



*c/o: Ossett Community Centre,
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Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 July 2019

The meeting opened at 8.30 pm.

Present: 14 members **Apologies:** 2 members

1. Declarations of Interest

None declared

2. Introduction and Welcome

The chair welcomed members to the meeting.

3. Approval of notes from the last meeting:

The notes from the meeting on 25 June were approved

4. Matters Arising:

It was noted that the WW1 Football match will be held on Wednesday, 7 August.

The draft of the wording for a blue plaque for the Town Hall will be checked out and then a mock plaque can be put together to make sure that it can be seen at a distance. At the same time, we can seek approval from Wakefield to site the plaque on the front of the Town Hall.

There is a blue plaque going up at the Brewers Pride for Reginald Earnshaw, at which his family will be invited to attend the unveiling.

The work has not been started for the re-siting of the library in the Town Hall. The survey work is still underway, at the end of which there will be a full report of all repairs required, more than originally anticipated. There is some frustration about the time being taken to make any progress. The Councillors are being informed about progress. It is intended that all the work will be carried out at the same time. There are a lot of issues to deal with, including the construction of a lift.

The old library is for sale for £140k. It may be sold to developers but concerns have been expressed about not creating competition for the Community Centre.

A dog groomers and a florist are due to open in Ossett centre. The Nat West building has been sold and there is interest in Barclays. A new photographer has opened up. The Brick House has a change of use application to office space submitted. We are fortunate in having the number of independent shops in Ossett and that we have relatively few empty shops.

Wakefield Consortium of Arts met recently and Ossett has been asked to 'sell' itself to the group as they are marketing the Wakefield district as a whole.

People are attracted to Ossett because of its successful and lively social media presence. Sponsors are attracted to Ossett United as a focal point for the town.

We agreed to write as individuals and also as Civic Trust to the Council seeking to repair the wall adjacent to the pinfold.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The finances were reported to the meeting.

6. Chair & Secretary's Report:

The next YHACS meeting will be on Saturday, 28 July if anyone is interested in attending. It will be at Selby Town Hall. The main issue to be discussed will be transport.

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:**

Kirklees have not passed the planning permission for Kingsmede. This will not be reconsidered for at least 5 years.

We discussed the proposals for new homes on the Chidswell site. This is not within the Wakefield area but will affect Ossett as it abuts Gawthorpe. We agreed that we would write to register our objection to the development of the Chidswell site.

9. **Roads and Parks:**

10. **Social Calendar**

We suggested Brewers Pride for our next meal out in September.

11. **Other Business**

Information was circulated about the Pickard family history and in particular the contribution made by Hannah Pickard through her legacies to Ossett. A request has been made for a blue plaque to be sited on Green Mount. The proposal has funding. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting, when everyone has had a chance to read the information.

It was agreed that the question of what to do with the remains of the Hannah Pickard fountain to be on the next agenda.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 29 August 2019 at 8.15pm

Date	Event
2019	
Sun, 7 April	Organ concert at the Town Hall with John Taylor
Sat, 25 May	Yorkshire Food and Craft Market
1 June	Ossett Beercart weekend
Sun, 2 June	Illingworth Park Gala
Sat, 8 June	WY Choirs Pop Festival, Town Hall
Sat, 29 June	Fake Festival, Playing Fields, Station Road
Sat, 29 June	Yorkshire Food and Craft Market
Sat, 29 June	Friends of York House Summer Fayre
Sun, 7 July	Organ concert at the Town Hall with Phil Kelsall
Sat, 13 July	Ossett Gala
Sat, 20 July	Big Screen event
Sat, 27 July	Yorkshire Food and Craft Market
Wed, 7 August	WW1 Commemorative U21 Football match, Ossett United AFC
Sat, 31 August	Yorkshire Food and Craft Market
Sat, 28 Sept	Yorkshire Food and Craft Market
Sun, 6 Oct	Organ concert at the Town Hall with David Lobhan
Sat, 26 Oct	Yorkshire Food and Craft Market
Fri, 1 Nov	Ossett Community Bonfire, Ossett United AFC
Sat, 9 Nov	1940's Parade and Tea Dance
Sat, 30 November	Switch on of the Christmas Lights in Ossett
Sun, 1 Dec	Organ concert at the Town Hall with Richard Morgan

Dates of meetings for 2019

31 January	28 February and AGM
28 March	25 April
30 May	27 June
25 July	29 August
26 September	31 October
28 November	