further build cost options needed at least 3 suppliers. • Ask the schools for assistance with questionnaire responses. <p>Once data has been collected Borough will assist with the CIL claim submission.</p>	<p>MW/JR & all HAG members</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Hunstanton Recreation Ground (CLSM declared interest)</p> <p>CLSM stated that he was in negotiation with Borough to renew the lease. He is awaiting details of the Borough's plans to better utilise and improve cost efficiency.</p> <p>HTC have formed a group focussed on producing ideas to improve the site – this is led by Cllr Mark Williamson. CLSM suggested that those</p>	<p>MW</p>

	ideas be shared with Borough so that they might form part of Borough proposals.	
10	<p>Standing Items:</p> <p>Hunstanton Car parking review – Cllr Paul Beal has prepared a draft paper for circulation to Borough suggesting several ideas for improvements to Town arrangements. To circulate to HAG members to comment</p> <p>CLSM meeting with Lorraine Gore CEO Borough next week and will discuss matters raised in this meeting.</p> <p>Discussions about wheelchairs for beach use are ongoing, where to store etc. Joel to be asked about storage. Joel to update at the next meeting.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>CLSM</p> <p>JL</p>
11	<p>Any other business</p> <p>DL is suggesting the provision of ‘pop up’ style shops in the Town. These could be offered to early-stage businesses – dependent on location non-food. DL to report back opportunities to the next meeting.</p> <p>We are keen to promote further new ideas. Agreed that subgroups should continue to progress the ongoing projects above. At the next meeting we will focus on new ideas. Matters will at least include Education – Training, Transportation and Water Quality. These are issues facing the future of the Town.</p> <p>Re-circulate the HAG objectives</p> <p>Press – MR and CLSM to arrange interview with Chris Bishop to discuss the activities of the HAG and launch questionnaire on signate and skate park.</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>All HAG</p> <p>CLSM</p> <p>CLSM</p>
12	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday, 10 August , 6pm at Hunstanton Town Council</p>	

Close: 7.30pm