

## CROSSPOOL FORUM - OPEN MEETING

Thurs 28th Jan 2016.—

### Bullet Points

**Attendees** Nine Forum Management Committee members, thirty two Crosspool residents' three guest speakers and Cllrs Geoff Smith & Anne Murphy. Apologies received from Claire Tideswell, Cllr Rob Frost, Roger Kite, and Angela Southward.

Ian Hague welcomed everyone. Minutes of the October meeting were agreed. Matters arising - Geoff Smith reported no progress on changing the Manchester Rd 40mph limit to 30 mph, but that Sandygate Rd would have its white lines changed back to the original position this coming week. The Broomhill traffic lights & new Crookes junction appear to have decreased the speed of the traffic - Geoff will look into this.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Angela Southward reported, through the Chair, that the Forum is 'in a good financial position'; all calendars sold & made a profit for the community: new Christmas trees, LED lights & Electrical interfaces cost £800 approx.: public liability insurance £273; donation to Hagg Lane allotments for a 1st Aid kit & fire extinguishers £100: donations from shredding the old Christmas trees brought in £300. Thanks to a generous donation from the Spar, this year's Children's Christmas Disco broke even. Tai Chi became self-financing this year: bookings for Summer Fayre & Street Market have started to come through.

### **Police Report**

Phil Whittaker PCSO attended to give the meeting the following update:

1st Nov 2015 - 28th Jan 2016 four burglaries of local dwellings: one attempted outbuilding break-in: 10 thefts from vehicles (license plates. catalytic converters and externally carried spare wheels). Increase in metal thefts (lead from bay windows) - vehicle seized and found to be carrying stolen lead.

No more staff redundancies among the police are due this year.

Answering questions from the floor, he suggested that with the recent increase in vandalism, graffiti, shocking and actual verbal filth from King Edwards schoolchildren, waiting to get on inbound buses for the Crosspool precinct stop, some form of CCTV be relocated in the precinct. Possibly permanently if purchased by council businesses & the local community.

### **Yorkshire Water Rivelin Valley New treatment Works**

John Bond (Communications team) & Simon Balding (project manager) gave a PowerPoint presentation about the adopted plans, (Option 2 - an underground building with low grassed-over mound) recently started off the Manchester Rd.

As the tea colour" of our peatland water is 'challenging to treat, this scheme needs to be really robust' with a lasting legacy policy' - working with the Crosspool Forum. RVCG & Sheffield Wildlife Trusts, Nick Clegg MP did the first spade-cut into the ground, and they are working towards completion by early 1918.

### **Amey Streets Ahead Report**

Claire Tideswell (South West Community Steward | Streets Ahead) sent her apologies and a brief report, readout by Ian: the absence of street lighting along Manchester Road, west of the Stephen Hill/ Benty Lane junction. Fault on this section being investigated - it might be a Northern Power Grid issue.

Manchester Road: Kerbing is programmed to start in February, pavement resurfacing in September and road resurfacing in November: 31 Trees left to fell, 2 new trees have been planted so far, 32 to be replanted. Street lighting is continuing across the zone.

Sandygate: Pavement resurfacing works restarted 11 Jan. work expected to continue until end of February (weather permitting).

Trees: 96 trees and 1 stump to be felled 84 trees have been planted, 18 to be planted between November 16 and March 17.

Street lighting and road resurfacing works are completed.

Roadshow for residents/businesses planned for August.

Ian has a stock of sprouting daffodils (donated by Valleyside) for immediate planting - he asked residents to collect some to plant on their own verges. (Amey has promise a few thousand bulbs for planting in late autumn.

The Councillors answered concerns about cars parking over the new kerbs & verges. An attendee quoted that Section 22 of Road Traffic Act says it is illegal to park on pavements.

Cllrs advised that verges are part of the Highway so any requests for anti-parking measures (bollards etc) must be directed to the council

Councillors also answered a question on the 'wavey' road surface downhill from the Claremont. The different surface is due to problems with the old quarry next to the road.

### **Transport Update**

Andy Metcalfe (First Bus) apologized for forgetting to attend last meeting and for the problems, just before Christmas, with a new network in place. The 51 route has since improved but the work round the University & queuing to get in to park at Weston Park hospital, are still causing delays. Anne Murphy has spoken to the hospital. Some parking spaces are being allocated at the new Children's Hospital car park. They have agreed to stagger clinic times to ease the traffic flow.

The bad behaviour of the school pupils was raised again (see above. Police report), Conductors on buses, identifying individuals concerned, and stopping them visiting the shops before boarding bus were all mentioned He said he regretted our 'new buses' have been sent to the Fulwood route, but they proved slower than the old ones - & punctuality is important. Ian thanked Andy for the bus he provided for the children's Chester Zoo trip.

### **Councillors Questions & Planning Issues**

Amey was congratulated on how courteous its workmen were – Cllr Anne Murphy will pass this on.

Discussions continue with the staff & director of Claremont Hospital with regard to parking in the area, with no immediate solution.

Work has started on the Jet petrol station site.

Nothing is known about plans for the Hallam Towers, other than it has been sold.

Anne thanked everyone for the donations given to her food bank - £484 worth.

Not standing for reelection in May, Ian thanked Cllr Geoff Smith for all his hard work, commitment and dedication to our community. This was concurred with applause from Anne and the attendees.

### **Events**

Lindsey Beagles (new chair of Festival Team) said this year's theme is CARNIVAL and asked for input or ideas. There will be something for everyone during the festival!

The Forum received over 100 photos for the calendar- more please! (Planning on it being published a couple of weeks earlier this year so it can be sent abroad in good time).

Ian said the tablet, art & tai chi classes are going well - anyone interested in Spanish classes, contact Ian or Steve. Ideas for the next day out, and help at the Summer Fayre needed.

### **AOB**

Nominations for this year's "Crosspool Person of the Year" to Steve or Ian, before the last day of April.

Sandygate Rd white line: Adam Hanrahan thanked everyone for their support in getting it restored to its original position.

The Next Open Meeting will be on Thursday May 5th 2016.