



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

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 November 2009

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Present: Ruth Amos, Peter Savage, David Mitchell, Janet Jones, Lynn Ross, Caron Ryalls, Angela Taylor, Peter Walker, Richard Taylor, Mark Pescod, Peter Wood, David Smith

Apologies: Mark Ryalls, Ian Day,

1. Introduction & Welcome from the Chair

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 24 September were approved:

Approved: David Mitchell

Seconded: Peter Savage

3. Matters Arising

Peter Savage had been invited to contribute to the next edition.

At the Blackpool meeting of the Civic Societies initiative, it had been proposed that a national umbrella be formed at the cost of £3 per head. In the past OCT has benefitted from the national body but it was considered too early to judge whether this initiative would be successful and worthwhile us joining.

4. Ossett Events – See social calendar

Suggested trips for 2010 were:

Tulip fields in Spalding in the Spring

Tall Ships at Hartlepool 7 to 10 August

Pickering in the Autumn

Newcastle Guildhall and shops in December

Saturday, 28 November was the Ossett Christmas lights switch on with a Victorian Market 10am to 6pm. OCT has a stall and volunteers were required from members for the day. Please come in Victorian costume. Christmas hamper bags to be filled for a raffle.

We agreed to have another OCT banner made.

It was agreed not to have a tombola.

5. Newsletter and website

Thanks to Ian Day for compiling what was thought to be the best Newsletter yet. 13,500 hits had been recorded on the website, with the most popular pages being the history information. We agreed to think about how best to distribute the Newsletter around Ossett.

It was agreed that we need to talk to Ian about subscribing to our website via email.

6. Secretary's report

It was agreed to have Ossett themed notelets and post cards. We agreed to have a photographic competition with a closing date of 20 January. Caron would look at the rules for launching the competition at the Christmas fair and we would look at prices for local firms to produce the cards. We would ask Ian Day to judge which pictures to use.

It was agreed to have a meal at De Livio's in Ossett on Thursday January 14 at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.

There was some hope that the paintings from the Town Hall could be reconditioned and that it may be possible to locate and return some of the original furnishings.

That a sign for our trips should be put on our stall.

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 Lynne.

8. Planning Report

The planning report was run through by David Mitchell.

9. Roads & Parks

A dangerous wall within Illingworth Park was reported and advice was given to contact the Parks Department.

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

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 to Chester

11 April 2009

Eggstravaganza at Green Park, 10am to 12noon. Easter egg hunt, egg rolling and decorated egg competition. Everybody welcome.

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

A successful day out was enjoyed at Southport

12 September

Heritage Open Day – Ossett events arranged

Planned Events during 2009

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

Proposed events during 2010

April/May

Spalding Bulb Festival

The Tall Ship

7/10 August

Pickering

re-enactment

Newcastle

Trip to look around various places courtesy of Mark being a freeman of Newcastle

11. Any Other Business

Concern was raised re Pinfold, Westwells being a listed building and in need of some attention.

12. Next meeting Thursday 28 January 2010 at 7.30pm at Ossett Community Centre.

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