



## Hunstanton Advisory Group

### NOTES

Thursday, 14 September 2023

18:00 hrs

Hunstanton Town Hall

Group Members: Charles le Strange Meakin (Chair), James Wild MP, Cllr Andrew Jamieson, Cllr Angie Dickinson, Cllr Paul Beal, Cllr Michael Ruston, Amanda Bosworth, Paul Searle, Mark Kacary, Colleen Roper, Derrick Lloyd, Cllr Simon Ring

Apologies: Joel Large (Vice Chair), Cllr Mark Williamson, Joe Bates, Chris Starkie (NCC), Jason Richardson (BCKLWN), Paul Searle

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### Notes

1. Apologies – as above
2. Declarations of Interest (standing item) – none declared
3. Notes of previous meeting (10 August 2023 - attached) - accepted
4. Derrick Lloyd proposed the use of temporary commercial pods/ units on or near the promenade. The idea would be to provide an additional visitor attraction on the sea front. The pods could be rented to small businesses offering product and/or services that would be complimentary (rather than competition to) to existing offerings. It was agreed that Derrick would prepare a business case for presentation at the next meeting. DL
5. Brief update on sub-groups
  - Lido – WSP’s economic feasibility work is well advanced but needs JBA’s environmental report to be finalised before numbers and reports can be finalised. Qualitatively WSP’s draft findings suggest that such a scheme would be consistent with published Borough, County and Town strategic plans. Charles/ Paul & Andrew to continue to pursue final reports and subsequently propose a way forward. CLSM, PS, AJ
  - Oasis – there was brief discussion of how any Lido project would interact with Oasis plans. It was agreed that Simon Ring would determine what current Oasis plans were and report back to the group. SR
  - Sunday market – Andrew Jamieson to chase up highways license application for 2024. AJ
  - Skate Park – Mark Williamson was unable to attend the meeting, but Mike Ruston agreed to find out the status of the public questionnaire and report back. Jason Richardson (who MR, MW, JR

has prior experience of seeking funds for such schemes) is supporting Mark is working up a scheme.

- Recreation ground – CLSM declared an interest as a Trustee of the le Strange Estate that owns the site. Discussions are still ongoing with Borough as to how better public utility could be made of current facilities. Simon Ring agreed to meet with CLSM to discuss the position further. CLSM/ SR

Beach wheelchairs – Joel provided a brief e-mail update that he had costings for providing wheelchairs but was still looking at how a scheme could work. He will report his findings to the next meeting. JL

- 6 Presentation of draft Signage Findings – at the date of the meeting only a draft report had been received. This was subsequently finalised and distributed to the group post meeting. There had been a good response to the Signage Review and Questionnaire and over 30 specific recommendations have been made. These seek to make current signage: CLSM
- more visible and informative to able bodied and disabled users.
  - better reflective of the USPs of the town.
  - more informative by including audio and interactive links and including time and distance to each attraction.
  - better direct visitors to toilet facilities.
  - provide more informative car park information i.e., which is the best car park for attractions.

The actions require funding to implement, but there should be a remaining Borough budget to fund some of these changes. Car parking signage requires the input of Highways. Charles to discuss findings with Borough on 28<sup>th</sup> September and agree status of available budget and the way forward. Andrew to share report with highways and discuss their actions. CLSM/ AJ

- 7 Standing Items:
- Events – nothing to report.
  - Car parking – Paul Beale and Simon Ring to meet to discuss HAG recommendations and progress of Borough review. PB/ SR
  - Seafront

- 8 Date of next meeting – 12 October 2023

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