



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

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 30 July 2009 at 7.30pm.

Present: Ruth Amos, Peter Savage, David Mitchell, Lynn Ross, Peter Wood, Mark Pescod, Counsellors Alison Ripley, Peter Walker

Apologies: Mark Ryalls, Alec Metcalfe, Caron Ryalls, Janet Jones, Ian Day

1. Introduction & Welcome from the Chair
2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting on 25 June were approved:
Approved: Lynn Ross
Seconded: Peter Wood
3. Matters Arising
That going forward a meeting should be held in the month of August. It was decided to hold a meeting on Thursday 20 August.
4. Ossett Events – See social calendar

Counsellor Terry Brown looking into a trip to Ossett Brewery.

We are also looking for a good theatre trip to arrange, perhaps with a meal as well, later in the year.

The trip to Blackpool, hosted by the Blackpool Civic Trust, had now been booked for Sunday, 1 November. This will include a trip up the tower and a tour along Blackpool lights on the way home plus a talk on the coach as we travel along the sea front.

Ideas for trips to arrange for 2010 were discussed and the possibilities included a trip to the Lake District and to Beamish in the North East. Other venues were Harrogate Flower Show, Pickering VE Day Forces Weekend.

5. Newsletter and website

We have had over 11,500 hits on our website, which is excellent news. Everyone to think of items for our website and to pass them on to Ian.

We need to think of what might be included in the next edition of our Newsletter.

6. Secretary's report

It was agreed to have an Ossett calendar for 2010. We would ask for pictures of Ossett to be sent to the Chair by the end of August and ask Ian Day to judge which pictures to use. Also six-pack of cards was discussed for general use with views of Ossett.

It was felt more use of the Helen Petch Community Column in the Wakefield Express should be made. Secretary to put regular articles in this and the Society pages.

Secretary read a letter out regarding a national Civic Trust Initiative meeting in Blackpool on October 15th/16th at a cost of £9.95p. It would be good if representatives from Ossett could attend.

7. Treasurer's report

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

We have also received a letter from the Community Centre that the cost of the room rent is to rise. This was agreed in the meeting.

8. Planning Report

The planning report was run through by David Mitchell our Planning Officer. Also he brought in plans for Gedham mills on Church Street which are to be turned into apartments and flats. David reported back that he had had a very worthwhile meeting with the architect (at their suggestion).

The Planning Officer is 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.

The Planning Officer went through the planning applications and said that a letter of objection has been put in regarding Asquith's plans re the Seemore development. This is because this development is within our conservation area and four floors is unacceptable.

9. Roads & Parks

It was reported that roadworks had been started on modifying the road bumps on The Green and progress would be continued to be monitored until the job was completed to everyone's satisfaction.

It was reported that Ossett Green Park are in line to receive £50,000 from Wakefield MDC to help refurbish their playing area.

That it is hoped that a Friends of Church Street Park may be set up with help from Holy Trinity School by some young mum's. To be followed up.

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.

4 July 2009

'Ossett Through the Ages' past, present & future arts exhibition. An excellent morning when Ossett Civic Trust bags were launched.

11 July 2009

Ossett Gala - Our stall was a resounding success and many contacts made.

25th July 2009

A successful day out was enjoyed at Southport.

Planned Events during 2009

12 September

Heritage Open Day – Ossett events to be arranged.

1 November

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

28th November

Christmas in Ossett - Christmas switch on.

5th December

The Lowry and Trafford Centre

11. Any Other Business

Christmas Gala – To have a tombola, Games, Bran tub – with instant prizes. Plus also sell our bags if any are left.

Ossett Rotary to be contacted with a view to holding a mini golf evening, and to involve other groups within the town.

12. Next meeting: Thursday 24 September 2009 at 7.30pm at Ossett Community Centre.

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