



Outer East Area Committee

Minutes from Cross Gates Forum

17 July 2013

held at Crossgates & District Good Neighbours building

Present:

Councillor Pauleen Grahame (Chair), Cllr Debra Coupar, James Nundy (LCC - South East Area Support Team, minutes), Jean Thacker (resident), Simon Norman (LCC – South & South East Locality Team), Pelagie Crofton (resident), Jean Barnbrook (1st Manston & 1st Cross Gates Guides), Rebecca Slatcher (1M & 1CGG), Dave Coulthard (Crossgates Shopping Centre), Sgt Vicky Cocliffe (West Yorkshire Police), Mildred Horner (resident), G. Towers (resident), Thelma Renton (resident), Moira Flynn (Crossgates & District Good Neighbours), Eileen Sutcliffe (resident), Roy Dobson (resident), Carol Macklam (resident), Bob Lawrence (East Leeds Historical & Archaeology Society), Jacki Lawrence (ELH&AS), Eamonn Judge (Cross Gates Watch Residents Association), Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC - Youth Service)

Apologies:

Cllr Peter Gruen, Rosalie Thompson (resident), Phillip Marsden (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Nick Borrás (LCC – Highways)

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Grahame welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions around the table were made.	
1.2	The above apologies were noted.	
1.3	Cllr Debra Coupar was introduced as the new ward member for Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward.	
2.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2013	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	(10.1) Crossgates Medical Centre Unfortunately, the former garage site next to M&S on the Ring Road is unavailable for the new medical centre. It is hoped another site can be found in the local area.	
3.2	(5.1) Station Road speed cameras The camera warning signs are now installed, therefore the system can legally be active.	
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	Consultation about potentially charging for on-street parking permits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident Pelagie Crofton (PC) raised the issue of the proposed parking permit charging scheme • The questionnaire sent out to residents was tabled and a discussion about 	

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4.2	<p>the proposed £50 charge took place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair, Councillor Pauleen Grahame, emphasised the need for residents to return the questionnaire with their objections to the proposed parking permit charges • PC wanted to highlight the abuse of the current parking permit system on her street, eg some properties have up to four permits • PC raised the issue of four new signs recently being installed on Chestnut Avenue detailing that the permit scheme is in operation 24/7 • Simon Norman (LCC - Environmental Action Officer) was able to bring up information on his PDA, stating the hours of operation are 8am-6pm. PC disagreed with the data • PC felt that the parking wardens come at inappropriate times • Councillors are aware that parking tickets have been implemented • PC moved to the area after the current parking scheme was implemented <p>Actions: Councillor Pauleen Grahame, emphasised the need for residents to return the questionnaire with their objections to the proposed parking permit charges Councillor Pauleen Grahame to write to residents of Chestnut Avenue Issues raised over the hours of operation in Chestnut Ave: Is it 8am-6pm or 24/7? Simon Norman to visit the street and look at all the signs</p>	Residents Residents Cllr PG SN
5.0	Highways updates	
5.1	Nick Borrás sent his apologies for this meeting and so the item was deferred.	
6.0	Community Safety – Neighbourhood Policing Team	
6.1	<p>Contact points for your local Neighbourhood Policing Team: Tel: 0113 285 5335 Email: banpt.cwt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk Website: www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt (then navigate via the map or add your postcode to the box)</p> <p>6.2 Sgt Cocliff gave an update on crime in the area from 17 June – 17 July 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been three burglary – other (eg sheds). These were on the Ring Road, Manston Approach and The Drive. There were six in the previous period • There were two burglary – dwelling. These were on Austhorpe Road and The Drive. There were three in the previous period • There was one attempted burglary on the Ring Road and this lead to an arrest • There were two TFMVs (Theft From Motor Vehicle) on Austhorpe Road and Marshall Street • There were no TOMVs (Theft Of Motor Vehicles) in this period, compared to one last period 	
7.0	Environmental Action update – Simon Norman	
7.1	<p>Simon Norman is your local Environmental Action Officer (EAO) and his contact details are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobile 07891 278 378 • email simon.norman@leeds.gov.uk 	

<p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>7.5</p> <p>7.6</p> <p>7.7</p>	<p>From 16 April – 14 July 2013 there have been 138 request for service including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 fly tipping offences • 21 overgrown vegetation queries, some involving legal notices • 19 notices served (eg WIGs, takeaways, fines, dog fouling) • 18 litter picks • 16 Waste In Garden complaints • 11 dog fouling complaints • 3 blocked drains <p>The frequency of mechanical street sweeps has increased:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manston’s, Kelmscott’s / Pendas: from every 14 weeks to every 28 days • Kennerleighs / Smeaton’s: from 14 weeks to every 56 days • Tracking devices in the vehicles monitor where the sweepers are <p>It was noted that LCC litterpickers can be identified by their sticks and a bag of collected litter.</p> <p>It was noted that Back Austhorpe Road is not suitable for the large street sweeper. Other smaller vehicles are available in the fleet.</p> <p>Reports of dumped asbestos sheets at rear of 19 Chestnut Ave</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon to investigate <p>It was reported Austhorpe Lane (from number 150 to the bridge) always had lots of parked cars so the sweepers couldn’t sweep. LCC Highways write to residents if a section of road is continuously blocked so a sweep can’t take place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon to check the date of the last sweep and arrange a new sweep if necessary 	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>SN</p> <p>SN</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Activities for young people</p>	<p></p>
<p>8.1</p>	<p>Deeta Tren-Humphries gave an update on recent work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team was in Manston Park yesterday and confiscated alcohol from underage youths • A couple of young lads have got onto a horticulture course held at Temple Newsam. It’s in association with LCC, Groundwork and The Maltings College (also see 12.2) • National Citizen Service (NCS) is ongoing. The scheme, started by David Cameron, needs to engage 1000 young people over two years. It involves a five day residential and is a social community action project. The downside to the project is it takes Youth Workers out of regular activities over the summer • It is hoped some youth provision can still be arranged in the local area this summer 	<p></p>
<p>9.0</p>	<p>Planning issues – Cllr Gruen</p>	<p></p>
<p>9.1</p>	<p>Cllr Gruen sent his apologies. Item deferred.</p>	<p></p>
<p>10.0</p>	<p>Cross Gates Christmas lights switch-on 2013 – Cllr Grahame</p>	<p></p>

10.1	<p>Date: Thursday 14 November 2013 Event time: 7-8pm Road closure: 6-8pm</p>	
10.2	Date is booked in with the LCC Events Team. It is the first Thursday after the city centre lights switch-on.	
10.3	Funding for the festive motifs (14 on Austhorpe Road and three of the six on Station Road outside St Theresa's, plus two on Station Road by Paws For Thought) has been secured from the Outer East Area Committee.	
10.4	Funding has also been secured from the Outer East Area Committee for a switch-on event but it is hoped local businesses will make donations.	
10.5	Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress are attending for the grand opening.	
10.6	Progress is being made to secure a steel pan band for a Christmas carnival feel.	
10.7	1 st Manston Brownies & Guides choir are on the bill again.	
10.8	We are hoping to get another Breeze Act. The competition takes place soon so we will know more in September when the competition is over.	
10.9	Who will be pressing the button this year?	
10.10	The event still needs residents input into the event – it's your event, what would you like?	Residents
10.11	<p>A question was raised over the Christmas tree on the roundabout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A living Christmas tree was planted earlier this year but will take a couple of years for the roots to anchor sufficiently to be able to have lights suspended in it. Whilst the tree growing to the necessary height, a cut tree with Christmas lights will be added to the roundabout each year 	
11.0	Other updates	
11.1	<p>Crossgates & District Good Neighbours Scheme – Moira Flynn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magazine tabled: 'Third Sector, Third Age – Reaching out to older people' which showcases the work of three neighbourhood networks in east Leeds 	
11.2	<p>Crossgates Shopping Centre – Dave Coulthard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebranding of the Centre is complete with fresh new orange signage • Toilet refurb is underway • Hosting a regular tea dance in central square on the last Thursday of each month • One of the smaller units wants to move into the larger former Blockbuster unit • The current Post Office on Austhorpe Road is due to close in November but a Post Office franchise is interested in a unit within the Centre. Discussions are ongoing. • Co-op Travel is closing but there are new tenants lined up to move in: Officers Club, a clothing shop • The empty units on Austhorpe Road aren't part of the Shopping Centre but plans are being developed with LCC to fill the empty units • The Arndale House office block is due a refit: somewhere between 	

	<p>£225,000 and £500,000 will be spent on it before Christmas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Query raised re 'skip raiders' following suspicions that someone was taking eggs from the bins and throwing them around the area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Traders waste units are usually locked, although some are currently broken. Dye has been added to the waste to help monitor if items are being taken <p>11.3 1st Manston Guides – Jean Barnbrook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six Guides are working towards their Baden Powel Award • The group have visited Phillip's Hair academy in Leeds and links have been made for future years • Been supporting MacMillan at the Leeds 10k race again and were voted the best cheerleaders • The Guide show is later this week • There will be a picnic in Manston Park tomorrow • There will be a pizza making session next week • Looking forward to the Wellies and Wristband festival in Clitheroe • Hoping to move into new premises later this year • The Guides are to help LCC Parks & Countryside to maintain the Barnbow Memorial flower bed • Question: why doesn't Cross Gates have a gala? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cllr Grahame stated she was looking into the possibility of holding one <p>11.4 East Leeds Historical & Archaeology Society – Bob Lawrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Grahame tabled a photo of the Barnbow Memorial flower bed which is designed as a dove. The design was a winning competition entry from a local primary school • An event for the past and present history of Cross Gates was recently held and well attended • A few new people have recently joined the group taking the members tally to 134 • Leeds Civic Trust will be providing a blue plaque for the Barnbow tank factory gates on Austhorpe Lane. The plaque is sponsored by Bellway Homes <p>11.5 Summer cricket camps – James Nundy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters were tabled about the Outer East Area Committee funded cricket camps at Kippax and Whitkirk Cricket Clubs over the summer holidays • The Kippax week runs 29 July – 2 August and Whitkirk runs 12-16 August • Both weeks are heavily subsidised by your local councillors • For more information and to book onto the scheme please contact Tony Bowry (Yorkshire Cricket Board) on 07976 710 933 or tbowry.ycb@virginmedia.com <p>11.6 Older Person's Event Week – James Nundy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running 30 September to 4 October 2013 • Coincides with the International Day of Older People on 1 October • Funded by your local councillors via the Outer East Area Committee • 5 local events across the outer east at Gt Preston, Swarcliffe, Kippax, Halton and Garforth • Your local event is at Christ Church in Halton on Thursday 3 October, running 10am – 2:30pm and supported by Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours • The events consist of information stalls, buffet and entertainment, 	<p>Cllr PG</p>
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	<p>designed to raise awareness and reduce social exclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To book and for more information please contact Moira Flynn at Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours on 0113 260 6565 or email admin@crossgatesgns.org.uk Question raised as to whether St Theresa's could be used for the event next year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James to run it past the committee and report back 	JN
12.0	Any Other Business and date of next meeting	
12.1	<p>Site Allocations Plan - consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JN tabled a handout regarding an ongoing LCC consultation Deadline for responses is 29 July 2013 	All
12.2	<p>Traineeship for 16-18s in horticulture and landscape gardening at Temple Newsam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT-H tabled posters Contact is Paula Hinsley on paula.hinsley@groundwork.org.uk and 0113 238 0601 or text ROOTS & BOOTS to 07505 946 489 	
12.3	<p>Apprenticeships - Cllr Coupar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The national apprenticeship scheme has over 200 vacancies in Leeds at the moment. See www.apprenticeships.org.uk 	
12.4	<p>Hot off the press – James Nundy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Outer East Area Committee newsletter was tabled, summarising the recent meeting and key work from the area 	
12.5	<p>Agenda items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highways updates Planning issues – Cllr Gruen Invite representative from the Barnbow pub 	JN JN JN
12.6	Please see the summary of actions table below.	All
12.7	<p>Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9 October The subsequent dates for this cycle are Wednesday 8 January 2014 and then Wednesday 2 April 	All

Summary of ongoing actions

Action	Lead by	Progress	Action closed or open
<p>Cross Gates Christmas lights switch-on event 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date to be added to Events Team calendar Fundraising required Well-being application required to earmark funds Everyone to think about what they would like to see this year 	<p>Cllr Grahame / James Nundy / Jean Barnbrook</p>	<p>April 2013: New action</p> <p>July 2013: Date secured as 14/11/13. Funding approved. Planning underway</p>	Open