



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

Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 29 October 2009

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies: Mark Ryalls, Ian Day, Counsellor Alison Ripley,

1. Introduction & Welcome from the Chair

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 24 September were approved:

Approved: Peter Savage
Seconded: Richard Taylor

3. Matters Arising

Gillian Simpson had been invited to contribute to the Newsletter and an excellent article had been included in the current edition. 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

The Blackpool trip was proving to be popular but there were still some seats remaining on the coach.

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

A reminder was given about the Elizabethans craft fair 10am – 1.30 pm

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. Reminder: could members bring items for the hamper to the next meeting.

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.

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 think of a venue for an OCT meal out in January.

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.

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

11. Any Other Business

Gillian Simpson informed the members about an initiative, geocaching, which was being done as part of the Girl Guide centenary. OCT could link to this and it was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

12. Next meeting Thursday 26 November 2009 at 7.30pm at Ossett Community Centre.

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