

CROSSPOOL FORUM – AGM & OPEN MEETING
Thursday 30th October 2014
Bullet Points

Some 50 Crosspool residents, 10 members of the Forum Management Committee, Cllr Geoff Smith & 6 guest speakers attended.

Apologies were received from the Police, Cllrs Murphy & Frost & the Neighbourhood Watch

11th. AGM.

Chairman's Report.

Ian Hague thanked all the people who, through their diligence and hard work throughout the past year, helped make the many activities and events beneficial to the community and local charities. events such as the Festival Week, Summer Fayre, Xmas trees & disco, summer & winter planting, Hagg Copse & orchard work) plus educational & physical exercise classes – tai chi, computers, Spanish & art. The first edition of a Crosspool Calendar is now on sale in the local shops - £4.00 a copy – with Locally Themed Pictures contributed by the community. A coach trip has been organized to take local families for a day out to Chester Zoo on 22nd May 15 & the postponed ceilidh is to be re-arranged.

Treasurers Report

Angela Southward said it had been a “pretty good year” for the Forum, with the Clarion adverts bringing in the most income, & major donations given to PACT & the CDYST.

Election of Committee

Faye Buxton, on leaving the district, resigned this autumn from her role as an early trustee of the CDYST, and as a founder member of the Forum. The Forum presented her with a card & small gift of appreciation & in return gave the Forum a framed historical photo of Crosspool.

Forum Management Committee Max 15 members’ has 3 vacancies – anyone interested please contact Ian Hague or Steve Reynolds. The floor proposed & seconded the present Committee to remain in post.

OPEN MEETING

The Minutes of the 31st July Meeting were accepted, Matters arising were: 1/ Moorview Farm planning – the plans for the farmhouse & its immediate area have been accepted; two other plans are being revised to be re-submitted. 2/ The petrol station proposed re-development; traffic issues are under discussion. (Geoff Smith)

Amey (Streets Ahead) Update

Nick Hetherington & Claire Tideswell reported that the work on the local roads has been completed – street lighting about to be done by different teams, then pavements in Jan '15, & all diseased trees removed & replacements planted by March 15. (Sandygate Rd/Coldwell Lane/Ivy Park/Snaithing Lane is part of the A13 zone so will be done in 2015). Questions were taken from the floor & answered as follows:- the old lampposts are dangerous & must be replaced but not always in the same spot, leaf clearing has started; & any damaged kerbs (tree roots) will be reconstructed.

There was a feel the teams had been “absolutely excellent” & this praise will be passed on. Geoff Smith answered questions about winter gritting; there will be a £100k reduction in the Winter Maintenance scheme, & the number of roads to be gritted has been reduced over the city from 59% to 52%. Coldwell Lane & Hagg Hill have been reinstated as needing gritting. (Roadside grit bin numbers have been rationalized – from 2000 to 1400).

Heeley Development Trust

Maxine Bowler said her trust organizes low cost adult learning in this area. Questionnaires were handed out to ask residents what they would like to see available – yoga, computer tablet instruction, languages, family history research etc? Suggestions (- & as to whether day or evening course would suit) to Ian Hague. The Crosspool ipad classes start on 3rd Nov & Art on 6th.

First Bus Company Update

Andy Metcalfe said the new Sep. Timetable & buses should have improved the 51 service for Crosspool and Lodge Moor residents – ((however the floor said NOT)). There had been ticket machine speed problems & illness – 18 drivers off on Mon.27th Oct. to see if climbing stairs slows things down, single deckers brought back on the 51 route trials period, & school buses

are being introduced next week. A new Operations Manager & Route Manager have been appointed & will attend future Open Meetings if requested. Brookhill Roundabout was recognized as "a nightmare". The Sheffield Universities plans for the nearby flyover might mean changes to the 51 route in the future – possibly one-way routes. It was suggested the outbound route comes along Glossop Rd – better for the RHH (with people cutting through to the university, Childrens & Weston Park Hospitals. Issues with parking on bus routes & ending the 51 inbound at the city centre were all brought up. Apparently the 51 is "the most cross-city travelled route in the city" – 7% of people using it to come from Arbourthorne etc to S10. Drivers will be reminded to assist scooter users & suggest buggies be folded to make way for them.

New Restaurant Opening.

The managers of the new 'Aligarh' (= Ali's House) Kashmiri restaurant (Artisan site) attended to thank the Forum for its support, & say what a successful 'soft launch' it had had last week – fully open now, with a take-away menu available.

Hagg Lane Allotment Society.

Ian Hague asked the Meeting whether it would agree for the proceeds from the car boot sales 2014 be given to help the Allotment Society fund them with replacing the burnt-down shed (with some sort of steel 'container')? This was agreed.

Councillor's Questions

Geoff Smith answered questions as follows: 1/ the Claremont Hospital proposed car park is still at the planning stage, but residents must contact the Hospital Director if any staff are parking dangerously or anti-socially on residents' streets nearby. 2/ A request for a dog-poo container, & queries about leaves & litter were taken on board, & 3/ the vandalized telephone kiosk in the precinct noted.

Events:

Festival Week '15 – New members to "revitalize" the team wanted, first meeting on 6th Nov, in The Lounge Crosspool coffee shop, any ideas for Festival events to chair (Rev Frances Eccleston).

Summer Fayre '15 – helpers always needed – so those running activities & stalls can have a break during the afternoon.

Diary Dates – Well Dressing Fri 26th June, Sat Open Gardens with many activities throughout Festival week. Week ends with Summer Fayre 4th July & 'Picnic in the Park' service on Sun 5th July.

Local Walks – Tues 10am, meet outside St Columba's church (Todd Micklethwaite).

Recycling envelopes – one in each of the last issue of the Clarion – pop your used printer cartridges (genuine) in & drop in the post box

The Next Open Meeting will be on Thurs. Jan. 29th 2015.

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