



Outer East Area Committee

Cross Gates Forum

Held at Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours

2 April 2014

Present:

Cllr Pauleen Grahame (Chair), Cllr Debbie Coupar, Jean Thacker (resident), Pelagie Crofton (resident), Jean Barnbrook (1st Manston & Crossgates Guides), Rebecca Slatcher (1M&CG), Carol Macklam (resident), Eileen Sutcliffe (resident), Carolyn James (St James' Church), Sarah Feaster (St James' Church), Roy Dobson (resident), Shirley Evison (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Micheal Muschamp (DNW), Paul Spandler (LCC – Environmental Services), Karen Gray (Connecting Crossgates), Bob Lawrence (East Leeds History & Archaeology Society), Jacki Lawrence (Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours), Nick Walker (Devon Pub), James Nundy (LCC – South East Area Support Team, minutes)

Apologies:

Cllr Peter Gruen, Philip Marsden (DNW), Tony Pickles (resident), Eamonn Judge (resident), Nick Borrás (LCC – Highways), Andy Camplin (Crossgates Shopping Centre), Glen O'Malley (LCC – Youth Service)

Item	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr P Grahame welcomed everyone, introductions were made around the table and the apologies above were noted.	
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting held on 22 January 2014	
2.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	It was noted that Dave Coulthard has now moved on from Crossgates Shopping Centre. He was praised for his efforts with the shopping centre. Action: JN to draft a letter of thanks for Cllr Grahame [done]	JN
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	Hope in Cross Gates Karen Gray (Connecting Crossgates) gave an overview of the <i>Hope in Cross Gates</i> project which aims to mobilise the community into helping young people still at school improve their reading. Currently working with John Smeaton Academy to improve the reading age of lower ability students. If you would like to help, please contact Karen via connectingcrossgates@gmail.com and you can also find out more via the website: http://connectingcrossgates.wordpress.com/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help on Tuesday mornings from 9-11 is urgently needed • It was noted it is a church initiated project but is open to all • Volunteers aren't left alone with the pupils 	

5.0	Community Safety – Neighbourhood Policing Team	
5.1	<p>Michelle Hunton and Sharon Taylor attended to give a community safety update for the area, with information from 14 Feb 2014 to 2 April 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been two burglary (dwelling) and 11 (other) eg sheds for bikes and lawnmowers • There have been three Theft From Motor Vehicle, one of which was at the shopping centre • There were six reports in one week about the use of car central-locking blockers, targeting German car satnavs • There was one Theft In Dwelling with three arrests for conspiracy to burglary • PC Lund has received an award for his work with the covert bike project 	
5.2	You can be fined £30 for cycling on the footpath.	
5.3	The team has relocated to Garforth Police Station and now falls into the Outer East Neighbourhood Policing Team. Officers still have bikes and train passes. The NPT phone number has changed to 0113 232 2015.	
5.4	Residents reported a man was seen door knocking in the Silkstone's asking for money.	
5.5	Off-licence on Church Lane – stipulations have been put in place for it to keep its licence.	
5.6	<p>Devon Pub – Nick Walker is the landlord. He took over in April and was warmly welcomed to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main issues are glasses being left on the routes between other local pubs • Taxis shouldn't be waiting by the pub for fares – any seen have been asked to move on • Drugs issue have been moved out of the toilets but there have been reports of use in local ginnel and in cars • No reports been received by the police in connection with noise. Environmental Health have been to monitor the noise levels. The pub has a noise limiter in place • Nick apologised to residents who do hear the entertainment. The issues arise when both sets of double doors are open at the same time, which they try to avoid • The pub has been working closely with its nearest neighbours for satisfaction levels • Any issues can be phoned straight through to Nick on 0113 264 7943 	
6.0	Environmental update – Paul Spandler	
6.1	<p>The last three months have been relatively quiet with only 67 requests for service received, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly tip in Pendas Fields – local shop being investigated • Gullies by the Barnbow development have been cleared • Former petrol station on Station Road – reports of rats • Wheelie bins on fire in Manston Park. Have been working with the police. Signs have been erected and patrols stepped up • Following the last Forum, ginnels in the area have received more attention 	
6.2	<p>Issues from residents for action: Manston Lane – grass cutting of verges by number 1 isn't as frequent as other neighbouring grassy areas Action: Paul to investigate and look into getting it added to a more frequent cut-cycle</p>	PS

6.3	Manston Lane – litter bin gets moved about. Needs putting back. Action: Paul to get the bin resited	PS
6.4	Question from the floor: What's the latest with dog fouling prosecutions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £75 fine for not picking up with potential for £1,000 maximum fine if it gets to court. The Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) can be issued by dog wardens and enforcement officers. Noted that Manston Drive is often bad too 	
7.0	Activities for young people	
7.1	Glen O'Malley was hoping to get to the forum if his meeting prior to the forum finished on time. Unfortunately, it didn't so his apologies have been recorded and the item was deferred.	
8.0	Planning issues	
8.1	Cllr Gruen was also held up at another meeting so his apologies were recorded.	
9.0	Other updates	
9.1	1st Manston Guides – Jean Barnbrook and Becky Slatcher Becky gave an update on recent activities which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space go for it Monkey Magic Bully awareness Will be working towards a confectional badge after Easter Iceskating and bowling To come: singing in Trinity shopping centre, the Big Gig in Liverpool, working on an allotment and will be cheerleading for MacMillan again The Street life: Go For It project is still being worked on. 	
9.2	Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours – Jackie Lawrence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent trip to Millstones had 52 attendees Now have two new members of staff: Adele and Nadine A handout was tabled regarding T-days which are events on Tuesdays and Thursdays such as Zumba, music and crafts Minibus is expected in the next few weeks and a grant application has been submitted to fund two part time minibus drivers Art Club to be involved in the Barnbow Memorial flowerbed competition For more information about CG&D GNS please phone 0113 260 6565 	
9.3	East Leeds Historical and Archaeological Society – Bob Lawrence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrating 75 years of Crossgates Library, there will be an event every month. Recent ELH&AS event was very well received. There is an advert in the library foyer with a full schedule of events 1000 photographic slides have been received from the Thoresby Society. The equipment needed to make them into electronic images was bought following a donation from the local ward members and MICE money. The councillors were thanked for their contribution. The images will be made into a PowerPoint presentation and the 	

	<p>most unusual images printed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be an event for the 1st World War anniversary. It will take place at the shopping centre • Barnbow Memorial flowerbed competition for older people: instead of a trophy, a donation will be made to Cross Gates Good Neighbours • The Guides asked if ELH&AS would do a talk for them. Bob said yes 	BL/JB
10.0	Any other business and next meeting	
10.1	<p>Christmas lights switch-on event 2014</p> <p>Jean Barnbrook and the Guides have been thinking about the switch-on and offered the following for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More local groups involved eg Cross Gates Good Neighbours • More crowd participation eg carols everyone will know and sing along with • More of a Christmas theme to the event 	
10.2	Cllr Grahame suggested the people to push the button could be three members of the Guides and one other person.	
10.3	Any other ideas for the 2014 Christmas event should be forwarded to James Nundy via james.nundy@leeds.gov.uk or 0113 336 8940.	All
10.4	The dates for the next cycle of forum meetings will be set by the Area Committee and is likely to be in July.	All