



**c/o: Ossett Community Centre,
Prospect Road, Ossett, WF5 8AN.**

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 29 July 2010

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Present: Ruth Amos, David Mitchell, Peter Savage, Angela Taylor, Janet Jones, Ian Bunney, Simone Bunney, Mark Pescod, Lynn Ross, Alison Ripley, Richard Taylor

Apologies: Ian Day, Malcolm Simpson, Gillian Simpson, Alec Metcalf, Rachael Winstanley, Caron Ryalls, Tony Sargeant, David Smith, Peter Wood, Peter Walker

1. Introduction & Welcome from the Chair

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 24 June were approved:

Approved: Ian Bunney
Seconded: David Mitchell

3. Matters Arising

A really good night was had at Ghandi Spice with those members able to attend.

4. Ossett Events – See social calendar

The Ossett Gala stall was really good on 10 July. A lot of people came up to our stall and requested to sign the petition. There was one unfortunate incident but the day was very successful and a lot of people asked about the OCT. A number of people expressed interest in joining so we are hoping that after the holidays we will see some more members joining. A big, special thanks was given for the fantastic work done by Georgina Bunney.

Concern was expressed that very few bookings go to the Tall Ships at Hartlepool on Sunday, 8 August 2010. A decision will be made about whether to cancel over the next few days. This would be unfortunate if we decide to do this but it may be necessary. If it goes ahead, it will be £17.50, £16.50 for OCT members and £8.50 for children. We agreed a leaving time at 8.00am as it will take up about 2 hours to get there. We plan to return by about 7.30pm.

Thanks were given to Chris for the excellent BBQ on Saturday.

Angela and Richard will book the Silver King 23 September 2010.

5. Newsletter and website

Ian Day continues to maintain the website. Ian will be revamping the website and he is asking ideas for both the website and next Newsletter.

6. Secretary's report

Angela has enquired with the Co-op about whether they would have recycling containers on their car park but has not received a very positive response.

We have received a letter from the Community Centre to report that the room charges are remaining the same for the next year. However, should the electricity costs increase there could be a surcharge.

Notelets for sale at £2.50 per pack.

A woman from the Samaritans has offered to come and talk to OCT. We thought it could be in October.

7. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported the current balances and there was a reminder to anyone who has not yet paid to pay their annual subs to Lynn.

8. Planning Report

The plan for Owl Lane tip is for it to continue for a further 2 years while the Denby Dale site is improved. Owl Lane is then planned to close and the Council has plans to use the site as a permanent travellers site. In the past we have had a chance to object to decisions made by going to a government office, but this is now not available. The current infrastructure would require us to object to the City/Region of Leeds/Bradford/Wakefield. There is due to be a process for voluntary groups and local people to express their views but this is not yet in place. The Waste PFI has been consulted on and a decision has now been made. Peter Savage has spoken to Mary Creagh and she is interested in this issue, but she would require more information. It was suggested that she be invited to attend a future meeting of OCT. The site was previously a slag heap this could be the reason for the methane seepage. There was concern about the format of the petition. It was agreed that in addition to the petition format that has already collected over 600 signatures, we would also ask people to sign letters of objection to meet all ways of making our views known. There is a current planning permission for Owl Lane tip to be extended for a further 2 years. This could be objected to on the basis of extending the opening for at least 10 years or indefinitely. If members go to Wakefield Council web site, they can object to this planning permission by email or write to the Planning Department. The web site can be found by going to the Planning site and looking for the Shaw Cross application

It was agreed that:

David Mitchell to craft some words as a example of the objection to the current planning permission
Ian Bunney to circulate the wording to OCT members
Letters of objection to be sent within the next few days
Angela to continue getting signatures on the petition
David to provide the wording for the individual letters of objection (petition)
Mark to provide some templates for letters of objection (petition) from Wakefield residents to sign
Mark to give the templates to Peter Savage
Peter Savage to distribute to shops
Peter or David to get the templates to Angela
Caron to publicise in the Ossett Review mid August
Angela to email round if she is collecting names for the petition and anyone who can join us will be welcomed
Ian to research into the history of the tip and what he has on the current position and let Peter, David and Angela know this
Peter to contact Mary Creagh with the full information and ask for her assistance
CLOSING DATE FOR ALL FORMS TO BE RETURNED 31 AUGUST 2010

9. Roads & Parks

Planning permission has been requested for an additional 5 x 4 bedroomed houses in Patricroft on Healey Road has gone to Committee. 148 signature petition.

Damage has been done in Green Park. It has been acknowledged that the floor surface in the play area may need to be improved.

There is a design for a new play centre in Illingworth Park. A new changing area will be provided on the football land.

10. Social Calendar

Date
Event

Ideas for future events that can be arranged

Trip to Ossett Brewery

Ian Clayton evening

Theatre trip

Open Gardens

Past Events during 2010

3 April

Eggstravaganza at Green Park, 10am to 12noon. Easter egg hunt, egg rolling, egg & spoon race and decorated egg competition.

15 April

Members night out at Ghandi Spice, Ossett

17 April

Crazy golf night at Primrose Hall, Horbury

24 April

Trip to Liverpool

1 May

Gawthorpe May Day

10 July

Ossett Gala

24 July

Barbeque in the Jones' garden at 4pm

Planned Events

8 August

Trip to see the Tall Ships at Hartlepool

4 September

Elizabethans dinner – a formal 'do'

11 September

am - Heritage Open Day – Ossett events arranged

pm - Arts Day – exhibition and music

TBA

Trip to Pickering

8 December

Trip to Newcastle, special visits arranged to various places courtesy of Mark being a freeman of Newcastle

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Next meeting Thursday 26 August 2010 at 7.30pm at Ossett Community Centre.

These minutes can be found on our website: WWW.OSSETTCIVICTRUST.CO.UK