



c/o: Ossett Community Centre,
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Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 31 May 2018

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

Present: 6 members

The Chair welcomed Kevin Trickit, Chair of Wakefield Civic Trust, to the meeting to discuss **Blue Plaques**. Kevin spoke for 15 minutes about the issues to consider in erecting blue plaques and how Wakefield had approached this issue. Wakefield have 49 blue plaques on buildings.

Issues to consider:

- Is the nomination worthy
- Research to get facts correct
- Is there somewhere to site it
- Planning permission
- Funding. Wakefield don't fund their blue plaques. Whoever nominates is required to fund it. Looking at various civic trusts, the cost varies between £300 and £600.
- Shape, size, material. Wakefield's plaques are 18 inches, made of aluminium. Blackpool made in plastic. English heritage is ceramic. Will we include our logo?
- Wakefield works with other agencies eg. Dream time Creative, who aim to increase the number of women on blue plaques.
- Need to think about small ceremony to unveil the plaque – again whoever nominates funds this.

Wakefield Civic Trust's website has the nomination form on it and other information.

The Chair thanked Kevin for his very helpful presentation and he left the meeting.

We agreed to seek nominations at our stall at the Gala in July.

1. Declarations of Interest

None declared

2. Introduction and Welcome

The chair welcomed members to the meeting.

3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The notes from the meetings of 29 March 2018 were approved.

4. Matters Arising:

The proposal that the Library will remain in the Town Hall and a lift to be installed has been approved. Further funding has been approved to improve the library facilities. This would resolve the issue about availability of public toilets in the town centre as they would be available in the Town Hall over 6 days a week.

We had concerns about the number of vacant premises in Ossett although we understand that some interest has been shown in some of the shops.

Spring Mill golf course has now been reopened as a private enterprise. A successful open day was held to introduce kick golfing. Members were encouraged to visit the Spring Mill café.

The Thorn Tree is to be reopened.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Ossett Civic dinner did make a slight surplus, mainly due to the raffle. The finances were reported to the meeting.

6. Chair & Secretary's Report:

We agreed to meet to weed the Pinfold at 7pm on Tuesday, 19 June. We need to take gloves, kneelers, forks and secateurs.

We agreed that Ossett Civic would nominate a blue plaque for the Town Hall with the organ. We could approach the Cussons company to fund on the Cussons building, recently Yorkshire Bank. It would be better if this was a going concern.. There are a number of issues that we need to consider before launching the project.

At the Big Screen event on 28 July, the Farmers market will be on at the same time during the day.

We agreed that we needed to be more visible within Ossett and that the best way of getting to be known and to attract new members was to have projects. We have had the pinfold, which was an excellent project. We are involved in the heritage plaque and also the blue plaque project but we need other projects. A suggestion was to send all residents of Ossett a survey to ask them what they liked/disliked about living here and what they would like to have in Ossett. This would give us some justification for seeking funding. We agreed to have this item on the next agenda and come to the meeting with our ideas.

If we have a stall at the Gala day, we will have a blue plaque bucket appeal and some nomination forms.

7. **Newsletter and website:**

If anyone has any interesting information to go on the OCT website, let the Chair or Secretary know.

8. **Planning matters:**

The car wash at Gledhills did not have planning permission and has now closed.

Carr Lodge Mansion – there is a request for 8 apartments with 16 car parking spaces.

9. **Roads and Parks:**

Green Park is being well used. We are still missing our buddy swing.

Manor Road is being dug up.

Illingworth Park is having a gala on Sunday, 3 June.

10. **Social Calendar**

The next Organ concert will be held on 10 June.

11. **Other Business**

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 28 June 2018

Date	Event
2018	
Sun, 8 April	Organ concert
Sat, 14 April	Ossett Civic Dinner
Sun 10 June	Organ concert
Sun, 1 July	Organ concert
Sat, 14 July	Ossett Gala in the Town Centre.
Sat, 28 July	Big Screen event
Sat, 1 or August	Football match
Sat, 8 Sept	Heritage Day
Sun, 7 Oct	Organ concert
Sat, 13 Oct	Tea Dance with the Organ Society
Sat, 24 November	Christmas Lights Switch on with OCT tombola
Sun, 2 Dec	Organ concert