



**Outer East Area Committee
Minutes of the Cross Gates Forum
9 October 2013
held at Crossgates & District Good Neighbours**

Attendees:

Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Cllr Debra Coupar, Cllr Peter Gruen, Paul Spandler (LCC Locality Team), Bob Lawrence (East Leeds Historical & Archaeological Society), Jackie Lawrence (Crossgates & District Good Neighbours), Shirley Evison (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Roy Dobson (resident), Rev'd Carolyn James (Manston St James), Karen Gray (Connecting Crossgates), Rev Sarah feaster (St James' Church), Sophie Stephenson (Crossgates Shopping Centre), Rebecca Slatcher (1st Manston & 1st Cross Gates Guides), Jean Barnbrook (1M&1CGG), Pelagie Crofton (resident), James Nundy (LCC – South East Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies:

Jean Thacker (resident), Phillip Marsden (DNW), Eileen Sutcliffe (resident), Carol Macklam (resident), Nick Borrás (LCC Highways), Deeta Ten-Humphries (LCC Youth service), Moira Flynn (C&DGNS)

Item	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Actions
1.0	Cllr Pauleen Grahame welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.	
1.2	Forum attendees were reminded about the LCC protocol for using electronic equipment at meetings. A report is available here> Democracy - use of electronic equipment and recording protocol	
2.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2013	
2.1	The minutes from the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	(3.1) Medical Centre - Cllr Gruen The site issues have been resolved so the plans for the medical centre could potentially continue.	
3.2	(4.1) On-street parking permit proposals The councillors thanked everyone who responded to the questionnaire rejecting the proposals and reiterated they were opposed to the scheme from the start. Currently awaiting recommendations not to progress the proposal from Scrutiny Board before it can go to the Executive Board. The next update will follow the Exec Board meeting.	
3.2	(4.2) Chestnut Avenue letters All letters were sent out but were not received by Pelagie Crofton or Thelma Renton. Cllr Grahame to resend	Cllr PG
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	Ring Road pedestrian movements Bob Lawrence raised his concerns about the Ring Road between the Barwick Road and Cross Gates roundabouts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic speeds in excess of the 40mph limit 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian crossing point at the Barwick Road end only, but there are lots of young people needing to cross at the other end to get to the schools • Can anything be done to combat the speeding or make a second safe crossing point? <p>Action: JN to ask Nick Borrás if it's possible to have a traffic survey done</p>	JN / NB
5.0	Highways update	
5.1	Nick Borrás sent his apologies.	
5.2	<p>Devonshire parking scheme - Cllr Grahame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses have been received and the results are being collated all residents will be written to • A plan will be produced with a preferred scheme • Notices will be added to lamp posts and include dates 	
5.3	<p>Austhorpe road zebra crossing – Cllr Grahame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bus stop will move back to where it was 	
6.0	Community Safety	
6.1	<p>PC Pritchard and PCSO Broadbent attended to give an update from West Yorkshire Police with statistics from the last six week period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglaries are up on last year, with 13 recorded vs six in the same period last year. Seven of them were through insecure doors or windows • There have been 13 burglaries of sheds / garages vs 12 last year, five of which were targeting high value cycles • The Lulworth and Kennerleigh areas will be targeted tonight with letters from the Police through any open windows which are spotted • Cycle security can be increased whilst at home by installing a ground anchor to sheds and garages, available from good cycle shops • Theft from motor vehicles were recorded at seven for this period vs two in 2012. Four of them were from unlocked vehicles on Manston Gardens, Manston Avenue, North Avenue and in the new build estate • Theft of fuel is on the increase • Working on a new project with anti-tamper screws for number plates • One theft of motor vehicle recorded • There were 13 anti-social behaviour reports vs 26 in 2012 	
7.0	Environmental Services – Paul Spandler	
7.1	<p>Locality Team Activity Report for 18 July to 9 October 2013</p> <p>The Team responded to 154 requests for service. Common issues included:</p>	
7.2	<p>Flytipping, particular areas affected include, Smeaton Approach, Bullerthorpe Lane, Manston Lane, Station View, Marshall Avenue, Manston Gardens. Collection team are now routinely visiting these areas. One person likely to be prosecuted for the tip on Manson Lane as they left their name and address on cardboard boxes. Tree cuttings dumped by Grafton Villas dealing with the culprit</p>	
7.3	Dog fouling continues to be a focus with our dog warden and enforcement officers who	

	have been patrolling hot spots including. Kemsing Walk, Church Lane, Austhorpe Road and also Manston Park and ginnels. Four fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued for dog control issues: two for fouling and two for allowing dogs to roam unattended.	
7.4	Dealt with an issue of mud left on the road from builders on Whitkirk Lane and also had Bellway Homes cut a willow tree back that was obstructing the path on Kelmscott Lane.	
7.5	Cleaned out road gulleys on Austhorpe Lane, Marshall Street. Manston Lane and Barwick Road.	
7.6	Ginnels in the area that have been cleaned or are scheduled to be done include Sandbed Lane, Manston Ave, in the Kelmscott's, Devonshire's and Austhorpe Road railway bridge	
7.7	22 legal notices served for issues inc. waste in gardens, fly tipping, shops that need to improve their waste storage, overgrown hedges blocking paths.	
7.8	Eight FPNs issued for issues including dog fouling, commercial waste problems, waste in gardens, stray dogs.	
7.9	There are two fly tipping prosecutions pending.	
7.10	The ginnel by the Devon Pub is owned by the pub so they are responsible for its cleanliness.	
7.11	Roy Dobson raised an issue regarding oil leaking from a visitor's car in Silkstone Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the police to track down the owner. Will report back at the next forum. 	RD
7.12	Karen Gray thanked the team for their swift action following her report of the ginnel opposite John Smeaton Community College needing cleaning (litter / cans) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked for it to be on a more frequent cleaning cycle or move the litter bin as it is not on the short cut path 	PS
8.0	Activities for young people	
8.1	Deeta Ten-Humphries sent her apologies but did supply a written report on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restructure The Youth Service re-structure is expected to be completed in the next ten days. The final staffing team is not available at this time but a new Team Leader is now in post – Glen O'Malley - and it is expected that we will have a team in place who intend to be very productive across the ward tackling issues and working positively with young people, ward councillors and partnerships. 	
8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swarcliffe Gala Posters & flyers are being delivered tomorrow. We will start distributing this weekend and on Monday evening on a street work session. I am also waiting for a call back from Crossgates Shopping Centre to set up a stall there early next week to promote the gala and ask local residents if they would like a stall. 	
8.3	Cllr Coupar is now the lead member for outer east for the children and young people portfolio.	
8.4	The restructure of the youth service provision across Leeds is ongoing.	

<p>8.5</p> <p>8.6</p>	<p>A delegated budget will come to the Outer East Area Committee and a sub-group set up – a new/different way of funding projects and activities for children and young people: putting young people at the heart of the decision making process and groups / organisations applying for funding need to be able to document it.</p> <p>Cricket Week Tony Bowry, Yorkshire Cricket Board’s Cultural Diversity Officer, recently attended the Outer East Area Committee meeting to give feedback on the summer cricket camps held at Kippax and Whitkirk Cricket Clubs, which were subsidised by the Area Committee. The camps proved ever popular as 358 places were filled over the week at Kippax (analysis showing 90% boys and 10% girls) and 335 places were filled over the week at Whitkirk (analysis also showing 90% boys and 10% girls). Good lessons were learnt this year and it is hoped further sporting activity projects can be developed for 2014.</p>	
<p>9.0</p>	<p>Planning issues – Cllr Gruen</p>	
<p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p> <p>9.4</p>	<p>Outline planning permission has been granted for the Manston Lane Link Road. The expected date for the bridge over the railway is spring 2015.</p> <p>East Leeds Orbital Road (ELOR) will run via Whinmoor.</p> <p>Enforcement action is to be taken regarding 56 The Drive and the resident is expected to put another planning application in.</p> <p>Pelagie Crofton queried whether there is an excessive number of betting shops on Austhorpe Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The councillors informed the forum they were against betting shops and payday loan shops. Cllr Grahame confirmed that the Scrutiny Board were also looking into it too 	
<p>10.0</p>	<p>Cross Gates Christmas lights 2013 – Cllr Grahame</p>	
<p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p>	<p>Secured:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date is confirmed as Thurs 14 Nov (1st Thurs after city centre switch-on) • Event will run 7-8pm (with a road closure on Austhorpe Road 6-9pm for safety reasons) • Stage location is at Crossgates Chiropody & Therapy Centre, 14 Austhorpe Rd (opposite the entrance to the shopping centre) • Choir will be 1st Manston Guides • Compares from Radio Aire / Magic 828 • Notification regarding the proposed diversionary routes was posted to residents and local businesses on 26 Sept • Event will see the use of the new button box / plunger for 2013 • Ather’s fair are on-board again with small rides for younger children and food stalls <p>Work in progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music – trying to secure a steel band • Stage act – hoping to have a local Breeze act (the competition has just finished so discussions have just started) • Button presser – still in discussion with local schools 	

11.0	Other updates	
11.1	<p>Crossgates & District Good Neighbours – Jackie Lawrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The autumn edition of the Good Neighbours booklet was tabled • Older Person’s Event in Halton on 3 October was a great success • Will be running a ‘health through warmth’ event in November • Pantomime coming • Planning another Christmas lunch for the most isolated older people which will be held on Christmas Day. 35 people attended last year and a small grant application to the Outer East Area Committee will be submitted soon 	JB / JN
11.2	<p>Crossgates Shopping Centre – Sophie Stephenson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebranding of the Centre is complete • Toilet facilities refurbishment is progressing: ladies and disabled facilities are complete and the gents is still to come • Arndale House (offices) - discussions ongoing • The Officers Club unit is now open • Will be asking the shops to stay open late for the Christmas lights switch-on event 	
11.3	<p>Guides – Jean Barnbrook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now meeting on Fridays at Manston St James Church • Membership is 20 with seven of them currently doing the Baden Powel Award • Wellies and Wristband festival included archery, pilates, zip wire, live music, pioneering • Hoping to carol sing at Trinity shopping centre • Four day London trip • Completing a video of what young people can do in Leeds (to be shown at a future forum) • To come: owl trail, Tropical World trip, golfing, fundraising 	
11.4	<p>East Leeds Historical & Archaeological Society – Bob Lawrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently given a history talk at Christ Church, Halton • Had a stall at the recent Older Person’s Event • It was the General meeting last Saturday with four people in the committee. 40 people attended and boosted the membership to 139 • Talks about Cross Gates, Manston and Austhorpe are available – see Bob 	
11.5	<p>Manston St James Church – Rev’d Carolyn James</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 years of the current church building – there will be a special service on 17 November • Held a flower festival in July • During the school summer holidays afternoons of activities were held in the three local churches. Approximately 60 young people attended each session. 	
12.0	AOB and date of next	
12.1	<p>Older Person’s event Week – James Nundy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were two local events: Swarcliffe on Tues 1 Oct at St Gregory’s Y&A Centre and Halton on Thurs 3 Oct at Christ Church, Halton • Approximately 13 stallholders attended each event from the following list: Swarcliffe Good Neighbours, Crossgates Good Neighbours, Age UK, AVH - 	

	<p>Sheltered Housing Officers & Wardens, Care & Repair / Silverlinks, Community Meals, East Leeds Historical & Archaeological Society, Green Doctor Service (energy saving), LCC - Customer Services, LCC - Environmental Locality Team, LCC - Joint Care Management North, LCC - North 2 Intermediate care, LCC - Joint Care Management (South 2), LCC – Libraries, LCC - mobile libraries, Leeds Building Society - Cross Gates, LCC – South East Area Support Team, Trading Standards - SAFER Project, West Yorkshire Fire, West Yorkshire Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each event consisted of Information stalls in the morning , followed by lunch and then afternoon entertainment. The whole day was free of charge and this was enabled by funding from the local councillors via the Outer East Area Committee • School music ensembles: For the Swarcliffe event – Swarcliffe Primary was secured but they were then on strike that day. At Halton, Corpus Christi Catholic College sent the Glee Club choir, clarinets, flutes and recorder groups • Attendances we approximately 80 per event but bad weather kept numbers down on last year • It was discussed Older Person’s Sub-group and it has been agreed with Crossgates & District Good Neighbours that there will be a specific event for Cross Gates next year, funded by the Area Committee and arranged by the Good Neighbours • Full analysis still to be completed <p>12.2 Outer East Area Committee newsletters – James Nundy The second edition of the newsletter was tabled for information. It is produced by the South East Area Support Team following each Area Committee meeting.</p> <p>12.3 Swarcliffe Gala – Cllr Grahame Swarcliffe gala is scheduled for 12-4pm on Saturday 26 October – to take place on the field at St Gregory’s Youth and Adult Centre, Stanks Drive.</p> <p>12.4 Next meeting The proposed date of 8 January 2014 will have to be changed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post meeting update: Now confirmed as Wednesday 22 January 2014 	<p>All</p>
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