



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

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 May 2009

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Present: Ruth Amos, Peter Savage, David Mitchell, Janet Jones, Lynn Ross, Caron Ryalls

Apologies: Mark Ryalls, Alec Metcalfe, Ian Day, Counsellor Alison Ripley, Peter Walker

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: David Mitchell
Seconded: Peter Savage
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.

Members were reminded that we agreed to have a hamper raffle, a guess the weight of the cake and sell the Ossett shopping bags at the Ossett Gala on 11 July. Reminder: could members bring items for the hamper to the next meeting.

Tickets for the trip to Southport are now on sale from the Ossett Review office.

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.

5. Newsletter and website

We have had over 10,000 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

Following the successful bid for funding from Grassroots for sustainable shopping bags for Ossett, several designs for bags had been considered by OCT members, who had expressed a choice. Bag design B was the winner with 5 votes, bag design A was the second choice with 4 votes. It was agreed that we would have bags printed with the first choice, hopefully to be available for sale on 4 July.

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.

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.

The Planning Officer was 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.

9. Roads & Parks

Concern was expressed about parking on minor roads and the congestion caused when there is an event on at the Silver King in Manor Road.

A reminder was given that anyone wishing to join the newly formed Illingworth Park Friends Group should contact Alison Ripley and anyone wishing to join the Green Park Friends Group should contact Ruth Amos.

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 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 25 June 2009 at 7.30pm at Ossett Community Centre.

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