

## **FROME AND DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY DOCUMENT ARCHIVE (July 2017)**

Frome Civic Society was founded on 10 April 1970 at an open meeting held at the Technical College in Park Road. Its aims (see Civic Society newsletter July 1996) are;

- (1) To encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in Frome and district,
- (2) To stimulate public interest in, and care for, the beauty, history and character of the town and its environs,
- (3) To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest, and
- (4) To improve the quality of life in the area. (These aims were revised and updated in the Civic Society leaflet produced in 2004)

### **Draft Constitution and Schedule of Amendments to Draft Constitution**

#### **Conditions for the borrowing of the Model of Frome 20 October 1971**

#### **Finance 1970-1997**

Ledger of Accounts from 1970-1984, including lists of members and their subscriptions.

Accounts for years ending 31 March 1971-1992, including Treasurer's Reports for 1988, 1989, 1992. There are references to a Trees Fund and the planting of trees in 1989 and a grant from the Town Council for an Archive Project (Photographic Survey) in 1992.

National Westminster Bank Statement 9 October 1995, balance £115.29, plus £25 cash in old £5 notes.

Frome Society for Local Study Accounts for year ended 31 December 1996 showing a donation from the FLS to the Civic Society of £385

Letter from the FLS dated 7 March 1997 recording the transfer of funds from the Civic Society totalling £539.28 (This indicates the merging of the Civic Society with the Frome Society for Local Study, which is confirmed in the Civic Society's July 1996 Newsletter. This newsletter also mentions previous actions, helping to save the Trinity area, tidying Apple Alley and the river bank, planting trees and bulbs, and painting Cockey railings.) The terms of the merger are set out in the April 1996 Newsletter and were agreed at the FCS AGM on 16 May 1996, and include reasonable and agreed Civic Society expenses to be paid by the Frome Society.

#### **Minutes of Committee Meetings**

From September 1984 – January 1992 including April AGM's. References to tree planting, photographic surveys (Archive Project), riverbank cleaning, the Local Plan, applications, Planning Inquiries, membership of around 80.

Relaunch of Civic Society February 1994, Strategy for 1994/95 – Draft – 1 March 1994, references to the Civic Trust Study of Frome (funded by Mendip District Council and English Heritage), Barlett's proposals for developing the Market Yard.

#### **Newsletters**

January 1996, April 1996, July 1996, February 1997, July 1997, February 1998, (In the July 1997 newsletter it mentions that the Civic Society has joined, in addition to the Civic Trust, an organisation called ASHTAV (Association of Small Historic Towns and Villages, which was later merged with the Historic Towns Forum).

## **Correspondence**

Civic Trust Regeneration Unit March 1994, Derek Gill/Andy Conn July 1994, Derek Gill/Les Kimberley March 1998, Orchardleigh House July 2000, Derek Gill/David Heath, Derek Gill/CABE November 2002, John Peverley/Frome Town Council re The Leat in Cheap Street 2004, Heritage Link re Planning Consultations July 2005, also later correspondence.

**The Regeneration of Frome** by John Peverley Urban Design Quarterly Summer 2001

## **Relaunch of Civic Society 2003-2004**

Minutes of meetings, attendance on Civic Trust's Pathfinder Course by Damon Moore and Rachel Banks, new website ([fromecivic.org.uk](http://fromecivic.org.uk)), relaunch meeting 24 April 2004 in St John's Church Hall, new name 'Street's Ahead', article on the Society in Civic Trust's 'Civic Focus' Spring 2004, Design Champions Thierry Chessum and Les Kimberley.

**Membership:** Civic Society membership in 2004

## **Civic Society Leaflet Design**

**Civic Trust Model Constitution for a Local Amenity Society** and other guidance leaflets

**Comments on Planning Applications 2002, and 2003. 2004 – 2017** on Excel Spreadsheets

**Heritage Open Days 1995-2006**