

MINUTES OF THE 34TH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF DARLEY DALE

HELD AT 7.00PM ON 22ND MAY 2014

IN THE TERRACE ROOM, THE WHITWORTH CENTRE, DARLEY DALE.

- 1) Mr Keith Bradshaw was appointed Clerk for the Meeting.
- 2) The meeting was informed that the Chairman had resigned and the Vice Chair took the Chair for the meeting.
- 3) The minutes of the 33rd Annual Meeting held on 16th May were unavailable and will be confirmed at the next meeting.
- 4) Summary of the work of the Town Council during 2013/14
 - Remembrance Service**
This was well attended as usual.
 - Pantomime**
There were two performances of the Pantomime which were well attended.
 - Twinning with Onzain**
A further exchange trip is being planned and the Vice Chair will be going on this trip. Twinning with Onzain is now in its 25th year and The Matlock Mercury ran a very nice article on this subject.
 - Planning**
On average around 50 planning applications were considered by the council in the year and there are three new developments. The Local Plan has been submitted.
 - Road safety**
A working group will be established to meet with the Police to discuss Road Safety Issues.
 - Youth Provision**
There is a shortage of volunteers and the provision of a separate building for the Youth Club is being investigated.
 - Publicity**
The Community Voice Monthly is now being published regularly and is edited by Cllr Morrison.

Thanks were expressed to all Councillors for the service they give and to Trish Ingram who retired this year. Thanks were also expressed to Carol who picked up the workload under difficult circumstances and to Janice Jackson for acting as Locum Clerk during Carol's absence.

5) Financial Report

In the absence of financial accounts and the Clerk Councillor Evans gave a brief financial report.

The reserves brought forward at 1st April 2013 were £57,000; the precept for 2013/14 was £78,000 with Expenditure of £85,000 for the year giving reserves at 31st March 2014 of £50,000. The Council is targeting reserves of £55,000 at the end of March 2015. The Precept has once again been held at the same level as it had been for previous years.

The Whitworth Centre

The financial year end has been changed from October 2013 to 31st March 2014. There is a small surplus for the current year and no funds have been requested from the Town Council. Park maintenance has been topped up with £6,000 for projects. The Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £9,000 was received for final completion of storage and changing rooms. The business as it is today could not have been achieved without the help of all staff. User groups have increased and the building and park reflect all user groups. The website looks fresh and user groups have input into it. Thanks were expressed to Trust Members for their hard work over the last 12 months since the refurbishment of the building.

The Alfred Clay Trust

There was no report as information was unavailable.

6) Other Town matters

Oker Residents have set up as a residents' group to improve their area of Darley Dale

Mr Bradshaw was thanked for stepping in at such short notice.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm