



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

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 February 2010

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Present: Ruth Amos, Peter Savage, David Mitchell, Angela Taylor, Peter Walker, Richard Taylor, Mark Pescod, Ian Bunney, Gillian Simpson, Malcolm Simpson, Janet Jones, Lynn Ross.

Apologies: Mark Ryalls, Ian Day, Caron Ryalls

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 January 2010 were approved:

Approved: Richard Taylor

Seconded: Peter Savage

3. Matters Arising

The photographic competition is still open and is to close at the end of March.

The name Civic Voice has been selected as the new name for the Civic Initiative.

In response to concerns about the Town Hall Management Committee and the fact that it is not a true representation of the people who use the town hall, a letter was written to Joanne Rowney. An acknowledgement to the letter had been received and the matter was to be considered.

Investigations by members were in progress in response to concerns about Pinfold, Westwells. This is a listed building and in need of some attention. It was felt that a Civic plaque should be put on this site as it represented an important part of Ossett history. It had been discovered that there was a question about who owned the site. Angela and Richard Taylor agreed to follow up this issue, including research about whether English Heritage could assist with funding for restoration.

4. Ossett Events – See social calendar

Suggested trips for 2010 were:

Tall Ships at Hartlepool 7 to 10 August.

Pickering in the Autumn.

Newcastle Guildhall and shops in December.

Also suggested were:

Hodsocks Priory – perhaps for February 2011

Bakewell

Shibden Hall, Halifax

Saltaire

Liverpool

The bulb fields of Spalding

Waddow, Lancashire

It was agreed to have a members night out on Thursday, 15 April 2010 at Ghandi Spice.

5. Newsletter and website

Thanks to Ian Day for compiling the next Newsletter, which is almost complete. The website continues to attract interest. Yorkshire Life will feature Ossett in April and a link to this will be on the website.

6. Secretary's report

It was agreed to have Ossett themed notelets and post cards and the cost of printing would be explored with local companies.

The Chair reported that John Lockwood was organizing a Crazy Golf Night in Horbury on 17 April. It was agreed to have an OCT team of four and support the event in order to see how it worked. If feasible, it was agreed to organise a similar event in Ossett to help local charities in Ossett and raise funds. Ruth Amos and Richard Taylor volunteered to be in the team and 2 more members were required.

Two of the paintings from the Town Hall were in the process of being restored with a view to them being returned. It may be possible to locate and return some of the original furnishings. Ideally, we would like to have a museum to house original features from Ossett.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of a Scrutiny Committee and have an insight into Council business, please let Ruth know.

A letter had been received from Wakefield regarding the Statement of Principles relating to the Gambling Act. Ian Bunney volunteered to read these through and respond.

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.

It was agreed that newcomers would pay the full membership fee from the date of their joining OCT and that they would pay on an annual basis thereafter.

8. Planning Report

The planning report was run through by David Mitchell.

9. Roads & Parks

A dangerous wall within Illingworth Park had been reported and information received that it would be repaired.

Manor Road had been dug up to lay new gas pipes.

Wakefield Road had been partly refurbished at Flushdyke but drainage work was required before any further progress made.

Green Park Ossett is in the middle of having a lot of new equipment installed in the childrens play area. The existing swings would be repainted and repaired. Work to be completed by the end of February/early March as per the conditions put on by the people providing the funding.

10. Social Calendar

Date
Event

To be arranged

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

Planned Events during 2010

3 April 2010

Eggstravaganza at Green Park, 10am to 12noon. Easter egg hunt, egg rolling, egg & spoon race and decorated egg competition. Lots of eggs to win. Everybody welcome.

15 April 2010

Members night out at Ghandi Spice

July

Ossett Gala

4 September

Elizabethans dinner – a formal 'do'

September

Heritage Open Day – Ossett events arranged

Proposed events during 2010

April/May

to be proposed

7/10 August

The Tall Ship

Autumn

Pickering re-enactment

December

Trip to look around various places courtesy of Mark being a freeman of Newcastle

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Next meeting Thursday 25 March 2010 at 7.30pm at Ossett Community Centre.

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

