

CROSSPOOL FORUM – OPEN MEETING
Thursday 30th January 2014
Bullet Points

23 Crosspool residents, Cllrs Rob Frost & Cllr. Shaffaq Monhammed, 12 members of the Forum Management Committee, the police & 3 guest speakers, attended

MATTERS ARISING from authenticated AGM minutes 24th Oct 13 – who to contact about blocked gulleys

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POLICE REPORT

Gary Hizam reported on:

1/ A couple of cold-calling incidents: Despite the no cold-caller zone signs on the lampposts) – targeting older citizens & charging far more than the job is worth. Two lads of thirteen & sixteen call to acquire the work, older men do the jobs quoted for, and then accompany people to the bank to withdraw a larger amount of cash demanded. The local banks are now all on-side about this, and will call the police if at all worried. Trading Standards have been informed. Please report anything like this on the 101 Tele Number. (The lamp posts signs are no longer permitted but households can be given small ones to use.).

2/ Illegal parking and parental 'taxi services' - hovering in the middle of the road to pick children up (e.g. Vernon Terrace). Apparently people are only allowed to park on double yellow lines to load or unloading! Parking services are prioritising an operation to crack down on illicit parking around Lydgate Junior School at the moment.

3/ Parking not facing the correct way at night; Gary intended to look at cars on his way out that evening! Citing, if a wheelchair/pram cannot pass a vehicle parked partly on the pavement this would be deemed as an obstruction.

4/ Skip licences? If a skip has been in place for a while residents were asked to phone the skip operator & find the date for removal. If this does not happen phone the Council & speak to the licencing officer Tele: 0114 2736677.

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CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP Presentation:

Dr Ted Turner (CCG Governing Body GP lead, with responsibility for public & patient involvement) spoke about how, since April 13 Sheffield's four PCTs are now one, and will be responsible for spending £700 million of our money! Consisting of ten GPs & three lay members with a staff of 75 working out of an office in Darnall, They are not responsible for Primary Care (GP practice) issues, or some high tech services in hospitals, which will remain in NHS England's care. He said there was "huge potential" in the different skill, sets and backgrounds of the staff, intending to improve the patient experience, quality and equality, and to work with the Council to reduce health irregularities, and to be sustainable. It is finally recognized that health & well-being are one and that illnesses are not just of the body but often socially generated.

Amanda Forrest (a lay member) then spoke on how they need to engage with the public and find out what patients want from the service. They are "keen to get it right", and will be holding public events, website: www.sheffieldccg.nhs.uk The 'strands' they were looking at were long-term conditions, the elderly, cancer, mental health, acute care, children & maternity. Social care must be integrated with hospital care – so care plans are in place for when people leave hospital, and new ways of looking at e.g. musculoskeletal problems explored. An important phrase at the moment is to look at "the cause of causes".

They answered questions about drug wastage & the 'Move More' scheme.

ENERGY SAVING & INSULATION.

Andrew Wood, a planning & environment consultant, spoke about how we all need to make our older homes far more energy efficient – in many cases on our own. Various government schemes have fallen through or stopped, so people must look at this as vital home improvements to protect their investment. Even a 1960s house uses 3 times the energy of a house built now, and poor insulation will affect the house's market value. If a Victorian home had no insulation at all the full package would save 75% of the energy used. Andrew can offer a customized report for individual houses, show interested people work he has done, and is bringing together local tradespeople who can help.

COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Rob & Shaffaq spoke about the 51 bus and a public meeting to be arranged soon. The A57 road works – expected to be totally completed by 3rd March. Broomhill library closure decisions on hold until March. Claremont Hospital parking (no further information), and how Amey hopes to get the rest of Crosspool road surfaces completed in 2014.

AOB.

1/ Nominations for the Crosspool Community Award for 2014 Tele or email Crosspool Forum.

2/ Forum's Festival proceeds: residents were asked for proposals for this year's chosen charity. Tele or email Crosspool Forum. See front page

3/ Sponsorship Haybrooks Estate Agents: has offered to print the Clarion – for the next year at least. They also want to sponsor two of our flower tubs in the shopping centre

4/ St Columba's Church is 60 this year –in celebration they have also offered to sponsor a tub.

5/ Shopping Precinct Canopy; the Council has inspected this & requested some repair work. The Forum anticipates that the tenants involved will work together on this.

6/ Spring Community skip; the Forum is looking to provide one in close proximity to the centre of Crosspool on a Sat morning, date and site will be announced on Crosspool News Crosspool Clarion and Spa Notice Board .

Next Open Meeting, Thursday 1st May 2014.

Car Boot Sale 10th May

Festival Week starts Fri 27th June Well Dressing and finishes with Summer Faye Saturday 5th July.