



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

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 June 2009

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Present: Ruth Amos, Peter Savage, David Mitchell, Janet Jones, Lynn Ross, Ian Day, Peter Wood

Apologies: Mark Ryalls, Alec Metcalfe, Counsellor Alison Ripley, Caron Ryalls

1. Introduction & Welcome from the Chair
2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting on 30 April were approved:
Approved: Peter Savage
Seconded: David Mitchell
3. Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
4. Ossett Events – See social calendar

It was agreed to explore having a trip to Ossett Brewery in August. 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.

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 11,000 hits on our website, which was being well received.

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

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 our Planning Officer.

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 due to various letters of objection and groundswell re the road bumps on The Green these road workings were to be modified as soon as possible.

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

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

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

Concern was expressed that street cleaning in Ossett may have been reduced. The Planning Officer agreed to follow this up.

12. Next meeting Thursday 20 August 2009 at 7.30pm at Ossett Community Centre.

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