

**CROSSPOOL FORUM – 10th AGM & OPEN MEETING**  
**Thurs. 24th October 2013**  
**Bullet Points**

24 Crosspool residents, Cllrs Geoff Smith , Rob Frost,& Sylvia Anginotti; PCs Louise Atha & Tim Beezley, Guest Speakers Moira Coad & Graham Simmons (Amey Streets Ahead),

**MATTERS ARISING** from AGM/Open 2012? A new Forum Management Committee Treasurer has been appointed – Angela Southward, and Clarion editor – John Holliday.  
**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT (Ian Hague).** Ian thanked Steve Reynolds (vice chair) for taking over the reins during Ian’s convalescence, & said the Committee remains as dedicated & determined as ever to community cohesion & retain “the village atmosphere” in Crosspool.  
**TREASURER’S REPORT (Angela)** The bank balance is healthy, with the Clarion printing costs still covered by advertising, & good profits from the Fayre & car boot sales. Some expenditure for Hagg Copse insurance & strimmer repairs, & plants & bulbs for the planters.

**NOMINATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, & ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None more this year, but there is still one place on the Committee, & new blood is always welcome.

**POLICE REPORT**

**Louise & Tim:**

- 1/ test purchases (underage) – one shop failed & was issued with a fixed penalty ticket.
  - 2/ Dark Nights op for Halloween & Bonfire Night starting soon.
  - 3/ Local burglaries & car crime ; - thieves entering unlocked properties or breaking into cars because valuables are on display.
  - 4/Shop lifters; three have been apprehended after an incident at Charisma.. Be vigilant with your bags & phones.
  - 5/ Individuals targeting older people at home – quoting for work & hiking up prices. Do not accept this work!
  - 6/Bogus ‘water company employees’ – tel. the police to check their identity – they will wait if genuine.
  - 7/ No Cold-calling zones – contact the police on 101 if you would like this.
- Questions including garden planters stolen, & whether Crewe Flats is staying open as a police station - still under review.

**COUNCILLORS Qs & As.**

- 1/ Petition went in re closing Crewe Flats; awaiting review conclusion
- 2/ Claremont Hospital parking issues; they are awaiting planning consent for a further park at the rear of the building., as well as present parking re-jigging. Sandygate Park requests for parking restrictions to be looked into.
- 3/ Grit bin now in place on Sandygate Park, & Barnfield Rd non-collection of black bins sorted.
- 4/ 4G services & Freeview boxes (TV reception possible interference) – nothing to report.
- 5/ Selborne Rd – request for vermin problem behind the shops to be dealt with (rubbish accumulation) & use of road as short-cut by HGVs..
- 6/ Claremont parking – causing problems on Ivy Park Rd..
- 7/ Buses; 51 problems! ‘Marginal improvement ‘ in Jan now disputed! Cancellation of in both directions on 21st Sep – why?; 5 no. 51s seen at once! Please log & pass on information. Rob is attending a meeting in the next couple of weeks with the bus companies.
- 8/ Library closures; meeting at Broomhill Beacon Methodist Church, Sat 9th Nov 10.30.
- 9/ Proposed 20mph zones; only 7 have been created city-wide this year, so when next year’s budget has been developed other zones can be requested – eg Lydgate Lane.
- 10/ Ian Hague proposed putting up St George flags for the Tour de France next summer!

**EVENTS in 2014?**

Due to overrun there was no time to discuss these – it is however proposed that the Festival Week will start with a Car boot Sale on 28th June, with the Summer Fayre on 5th July & Picnic in the Park on Sun 6th July. There was no 2012 Festival report.

### **AMEY (Streets Ahead scheme) Report**

**Moira Coad & colleague Graham Simmons ( Network Director)**were eager for feedback on their scheme in this area. Graham gave some statistics:

In 14 months they have resurfaced 95 miles of roads in Sheffield; 130 miles of pavements; replaced 4000 LED street lights; & attended to 35 thousand defects. They have to remove 75 tonnes of rubbish off the streets per month, & in the summer cut 2.8 million sq ms of grass ( 3 times). Last winter the gritters travelled the equivalent of 4 times round the world!

Some of the street lighting has proved a problem, with a lot of “fifth core” underground cabling to be replaced, so this has slowed things up. Some lights can be altered but many need replacing – 75 thousand sq ms of footpath have not been completed because of the lights. Dead or not “fit for purpose” trees are being replaced with appropriate species, & their computer modelling system & visual inspections have decided that only 75% of the roads need work. Amey is well aware of its responsibilities with regard to springs under the ground, & the gullies – all 63500 of these- that need cleaning out. There are 80 “flooding hotspots “ in the city, but any drainage system is only as good as what happens when the rain ends, as they feed into Yorkshire water pipes, some of which are quite old & have anyway a finite capacity. Graham said “95% of the time we do a really good job”.

There were queries on ginnels (no clear rule as to who is responsible for those), the Malin Bridge bridge works, the proposed A57 closure (- 8th Nov to 2 Dec), & Stephen Hill & the allotments at Hagg Lane ( -further work is to be done on improving the gate entrance to these, as the road re-surfacing has altered the drainage-).;

Steve Reynolds (vice chair) said the re-surfaced roads they have done were “fantastic”, & closed the over-running Meeting.

**Next Open Meeting – Jan 30th (Thurs) 2014 . 7pm St Columbas Church.**