# **AGM MINUTES** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Grimsby Town Hall, 7pm

#### 1 Apologies

7 apologies were received prior to commencement

#### 2 Minutes of 2021 AGM

Matters Arising:

Chair's Report

- Town Trails despite our extensive input prior to Covid, Cleethorpes launched an online version last summer via Love Exploring App https://loveexploring.co.uk/ unfortunately without our prior knowledge and Grimsby's was launched on the same platform on Charter Day in March this year
- as members have been prior informed, Membership fees have now resumed 2021-22 Plans
- 'full working order' resumed last October after a break of 18 months
- Planning continues to undergo change!
- Winsby Lottery although take up for tickets at £1 per week is low, GCDCS has gained some money from it this year; further clarification was asked from the floor about workings of Winsby Lottery, a local lottery designed for local 'Good Causes' to gain [NB next Members' Meeting to include a presentation on Winsby Lottery as a means for GCDCS to gain further]
- possibility of some news to come in the near future regarding a venue from which to have partial use of a day-time base but this 'under wraps' at the current time
- Exec. makes use of ZOOM but yet to make greater use of it
- a new logo is still on the cards but still in negotiation for new image of Dock Tower

2021 Minutes were duly agreed

#### 3 Chair's Report

We started 2021 much the same as 2020, not knowing when it would be safe to resume our Public Events. A trial run of using Zoom to present a Public Talk did take place, with our colleague, Graeme Bassett giving a talk and presentation on the developing Kasbah area of Grimsby Docks, which was well received.

Finally, in the Autumn, Grimsby Town Hall lifted restrictions enough to resume with a talk & presentation by Paul Wisken on the history of the Town Hall, followed by a tour of the building. The numbers attending was encouraging, and it was a pleasure to see some familiar faces, and new people attending. The decision was taken to split the 2022 programme into chunks of three consecutive months of talks, providing nine in all for the forthcoming year.

The Executive Committee co-opted a number of new members throughout the year, which augers well for the future; potentially up to ten, now, though we sadly had two resignations in the year from our previous Chair, and Programme Organiser, Martyn & Anne Turner. Without Martyn and Anne, there would probably not be a local Civic Society, as they were two remaining, long-standing stalwarts of the Executive.

The Planning Group was reconstituted with up to four Exec. Members taking part, dealing with Planning issues as they came in. We met with Cheryl Jarvis, Chief Planning Officer of NELC to discuss planning issues. The whole Exec. met with Ian King, NELC / EQUANS' Spatial Planning Manager, responsible for planning policy, earlier this year.

We started looking at introducing further Sub-Groups to share work load. Our Transport Group, led by Graeme Bassett meets with other local interested parties commenting on local transport issues. Dialogue (by email) has already taken place with local MPs and railway companies regarding bettering our links with further afield

Heritage group attends North East Lincolnshire Heritage Network Meetings, as well as being involved in the project to renovate Corporation Road Bridge and compiling GCDCS' Register of Artifacts – those items which are not buildings but which members raise concerns about.

Executive Members continued to meet with NELC Project Managers at relevant times during the year. Beyond that, an approach was made to the Council to begin a dialogue between ourselves and

the council, which resulted in a very productive meeting with three assistant directors of the Council. Further meetings are planned.

I continued to attend meetings, via zoom, of the Yorkshire & Humber Association of Civic Societies (YHACS), and also the committee meetings of that organisation. We agreed to "host" the online Autumn meeting of YHACS, and three speakers took on the challenge to talk about Heritage matters in our area: Dawn Brown, of NELC, who spoke about how we have worked together with the Council, Gail Graham of Heritage Lincolnshire, who spoke about linking with other like minded organisations, and Tom Kitchen of Lincoln University who runs a Youth project around Heritage. As we move forward, Public Events are being well attended, and we look forward to continued progress, from the depths of the pandemic, and welcome your continued support.

Alan Nicholson, Chair, Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Civic Society

#### 4 | Honorary Treasurer's Report

- Due to the pandemic, the executive committee took the decision to defer membership fees for 21-22.
- Members with standing orders generously agreed to treat these as donations. Again, due to the pandemic, there were no public meetings until the latter part of the year so income and outgoings were reduced.
- The Executive agreed to reactivate subscriptions for the 2022-2023 year. Those standing orders received in March 2022 are represented as individual subscriptions in the accounts.
- Although the account for 2021 to 2022 shows an excess of receipts over payments
   (£244) and an apparent growth in cash funds to £5315 (over the previous year's £4937)
   it should be noted that invoices relating to room hire and the purchase of a tree to
   mark the Queen's Jubilee had not been presented at year end.

accounts sheet attached

#### 5 | Election of Officers

Nominations were received for:

Paul Genney President (re-standing)
Alan Nicholson Chairperson (re-standing)
Graeme Bassett Treasurer (re-standing)
Susan Milsom Secretary (re-standing)

These Nominations were approved by the floor, no Objections were raised. Nominations were therefore unanimously agreed

#### **Election of Exec. members**

Jill Smith Membership secretary (re-standing)
Pete Milsom Programme Secretary (re-standing)

Angela Greenfield Executive Committee member (re-standing)
Kerry Henderson Executive Committee member (re-standing)

Roger Beard Executive Committee member
Malcolm Morland Executive Committee member
Marion Piggott Executive Committee member

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#### 6 2022 / 23 plans

- Involvement with events for Heritage Open Days in September
- Continue working with NELC, North East Lincolnshire Heritage Network, and forging links as opportunities arise with any appropriate orgs which 'fit' with our remit
- Continue with short, dedicated meetings, informing of Exec. activities in the name of GCDCS prior to Talks
- Continue regular email contact but need further work to improve regular contact with all membership

- Continue working to get ourselves better known forging digital links with other likeminded organisations
- 'Wish list': establish an Environment sub-group

### 7 Any Other Business

Next dates:

- June 8th Executive Committee meeting
- June 16th 7.30pm Environmental Agency with Paul Dutchburn of Environmental Agency – flooding, coastal change and waterways
- July 21st 7.30pm Edward Watkin Victorian railway extraordinaire 'Mr Grimsby' with Geoffrey Scargill, Chair of Watkin Society

An additional Talk date of August 18<sup>th</sup> was brought to Attendees attention to reserve month of September for a focus on all things Heritage; further details to be broadcast

AGM concluded at 7.30pm

### **ACCOUNTS**

### THE GRIMSBY CLEETHORPES AND DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

# RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 MARCH 2022

	Year ended	Year ended	
	31 March 2022	31 March 2021	
Receipts:			
Individual subscriptions	90	1,040	
Corporate subscriptions	0	0	
Raffle and Coffee Income	265	0	
Donations	726	0	
Meeting entry Fees	76	0	
	1,	1,040	
Payments:			
Room Hire	0	0	
Subsciptions (YHACS, Civic Voice)	154	154	
Insurance	285	285	
Postage, stationery, ink	56	93	
Speakers	80	0	
Website	144	312	
Zoom License	144	115	
General Expenses	50	104	
		912 1063	
(Deficit)/Excess of Receipts over Payments	3	244 -23	
Cash funds at 31 March 2021	4	937 4960	
Cash funds at 31 March 2022	5.	315 4937	

## THE GRIMSBY CLEETHORPES AND DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES at 31 MARCH 2022

3:	1 March 2022		31 March 2021
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