



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

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 29th May 2008

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Present: Ruth Amos, Peter Savage, Ian Day, Pat McCann, Janet Jones, Lynn Ross, David Mitchell, Caron Ryalls, Counsellor Elizabeth Knowles, Counsellor Peter Walker

Apologies: Mark Ryalls, Marjorie Burrough, Bryan Coe, Hartley Matthew, Nick Idle, David Ross, Mavis Ross, Alec Metcalfe

1. Introduction & Welcome from the Chair

The members stood for a minute's silence in memory of Mrs Day.

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved by Ian Day and seconded by Peter Savage

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Ossett Events

i) Centenary Celebrations

It was agreed that the Trust should organise an event later in the year, possibly a treasure hunt around Ossett followed by a pub meal. It would be good to attract some younger Ossett people to this event.

ii) Centenary Event (Vox) – June 7th 2008

A Showcase and Fun Day had been arranged in Ossett Town Centre to celebrate Ossett Town Hall Centenary. The events of the day include a book launch, with a limited edition available about Ossett Town Hall. There was to be a display of memorabilia, pictures stored in the Town Hall, but not normally on display, a photographic exhibition, fun fair rides, a wrestling event and Songs of Praise in the evening. Ossett Civic Trust was sharing a stall with the Friends of Green Park. Volunteers were required to be on the staff from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

iii) Heritage Open Days – 11th-14th September 2008

The 3 days proposed for the Heritage Open Days in the region are 11, 12, and 13 September 2008. A variety of activities in the district were to be organised. We discussed having a variety of events in Ossett, including opening the Town Hall and having trips round it, having an organ recital, tea and coffee and a display of photographs. The Friday Flea Market would fall within the event and it was a possibility that Trinity Church may open their tower. It was agreed to investigate whether the Town Hall would be available either on the Saturday or Sunday.

5. Newsletter and website

The next edition of the Newsletter was available and members were unanimous in their view that it was very professional, well presented and interesting. It represented really positive publicity for the Civic Trust. Thanks were given to Ian for preparing the Newsletter.

Ian had also developed a new website for the Trust: www.ossettcivictrust.co.uk. Information was already on the website about Ossett and events coming up and a good number of people from all over the Country had accessed the site. Members felt that the website was very impressive and had moved the Trust into the 21st century! Ian asked for suggestions from members for content to add to the site.

Suggestions for the future included having a competition for children, such as an essay about Ossett. Also, it was suggested that we could have awards for various activities or achievements.

It was agreed that the website facilitated the Trust being more ambitious in its activities, enabled us to build on our strengths and communicate more effectively with people in Ossett and wider afield.

6. Secretary's report

It was agreed as part of the Civic Societies Week, that we would open up our meeting on Thursday, 26 June and invite members of the public to attend. We would provide some snacks and members were requested to bring along some snacks to the meeting.

7. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported on the financial position of the Trust.

8. Planning Report

The planning reports were given.

9. Roads & Parks

There was a general concern expressed about the road surfaces in Ossett. Continued efforts were being made by David Mitchell to get an Ossett sign at the Malt Shovel. Concern was also expressed about the signage and parking in Green Park, which was being taken up by the Friends of Green Park.

10. Social Calendar

7 June

10.30 – 4.30 Showcase and Fun Day at Ossett Town Centre. Ossett Civic Trust sharing a stall with Friends of Green Park. Come along for part of the day

26 June

7.30pm Open meeting of the Ossett Civic Trust – remember to bring some nibbles.

19 July Ossett Gala

11 – 14 September Heritage Open Days

To be arranged Trip to Ossett Brewery - September

Coach trip to Harrogate

Coach trip to Whitby

Ian Clayton evening

Trip to the Christmas market at Lincoln

11. Any Other Business

Concern was expressed that the sale of the United Reform Church represented a loss of community space, although it was noted that many of the groups using the space could probably be accommodated elsewhere.

A question was posed as to whether the Trust wanted to join the Health and Social Care, which had replaced the Patients Forum.

12. Next meeting Thursday 26 June at 7.30pm at Ossett Community Centre.