

GRIMSBY CLEETHORPES DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

AGM 2021 MINUTES

Thursday 13th May 2021 *via ZOOM Conferencing*

	ITEM	1hr 5mins
1 Apologies	6 Apologies received	
2 2020 AGM Minutes	<p>It was noted that in <i>Chair's Report</i> the question had been raised about who had responsibility for maintaining the River Freshney and banks – The Exec. had only recently (March 2021) had a reply to a request from MT about this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • main obstacle to maintenance is river access, rather than ownership • The River is designated a main river; the Environment Agency usually leads on river maintenance work which has an impact on flood risk up to Alexandra Road bridge • the construction of Frederick Ward Way by the Council's predecessors, Humberside County Council, did not include any arrangements for maintenance access hence limitations on EA. After Alexandra Road, the greatly increased channel width means flood risk hasn't increased over the years despite there being no regular maintenance programme in place. • The River still subject to riparian ownership (i.e. whoever owns the bank also owns up to the half way point of the river channel). NELC own Frederick Ward Way side, but there is no statutory duty on a riparian owner to clear any naturally occurring material from the river channel, whether it's silt or vegetation. • NELC is assessing options to re-instate safe access to this area of the river, which could allow future inclusion of an EA and Council maintenance programme. 	
3 Chairs Report 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a difficult year for organisations such as ours • Exec. managed through lockdowns and restrictions initially by subscribing to Zoom online conferencing, so that we could hold meetings • didn't manage to facilitate any online public meetings as we had intended • despite our small group of Executive Members, we made a lot of progress in increasing our influence in North East Lincolnshire • Only two members of our planning group continued to attend planning meetings online, to make comment where necessary on relevant Planning Applications. • Our Joint venture with Engie in creating the Town Trails was put on hold, though our attendance at online meetings with Engie, N E Lincs Council, and other interested parties, discussing the Minster Square Project maintained our link; Executive members made supervised, socially distanced, site visits to both Minster Square and The West Haven Project • managed a weeding and litter pick event alongside The Haven, between lockdowns, and also attended community litter picks in the East Marsh area • Executive members also ploughed through a number of Government Consultations in regard to planning legislation and related topics, and sent our response to the Ministry of Communities, Housing & Local Government. We all learnt a lot by doing that! • attended a Local Authority Consultation at Grimsby Town Hall to look at proposals for the Riverhead, where we were invited to be included in a Special Interest Group Meeting discussing schemes for the restoration of the Corporation Road Bridge 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> because not able to host public talks in the Grimsby Town Hall throughout the year, we took the decision to suspend members' fees, even though we still have annual running costs to pay. Judicious financial forethought has enabled this without the Society being in a too precarious position – but funds do have be maintained somehow hence our involvement with Winsby Community Lottery due for first draw on Saturday May 8th. Your Chair continued to attend YHACS meetings throughout the year, albeit since the YHACS AGM of 2020, via Zoom Advice was sought through YHACS, on how to improve as a society. It goes without saying that to prosper and move forward, our membership of the Society and the Executive, needs to increase your Chair was elected on to the YHACS Committee at the 2021 YHACS AGM in January. 	
4 Treasurers Report	<p>Total income of £985 was from subscriptions this did not meet our outgoing of £1073.61 Therefore we had a deficit of £188.</p> <p>The reduction in subscriptions reflects the reduction in membership . [due to decision made to suspend subscriptions for the period 2021/22]</p>	
5 Election of Officers	<p>Nominations received for:</p> <p><i>Paul Genney</i> <i>President</i> seconded by: Graeme Bassett, Pete Milsom</p> <p><i>Alan Nicholson</i> <i>Chairperson</i> seconded by: Angela Greenfield</p> <p><i>Martyn Turner</i> <i>Treasurer</i> seconded by: Susan Milsom</p> <p><i>Susan Milsom</i> <i>Secretary</i> seconded by: Alan Nicholson</p> <p><i>Officers are also named with Charity Commission as 'Trustees of GDCS'</i></p>	
6 Election of Executive Committee members	<p>Nominations received for:</p> <p><i>Jill Smith</i> <i>Membership secretary</i> seconded by: Pete Milsom</p> <p><i>Pete Milsom</i> <i>Programme Secretary</i> seconded by: Angela Greenfield, Graeme Bassett</p> <p><i>Ann Turner</i> seconded by: Graeme Bassett</p> <p><i>Angela Greenfield</i> seconded by: Susan Milsom <i>Kerry Kerry</i></p> <p><i>Henderson</i> seconded by: Susan Milsom</p>	
7 2021-22 plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> as many other organisations, we have adapted to enable us to keep functioning as yet, an unknown date for when we can return to a position of normality regarding our live Public Meetings, we are governed by: limitations on future social distancing etc., numbers allowed in meeting rooms, and how potential attendees will feel about attending such events. In a wider debate, the role of Civic Societies in the 21st Century is being discussed; their role has changed significantly over the years. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue to be a voice for the community, having an input into local changes that affect the population, including Planning, which is undergoing major changes • We will continue to support efforts to clean our environment, and make objections, or support, whatever is happening in our community • we need to devise new means of income, etc, one of which is our successful application to be a worthy cause in the new local, Winsby Lottery; the more tickets bought, which nominate GC&DCS as their 'Good Cause' the more income we get • we need a lot more members to be proactive in working towards ideas of some Civic Societies/Trusts setting up to run local parks, galleries & museums etc. • to be able to have taken on the offer of the centrally positioned shopfrontage for publicity and a base from which to work and meet people would have been a brilliant option if deemed financially viable – as would purchase of phone box • continue Exec. meetings via Zoom but even when meeting up is more normal, to continue as alternate Zoom/in person meetings • projects during the next year are largely dependent on changes to Covid restrictions: Town Trails (digitally interactive, paper-based and with street boards which were due for launch Easter 2020 are waiting for a time to have a launch • North East Lincolnshire Heritage Forum has a 'youth section' which could be a way forward towards attracting a younger membership for us • 'heritage' groups have their difficulties whereas we have a broader attraction having Planning input • To build a Yearly Planner to have better general project planning eg Dock Tower is 170 years old March 2022, so could be something to build around that event • Improve our 'Dock Tower' logo which is deemed (by Print and Copy for instance) to be not a good-enough standard for successful printing/enlargement 	
8 AoB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been invited by Jo Middleton of St James, to put in ideas towards funding St James' improvements as it is in quite a poor state • Thurs 20th Ice Factory Trust and the Kasbah public Talk • June 24th Exec. meeting 	
	<p>AGM closed at 8:05pm</p> <p>Next Exec. Committee meeting Thurs 24th June 7pm</p>	