

Thirsk & Sowerby Civic Society
Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 8th February 2006 – 7.00pm

Present: - M I'Anson (Treasurer), F Roberts, L Roberts, E Storm, M Penson,
H Amy & C Amy.

Apologies: - None received.

In the absence of the Chairman it was proposed that Michele I'Anson act in this capacity for the meeting. *Proposed by L Roberts; Seconded by M Penson.*

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2005

Agreed by Committee and signed previously by Chairman

Matters Arising

- ◆ John Gormley seat is now to be maintained by Thirsk Town Council. Letter confirming this was received dated 16th December 2005. Committee agreed that the maintenance be left to the town council and treated in the same way as other benches around the town. Also, that the bench now be donated to Thirsk Town Council.
Proposed by M Penson; Seconded by H Amy.
- ◆ St Mary's Organ Fund donation. The publicity in the Darlington & Stockton Times stated that the Society had bought pipes and given £250 to the church. This was incorrect as the amount was for 10 pipes at £15 each and should have been £150.
- ◆ T&SCS website has been updated with the current programme. However, it would be a benefit to the society if we could have a report to accompany the photographs that Graham has included. Members to be asked at AGM whether anyone would like to do this in future.
- ◆ Local Development Framework from HDC has now incorporated the feedback from the initial report. The full transcript is available in the library in Thirsk for more information and comments.
- ◆ The windows that Harry Woodhead had to replace in Stead's Yard have now been replaced and look in keeping with the area.

Chairman's Report

None received.

Secretary's Report

None received.

Treasurer's Report

See attached.

Any Other Business

1. Concerns expressed by Mo Penson that the Riverside Mews area would be detrimentally altered with the building of a flood defensive wall up to 6' high. The committee discussed the matter and agreed to send a letter to the Environmental Agency regarding information on the planned proposals. Also, to ask for information on any planned works schedule and be added to the list of consultants.
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2. AGM to be held on Monday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe, as per programme. Suggestion that teas and coffee be offered as facilities are available there. Freda, Heather and Ellen to arrange refreshments. **FR, HA & ES**
 - ◆ **Reports requested from Chairman, Secretary and the Treasurer prior to meeting.**
 - ◆ **Confirmation required on situation regarding the Officers of the Committee.**
 - ◆ **Michele advised that she was unable to continue to carry out roles of both Treasurer and Secretary.**

3. Programme of Allertonshire Civic Society passed around. Suggestion by Len Roberts that this be photocopied and passed out to members. **MI**

Committee reminded that the next meeting will be at
7.00pm on Wednesday 12th April 2006 at 51 Fairfield

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

THIRSK AND SOWERBY CIVIC SOCIETY

Treasurer's Report – 8 February 2006

Programme Information

Since the last meeting in November we have had two events for our members, one at Shandy Hall for Christmas and the second with Harvey Dowdy learning about Gayle Mill.

For the Shandy Hall visit there were 25 members and one visitor who attended with 33 having paid. A total of £148.50 was received. This meant that the overall cost of the refreshments was nearly covered by the excess. It left a small deficit of £16.32 to pay from funds. A card of thanks has been sent on behalf of the Society together with the payment of £117.00.

In respect of the talk by Harvey Dowdy at the Golden Fleece Hotel we had 16 members with two new ones joining on the evening, a Mr & Mrs Robertson who are new to the area. We also had one visitor brought along by the speaker. We therefore have an additional £3.00 in the funds, along with the £14 membership.

Finance

The new Abbey Business Reserve is now open and we have £1,600 invested in this savings account. It has a cheque book should we need to access the funds quickly. The signatories are the same as the main account.

The accounts have been processed and are with the accountants, The Barker Partnership, at present. They will be ready for the AGM. The balance in all the accounts to date is **£2,784.83**.

Membership

Since our last committee meeting we have started a new membership year.

Sadly we have lost a number through non-renewal and one due to death.

The people who do not want to renew are;

Mr & Mrs Stewart (joined in 2004) Mr Ian Guest Mrs Dalglish

Prof & Mrs Saunders (due to ill health) Mr & Mrs Ridsdale

Mrs Tuke passed away last Autumn.

Total membership stands at 54 with 5 additional Honorary Members. I received a nice letter from Harry & Sheila Kirk with their subscription for 2006, hence the reduced number of HM's. I need to contact twelve of the members who have not yet paid their monies and these letters will be issued in the next few days.

Michele l'Anson

Treasurer