



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

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 November 2010 - The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Present: Ruth Amos, David Mitchell, Janet Jones, Lynn Ross, Simone Bunney, Elizabeth Knowles, Ann Metcalfe, Alyson Ripley, Angela Taylor, Richard Taylor, Ian Bunney, Tony Sargeant

Apologies: Peter Savage, Alec Metcalfe, Roger Thornton, Mark Pescod, Peter Walker, Alec Metcalfe, Ian Day, David Smith

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 28 October 2010 were approved.

Approved: David Mitchell
Seconded: Richard Taylor

3. Matters Arising

David Mitchell has a full list of those from Ossett who died during both world wars. The names included Harry Brown who died during the first world war, so this means that the memorial in Ossett town was not modeled on him as it was commissioned in 1928.

We need to decide on a date for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee as soon as possible for 2012. The date of the bank holiday has been set for Tuesday, 5 June 2012, which is immediately after the Spring bank holiday on 4 June 2012.

Tony reported on the process for deciding on the awards in Dewsbury. Tony inspected the market in Dewsbury and he spent 3 hours walking round. He could report some positive aspects although there were some missed opportunities. The reports will now be sent to the national body who would decide whether an award would be made.

Ruth has asked WMDC for the precinct to be painted.

The Councillors have asked for a replacement sign for Ossett at Sowood Bends and will continue to remind WMDC that this is necessary.

The Silver King has a new landlady and the pub has been renamed 'The Old Vic'

Elizabeth Knowles has enquired about gritting in Ossett. Church Street does not meet the criteria for gritting but Elizabeth queried this as there is a school, nursery, medical centre and old people's home on the road. Ian Bunney has also written to Denise Jefferies and she has replied that she is going to look at Church Street again. The Council is encouraging people to visit elderly neighbours during the cold weather to ensure that they are managing and that they have hot meal. It has also been checked out and there is no liability for people who clear their own paths and pavements if someone later slips on the cleared path. Wakefield consider that they have sufficient grit for this Winter.

There was some concern that there should be more snow clearing to ensure that older people can be cared for appropriately.

The potholes were reported but only 50mm deep potholes on roads and 20mm wide on pavements will be repaired.

4.Ossett Events – See social calendar

The numbers booked on the Newcastle trip are very low and we may have to cancel the trip. People may be saving their money and also another coach company will pick up in Ossett to join a coach from Normanton, so there is some competition.

We can look at a theatre trip or the River Dance as an alternative to coach trips.

5.Newsletter and website

We have not published a new newsletter so at the Fayre we will give out the existing newsletters.

6.Secretary's report

There is a consultation process regarding library services. At this stage, community groups and individuals are being invited to help out in library services. Ossett library looks safe as it is so well used and is the third or fourth most used library in the area. Requests for groups who would be interested in running libraries on a voluntary basis has been made, but this is unlikely to affect Ossett.

Wakefield Assembly launch event will occur on 9 December 10am at St Austins Community Centre

At the Ossett Christmas lights switch on 27 November, our stall will be open 10.00am to 6.00pm. Notelets and bags would be sold on the stall. Hopefully we will have the OCT Newsletter. We also agreed to have a tombola.

Vox is going to cease to exist. There is a meeting to disburse the assets of Vox and we could put in a bid for any of the assets, but it is unlikely that anything that would be of interest to OCT.

Wed 1 December, Wakefield Together at 1.45-5pm there is a meeting to review the finances of Wakefield.

WY police have put together a funding opportunity bulletin for local voluntary and community groups.

The Big Fund of £100M has been announced to help fund charities and voluntary groups as part of the Big Society.

Thursday 17 March 2011, Wakefield Civic Trust AGM and design awards. It would be good for several members to attend to see what happens as we would like to arrange a design award ceremony for Ossett.

Mr Rothwell who has joined the OCT and has sent a card to apologise for not attending any of the meetings to date.

Mary Creagh would like to arrange a round table discussion in Ossett. It was suggested that we have an initial meeting with the OCT and then we could seek a meeting with Ossett people. We decided to invite her to our February meeting.

7.Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported the current balances.

8.Planning Report

The planning report was brief.

9.Roads & Parks

The Council have agreed to fund improvements in Illingworth Park. There are two very good officers from the Council working on this and there is a design for putting new equipment in the play area. The football club are also putting in planning permission for improved changing areas on their own land, which is adjacent to the Park.

The end of Prospect Road where it meets Queens Street is in a very bad condition and this has been reported to the Council.

Hillcrest Avenue – there are proposals to place bollards there. Road Safety is objecting to this and the OCT members could see no benefit from this.

10.Social Calendar

Date
Event

Ideas for future events that can be arranged

Trip to Ossett Brewery; Ian Clayton Evening; Theatre Trip; Ossett Open Gardens, Snowdrops at Hodsocks round the end of February/March, Spalding for the bulbs, Spring flower show at Harrogate, Whitby, Pickering, Christmas markets at Lincoln

Planned Events

20 January 2011

Ghandi Spice social at 7pm for 7.30pm

19 February 2011

Road Safety dinner

March 2011

Tracy Beaker at the Town Hall

25 March 2011

Community Centre booked for Civic Trust dinner

23 April

11.Any Other Business

We have received a quote for the re-upholstery of the chair at £800. We decided to ask around and see if anyone who do it for less.

Peter Westwood, great grandson of Henry Westwood is going to pay to refurbish the painting £495. This was excellent news.

We agreed to go for an OCT meal in January. We also thought that we could have an OCT dinner with an award ceremony in 2012. We looked at the menu and availability of the Community Centre and it seemed to be good value and good quality. We agreed to go to the Ghandi Spice in January and the Community Centre in March. Suggest Thursday 20th January for a curry. Richard will report back to the next meeting.

12. Next meeting Thursday 27 January 2011 at 7.30pm at Ossett Community Centre.

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