



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

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 March 2010
The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Present: Ruth Amos, David Mitchell, Tony Sargeant, David Smith, Angela Taylor, Richard Taylor, Mark Pescod, Gillian Simpson, Janet Jones, Lynn Ross, Rachael Winstanley.

Apologies: Ian Day, Peter Savage, Malcolm Simpson, Peter Walker, Alec Metcalf

1. Introduction & Welcome from the Chair

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. The Chair noted that the AGM minutes, February 2010, had been circulated for information.

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 25 February were approved:

Approved: Mark Pescod

Seconded: Lynn Ross

3. Matters Arising

The photographic competition is open and due to close at the end of March. There is some concern about the progressing this in time to get the notelets printed in time for the Ossett Gala.

The name Civic Voice has been selected as the new name for the Civic Initiative. Membership was £1 per member and it was agreed to register 10 members.

The Chair attended Wakefield Civic Trust awards ceremony which was an excellent event.

June 2010 is the 'Civic Trust' week at which OCT could showcase its work.

There is a conservation area designated in Ossett town centre. This means that planning permission is required for all changes to buildings and local groups have a say in what happens.

In response to concerns about the Town Hall Management Committee and the OCT concern that it is not a true representation of the people who use the town hall, a letter was written to Joanne Rowney. A reply has been received in which Joanne Rowney wrote to say that the local Councilors were invited to sit on the Management Committee. It was intended that the members consulted with their constituents but this has not yet taken place. She has reminded the representatives that they need to consult and given an assurance that OCT will be included in the consultation.

In order to ensure representation, it was agreed that we should write back and welcome her commitment to consultation and suggest additional members on the Management Committee and that we would be very willing to nominate a member from OCT. In response to a recent survey, it was suggested that a lower rate be charged for use of the Town Hall by local groups.

The Chair attended a meeting of local Civic Trusts. It was agreed to pay the £40 subscription rate to YACS.

It was agreed to write to the markets and ask them to position their banner at the side of the road rather than on the railings of the Town Hall.

Progress is being made in regard to 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 have been in touch with a number of people and organisations in order to improve the situation.

An English Heritage representative came out in March to see the Pinfold. They will look at providing some funding for repair and specify how this should be done. The wall along the back also needs to be repaired. A well was situated in the vicinity but this was bricked over in the 1950s. Wakefield City Council are willing to complete the repairs according to the English Heritage specification. Pinfold was built in 1871 and there is apparently evidence that the back wall belongs to the Council. If

this can be proved, then the repairs will become the responsibility of the Council. We would like to get an interpretive panel on the site. Apparently, there might have been 2 Pinfolds in Ossett. Angela and Richard will research the history and report back.

4. Ossett Events – See social calendar

Suggested additional trip for 2010 was Whitby in June but concern about whether we could fill a coach.

It was agreed to have a members night out on Thursday, 15 April 2010 at Ghandi Spice and a barbeque on 24 July in the Jones' garden. It was suggested that we share bringing meat/vegetarian and drink between us.

5. Newsletter and website

Thanks to Ian Day for compiling the next Newsletter, which was circulated at the meeting. A big thanks was given to Ian for the quality of the Newsletter. The website continues to attract interest. Yorkshire Life will feature Ossett in April and a link to this will be on the website. Over 16,000 hits on the website, which is a fantastic achievement.

6. Secretary's report

The Chair reported that John Lockwood was organizing a Crazy Golf Night in Horbury 17 April in Primrose Hall. 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, David Smith, Alyson Ripley and Tony Sargeant have volunteered to be the OCT team.

Yorkshire Life has a good article about Ossett in this edition.

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.

8. Planning Report

The planning report was run through by David Mitchell.

9. Roads & Parks

A dangerous wall within Illingworth Park had been partly taken down and a fence has been put up in its place. At least it is now safer.

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

Concern was expressed about the pot holes around Ossett and the lack of funding to repair these.

A lot of complaints have been received about litter in the gutters in Ossett. Unfortunately the machine cannot get to the edge of the roads because of parked cars.

Green Park Ossett is in the middle of having a lot of new equipment installed in the childrens play area. The existing swings are being 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

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

Members night out at Ghandi Spice, Ossett – meet at 7pm. Everyone welcome

17 April

Crazy golf night at Primrose Hall, Horbury

24 April

Trip to Liverpool £16 per ticket available from Ossett Review Office

1 May

Gawthorpe May Day

10 July

Ossett Gala

24 July

Barbeque in the Jones' garden

8 August

Trip to see the Tall Ships at Hartlepool

4 September

Elizabethans dinner – a formal 'do'

11 September

am - Heritage Open Day – Ossett events arranged

pm - Arts Day – exhibition and music

TBA

Trip to Pickering

8 December

Trip to Newcastle, special visits arranged to various places courtesy of Mark being a freeman of Newcastle

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Next meeting Thursday 29 April 2010 at 7.30pm at Ossett Community Centre.

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

