

**CROSSPOOL FORUM – AGM & OPEN MEETING**  
**Thurs 29th Oct 2015. –**  
**Bullet Points**

Cllr Geoff Smith, 8 Forum Management Committee members, 2 guest speakers & 42 others attended

Ian Hague having welcomed everyone went on to reflect on how the forum had progressed - since its inception in May 2002 & its official start in June 2003. The many guest speakers invited to these quarterly meetings and of the opportunity residents have to raise issues of concern, & put questions to Councillors, Council officers & the police. He gave a "big thank you to past & present committee members", Thanked the Crosspool Clarion sponsors and advertisers, reminding that items of local interest, letters, adverts of local services can be submitted for consideration for publication and that our website – Crosspool news receives approximately 40 thousand hits a quarter! Our Commitment to maintaining good Neighbourliness & help improve local facilities, working closely with Heeley Development Trust prompting health and welfare & adult educational courses in the community. Procured New sets of LED lights have bought for the precinct Christmas trees, second edition of the Crosspool Calendar available from Charisma; Enhance, GT News & the Pet Shop (£4.00). The Forum committee presently has 12 active members, nomination for the remaining vacancies are welcome – please get in touch with Ian or Steve Reynold

**Treasurer's Report**

Angela Southward mentioned that £900 has just been spent on printing the calendars & about £500 on new Christmas tree lights, the Tai Chi classes remain self-funding. Thanked the local businesses for advertising in the Clarion, & said that the Festival Week had raised £1200 – donating £600 to Care in Crosspool & £600 to the Roundabout charity). The Fayre raised approximately £1000 for the community.

**Crosspool Person Of The Year Award Presentation**

Robert (at The Pet Shop) counted the votes– Paula Stacey (The Lounge & WI community work) received 15, Keith Kendall (RVCG) 18 & Steve Reynolds (Forum vice-chair) 22.

**Police Report**

Unable to attend, PCSO **Gary Hizam sent** the following policing update; 2 thefts of pedal cycles from St Francis Close. Both cycles were chained up in the communal areas.

2 thefts from outbuildings/garage, one on Cardoness Road and one on Barncliffe Crescent, where a number of items were stolen; vehicle broken into on Marsh Lane, window smashed with a brick.

2 Break-ins on Sandygate Park Road and Ryegate Road gained entry by snapping euro locks,

Couple of bogus officials quoted for a roofing job on Watt Lane and on Stephen Drive where a males quote for roofing that didn't need doing. (3 males arrested at a later date),

On a plus note 3 persons, possibly connected to the burglaries in the Crosspool areas, were arrested in the Sheffield 10 areas.

Anything suspicions Tele::101 or 2964970 Mobile: 07584617200– E-mail: Gary.Hizam@southyorks.pnn.police

**Yorkshire Water Rivelin Valley Treatment Works**

Unfortunately the Project Manager unable to attend is happy to arrange a meeting within the next two weeks, if required, or will attend our next open meeting in January.

Bullet point up to date of scheme; October has been an extremely busy month, seeing some major achievements on the large scheme. First week of October, scheme obtained internal board approval. 12th October, Mott MacDonald Bentley (MMB) signed the delivery contract to carry out the scheme. Sheffield City Council Planning Committee have now approved the planning permission application. As with all new green belt builds, granting of planning permission is still subject to secretary of state approval; government is now on a short timescale to respond. When final approval from the secretary of state comes through (expect early November) programme will be at least four weeks ahead and the new underground build scheme, costing around £20million, on track to be finished by the end of 2017. The work is not expected to disrupt the water supplies.

**Amey Streets Ahead Report.**

Claire Tideswell said by the end of January all the Sandygate Rd pavements should be completed – an extra team has been put on Fulwood Road to redo the pavements. The carriageway will be done at night next March. (July '16) Manchester Road improvements will start with new lights, pavements & then the carriageway – (Sep '16). (The 'wavy' bit of road surface at the top of Sandygate Lane will be looked at again – because of the ancient wall there the usual excavations could not be undertaken)

There was a lively discussion about the new position of the white line demarcating the two lanes down Sandygate Rd – especially the bottom section. Despite being designed by a council official, to deliberately "enhance road safety, especially for cyclists" this was felt by several residents to be having the opposite effect. There was felt to have been no consultation with cyclists so **Geoff Smith** will report back to the Council on these real worries.

Decreasing the Manchester Road speed limit from 40 to 30mph was again raised, & concerns about Selborne Rd (- should it be one-way?-) & the junction with Manchester Rd put to the councillor. Ian Hague pointed out that when the Jet petrol station is re-developed the junction might need to be altered anyway.

There was a question on traffic light timing sequences – especially at the bottom of Manchester Rd. This was felt to allow insufficient time for the traffic to clear. It was pointed out that Sheffield is now on the danger list for traffic air pollution.

Darren Butt (Amey Operations Director & an arboriculturalist) was quizzed heavily about local trees due to be felled & some in other parts of the city. He said a great deal of work had been done on inspecting them, but if there is any sort of risk they must be cut down. They are looking again at some – e.g. Lydgate Park – with a view to heavy pruning, but the Marsh Lane junction tree has decay where it was pruned in the past. There is a “marmite factor” to trees in Sheffield – some people do not want them – but Amey has a real “investment in the landscape of Sheffield” & is replacing 100 % of the trees. There are no bats roosts in any that are being felled, but wild bee colonies were not taken into account. There was a feeling that the debate on trees had at least meant Sheffield now has a policy on trees, for the first time in decades (which will be out in the spring).

**AOB.**

1/ Unable attend on this occasion – regrettably a First Bus representative wasn’t on hand to answer questions on their booklet references to improvements in the service?

2/ New Festival Chair – Lindsey beagles has been elected.

3/ Trustee vacancy for the CDYST (Coldwell Lane) – anyone interested in finding out more to contact Gillian at [g.m.drinkwater@btinternet.com](mailto:g.m.drinkwater@btinternet.com)

**The Next Open Meeting, Thursday 28th Jan. 2016.**