



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

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 January 2010

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Present: Ruth Amos, Peter Savage, David Mitchell, Angela Taylor, Peter Walker, Richard Taylor, Mark Pescod, Peter Wood, David Smith, Tony Sergeant, Alison Ripley, Ian Bunney, Lib Dem candidate.

Apologies: Mark Ryalls, Ian Day, Caron Ryalls, Lynn Ross

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 November 2009 were approved:

Approved: Angela Taylor

Seconded: Mark Pescod

3. Matters Arising

Photographic competition to close at the end of March (to be confirmed by Caron Ryalls).

Chair was asked to put forward the name Civic Voice as our choice as the new name for the Civic Initiative.

4. Ossett Events – See social calendar

Suggested trips for 2010 were:

New place needed for our first trip as Spalding Bulb clashes with Gawthorpe Maypole event.

Tall Ships at Hartlepool 7 to 10 August.

Pickering in the Autumn.

Newcastle Guildhall and shops in December.

5. Newsletter and website

Thanks to Ian Day for compiling what was thought to be the best Newsletter yet. 13,500 hits had been recorded on the website, with the most popular pages being the history information. We agreed to think about how best to distribute the Newsletter around Ossett.

Ian Day sent an email saying that he was having to stand down and could no longer get to our meetings due to work commitments. Ossett Civic Trust sent a message via the Chair that they did not want to accept his resignation but would be happy to see him, as and when, work commitments permitted. Everyone said that they would give Ian as much support as he needed to enable him to continue to manage and run our website with David Mitchell being responsible for our telephone link when queries are received

6. Secretary's report

It was agreed to have Ossett themed notelets and post cards. We agreed to have a photographic competition with a closing date of the end of March. Caron would look at the rules for launching the competition at the Christmas fair and we would look at prices for local firms to produce the cards. We would ask Ian Day to judge which pictures to use.

Chair was asked to send in our choice for the new name of Civic Initiative which was Civic Voice. Chair to report back on the outcome of this.

Chair was to liaise with John Lockwood with a view to organizing a Race Night to help all the local charities in Ossett to raise some funds. Chair to report back at the next meeting.

There was some hope that the paintings from the Town Hall could be reconditioned and that it may be possible to locate and return some of the original furnishings.

That a sign for our trips should be put on our stall.

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 Lynne.

Chair was asked to minute that with regards to subs the first financial year should be pro-rata, depending on the time of year anyone joins. This was felt would allow our treasurer to receive subs ongoing throughout the year and not one lump sum at the beginning of the year.

8. Planning Report

The planning report was run through by David Mitchell.

9. Roads & Parks

A dangerous wall within Illingworth Park was reported and advice was given to contact the Parks Department.

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. 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

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 to Chester

11 April 2009

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

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

A successful day out was enjoyed at Southport

12 September

Heritage Open Day – Ossett events arranged

Planned Events during 2009

1 November

Trip to Blackpool, including a trip to the tower and a tour of the lights

28th November

Christmas in Ossett - Christmas switch on

5th December

The Lowry and Trafford Centre

Proposed events during 2010

April/May

New venue to be proposed

The Tall Ship

7/10 August

Pickering

re-enactment

Newcastle

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

11. Any Other Business

Concern was raised re Pinfold, Westwells being a listed building and in need of some attention. It was felt that a Civic plaque should be put on this piece of Ossett history. Chair to visit the site and see what needed doing. Ruth Nettleton to be contacted to see what history she has on this site.

Peter Savage handed around pictures of postcards we are wanting to do to raise funds for our society and to enable us to go ahead with our Awards Ceremony later this year.

Concerns were raised about the Town Hall Management Committee and the fact that it is not a true representation of the people who use the town hall. Chair, in her capacity as Hon Secretary was asked to write to Joanne Rowney to see what could be done to ensure this committee acts in the best interests of Ossett Town Hall.

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