



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

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 30 April 2009

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Present: Ruth Amos, Peter Savage, David Mitchell, Janet Jones, Lynn Ross, Counsellor Alison Ripley, Peter Walker
Apologies: Mark Ryalls, Caron Ryalls Alec Metcalfe, Ian Day

1. Introduction & Welcome from the Chair
2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting on 26 March were approved:
Approved: Peter Savage
Seconded: David Mitchell

3. Matters Arising

That the Friends of Illingworth Park had now been established and the next meeting of the Friends Group was scheduled for 26 May.

David Mitchell had written to the Highways Department on 24 April regarding the traffic calming on The Green on behalf of the OCT. It was pointed out that the siting and width of the 'cushions' was causing more danger than not having them.

4. Ossett Events – See social calendar

We agreed to look out for a good theatre trip to arrange, perhaps with a meal as well.

The 'History of Gawthorpe Maypole and the World Coal Carrying Championships' event on 28 March turned out to be a well attended excellent event. The talks were fascinating about the history of the event, the photographs that people had brought along were really interesting and the pie and peas were delicious.

We agreed to have a hamper raffle, a guess the weight of the cake and sell the Ossett shopping bags at the Ossett Gala on 11 July.

5. Newsletter and website

We have had over 10,000 hits on our website, which was being well received.

We need to think of what might be included in the next edition for the Summer.

6. Secretary's report

Some of the memorabilia and paintings held in the archive in Wakefield Art Gallery has now been moved to Ossett. We are still seeking to find any other paintings relating to previous mayors of Ossett.

It was announced that the National Civic Trust has failed to attract funding from recent appeals and bids and has now ceased to be. Although OCT has received support from the national trust, we are not reliant on them in terms of funding or anything else.

Following the successful bid for funding from Grassroots for sustainable shopping bags for Ossett, several designs for bags were considered by OCT members. It was agreed that a shortlist would be circulated and members could express their preference. Profits made from the bags would be ploughed back into awards for future events.

Following the attendance of the Chair at the Wakefield Civic Society AGM, which was also attended by Blackpool CT members, an invite to the OCT members had been made to visit Blackpool. It was proposed that the date would be 1 November (tbc) and would include a visit to the Winter Gardens, Blackpool Tower and the Grand Theatre.

The National CT Conference will be held in Blackpool during the weekend of 15 – 16 October.

7. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported the current balances and there was a reminder to all to pay their annual subs to Lynne.

8. Planning Report

The planning report was run through by David Mitchell.

The Planning Officer was attending the fortnightly Wakefield Civic Trust Planning Group meetings, which now includes Ossett planning as part of their remit. This was considered by the group to be an excellent opportunity to influence thinking about planning in Ossett and was proving to be beneficial from the perspective of the Planning Officer.

9. Roads & Parks

Anyone wishing to join the newly formed Illingworth Park Friends Group should contact Alison Ripley and anyone wishing to join the Green Park Friends Group should contact Ruth Amos. It was agreed that there would be some common issues to discuss between the Friends Groups.

10. Social Calendar

Date
Event
To be arranged
Trip to Ossett Brewery
To be arranged
Ian Clayton evening
To be arranged
Theatre trip

Events that have taken place during this year

28 March 2009

History of Gawthorpe Maypole and the World Coal Carrying Championships with pie and peas.

4 April 2009

Trip the Chester

11 April 2009

Eggstravaganza at Green Park, 10am to 12noon. Easter egg hunt, egg rolling and decorated egg competition. Everybody welcome.

Planned Events during 2009

4 July

'Ossett Through the Ages' past, present & future arts exhibition 10am – 4pm in the Town Hall. Includes photography, sculpture, poems, cartoons, diaries

11 July

Ossett Gala

25th July

Trip to Southport – tickets now on sale from the Ossett Review Office, £15 for non members and £14 for members.

12 September
Heritage Open Day – Ossett events to be arranged

1 November - tbc
Trip to Blackpool

28th November
Christmas in Ossett - Christmas switch on
5th December
The Lowry and Trafford Centre

11. Any Other Business

A bid was being prepared for Grassroots for a laptop and projector for the OCT.

12. Next meeting Thursday 28 May 2009 at 7.30pm at Ossett Community Centre.

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