

Appendix 5

Present:

Councillor Pauleen Grahame (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, Cllr Suzi Armitage, James Nundy (LCC - South East Area Management, minutes), Jean Thacker (resident), Helen Moxon (resident), Eamonn Judge (Cross Gates Watch Residents Association), Gwenda Towers (resident), B. Broughton (resident), Nadien Wood (resident), Brenda Hardy (resident), Roy Dobson (resident), Shirley Evison (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Cynthia Mawson (DNW), Simon Norman (LCC – Environmental Action), Andrew Derra (LCC – Youth Service), Julie and Barry Hamilton (residents), Moira Flynn (Cross Gates Good Neighbours Scheme, Natasha Tierney (West Yorkshire Police), Michelle Hunton (WYP), Dave Coulthard (Cross Gates Shopping Centre), Jean Barnbrook (1st Manston Guides), Ann Marie Vella (1st MG)

Apologies:

Virgil Meikle (LCC - Youth Service), Insp tom Harrison (WYP), PC Ian Phillips, Paul Spandler (LCC - EAT), Mildred Horner (resident), Phillip Marsden (DNW), Tony Pickles (resident), Revd Fran Rhys (Cross Gates Methodist Church), Father Johannes Arens (Manston Vicarage) – moving to the Midlands

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 apologies above were noted.	
1.3	The new Chair of the Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch was formally welcomed to the Forum.	
2.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2011	
2.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	<p>(1.3) Crossgates Traders – Alan Haysom has stepped up to take the position of chairperson but he currently doesn't trade in the Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward. It was put to the Forum vote whether Alan should attend the Forum meetings, or Dave Coulthard should continue being the link.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that for the time being Dave should continue being the link person for the Traders as he still works in the Cross Gates area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DC added that the Traders are having monthly meeting and the Traders Association is being built back up slowly and a website is being developed at the moment. • There are currently 147 companies trading in the Cross Gates area of the Cross Gates and Whinmoor ward. It was noted that there are only ten companies the Crossgates Traders, and of these ten, only seven companies operate within the Cross Gates area of the Cross Gates and Whinmoor ward. It is hoped that the plans to increase numbers and participation is successful. 	

3.2	(5.0) Christmas lights – It is hoped a festive light committee will be established to bring the celebrations back to Cross Gates in 2011. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Grahame to write to all traders in the Cross Gates area of the ward to assess the interest for sponsoring an event this year. It is hoped sufficient donations from local businesses will provide the funding towards a switch-on event, which would tie in with celebrations at the Crossgates shopping Centre on Sunday 27 November 2011 • Cllr Armitage was thanked for stepping into the breach and giving her generous MICE money donation for the 2010 event 	Cllr Grahame
3.3	(7.5) Former petrol station next to Marks & Spencer's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage grills in front of the gates are still missing and therefore dangerous. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Simon Norman to do a land registry search and serve a notice on the land agents if appropriate • There has recently been some vegetation fly-tipping on the site within the last 24 hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Simon to investigate tomorrow 	SN SN
3.4	(7.7) Cakewalk path – bins are to be installed	LCC
3.5	(9.1) 1st Manston Guides – Jean reported they are still having trouble with anti-social behaviour issues outside the club on Thursday evenings, which has escalated recently during the lighter nights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police to continue to patrol the area on Thursday evenings 	Police
3.6	(9.2) Grafton Villas – Cllr Grahame has walked the long footpath with LCC officers to highlight the issues faced by local residents. A public meeting is to be arranged as soon as possible after the elections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Grahame was thanked for her efforts to date 	Cllr Grahame
3.7	(9.3) Austhorpe Lane bridge: weight limit signs – the signs are now installed and local residents have noticed a difference already.	
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	Ginnel running between Kennerleigh Glen and the Ring Road The ginnel was reported as having a defective walkway and insufficient lighting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JN to investigate and work with the appropriate people to address the issues 	JN
4.2	Kingswear parade: parking issues The forum was informed there was still a problem there, as when there is a row of parked cars, the road isn't wide enough for two cars to pass each other, which causes problems eg extensive reversing back from the Ring Road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police to keep monitoring the situation and asked for registration numbers to be recorded if badly parked so they can report them to the DVLA 	Police
4.3	Devon pub It was reported that private hire vehicles are still ranking up outside, which is against the law. The pub has also been requested to turn the music down	

	<p>on a few occasions and local residents were still complaining about broken glass outside the boundary of the pub.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The forum was informed that if private hire vehicles are seen ranking up, they can phone through to the necessary base and tell them. The cars should move on 	All
4.4	<p>Cock Beck pub The pub is open again. The landlady was thanked for her efforts to make it a good pub again, but there were still concerns about music in the car park.</p>	
4.5	<p>Methodist Church, Stanks Grove The church is currently empty and looking in a poor state of repair. Police were recently called to the site and are now aware of it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllrs to look into who is responsible for the upkeep of the building 	Cllrs
4.6	<p>Potential new allotments at former Manston Primary School site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Grahame to email Tony Pickles 	Cllr Grahame
5.0	Community Safety – Sgt Natasha Tierney	
5.1	Crime statistics for the last six weeks were discussed. Overall, this period was up on the last by 24 offences.	
5.2	Overnight burglaries when occupants have been at home are still occurring because residents aren't locking their doors and making sure their keys are safe.	
5.3	There has been a recent increase in reports of bogus callers eg Yorkshire Water, Census and the digital switchover for television. Forum members advised to be alert.	
5.4	The police have been working within Crossgates Shopping Centre raising awareness and giving away anti-tamper screw kits to help reduce the theft of car number plates.	
5.5	A crime prevention operation Champion will take place on 6 May 2011, where locks will be upgraded.	
5.6	Operation Thorndale took place 11-21 April, which concentrates on bus related issues. There had been 47 bus related incidents in ward 11. A school education programme was rolled out and the 40/40A service was targeted (buses and shelters).	
5.7	<p>PACT priorities from the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silkstone Way parking issues Manston Church in the evenings 	
5.8	The police CCTV van will be in the ward on 12 and 20 May and general footage from the static camera outside the Station pub is very useful.	
5.9	<p>Off-road police bikes The off-road service is back up to 50% capacity. It is hoped the injured rider will be back before too long (has a broken thumb). The service has been involved in seizing 559 nuisance bikes / mini motos / quad bikes etc.</p>	

5.10	Intelligence was requested to keep the success rate high. There is to be a police contact point set up at Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours. There will be a drop-in session with the PCSOs. The sessions will be advertised.	Police
6.0	Environmental Action update – Simon Norman, Community Environmental Support Officer (CESO) Tel: 07891 278 378 or email simon.norman@leeds.gov.uk	
6.1	There have been a few commercial issues around the Crossgates Shopping Centre which are being followed up.	
6.2	Dog issues: CESOs can fine £75, but PCSOs can only do a statement.	
6.3	Simon distributed his contact card for invitations to local meetings.	
6.4	Devonshire estate: dog issues It was reported that dog owners are going to the trouble of bagging the foul, but then dropping the bags and leaving them: A day of action was requested. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon to discuss with Paul Spandler 	SN
6.5	Simon to report the ginnel issues from Cllr Grahame.	SN
6.6	Simon was thanked by the forum for doing a 'sterling job' in the area.	
7.0	Youth Service update – Andrew Derra	
7.1	Andrew has been in post since April 2011.	
7.2	The current provision for the area is going well. The summer programme is largely sports based and is being worked up with input from local young people. The team is supported by a good selection of volunteers.	
7.3	The mobile provision is out in the area on Wednesday evenings	
7.4	Accreditation projects have been completed.	
7.5	Copies of the summer programme were tabled for information, and were available to take away. Many of the young people attend having heard about the sessions from word of mouth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested copies were sent to all local schools 	AD / VM
7.6	The Breeze website has more details: www.breezeleeds.org	
8.0	Any Other Business and date of next meeting	
8.1	Crossgates and District Good Neighbours Scheme – Moira Flynn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the over 60s in the LS15 area • They have 1.5 paid staff and 50 volunteers • 150 older people pass through the service per week • Funding issues facing all the 'good neighbour' schemes were highlighted • New sessions include a cookery class on Wednesday mornings 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The March newsletter was tabled for information • Support and advice services are also available • Home visits can be arranged • Pleased that the ward councillors are very supportive of the scheme • If you want to get involved, or for more information, please phone 0113 260 6565 <p>8.2 Crossgates Shopping Centre – Dave Coulthard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC is still standing in for Steve Seymour, the previous Centre manager • There is one empty unit in the centre at the moment • Information boards are being installed inside the centre square at the moment, promoting 'your Cross Gates' as a hub of the neighbourhood for comments and to see what could be improved • Issue of cyclists riding and performing stunts on the pavement directly outside the shops was noted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The situation is being monitored and steps are being taken <p>8.3 Silkstone Way parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter has been sent out to residents by LCC Highways and the responses are being collated. The deadline for comments is next week • Two letters have been sent out – the first just went to Silkstone Way, and the second went to Silkstone Way and Silkstone Court • The installation and use of a 'residents only – no parking' sign was queried, even though no parking restriction would be in force • Cllr Grahame and Nick Borrás (LCC Highways) are to do another site visit in the near future <p>8.4 Next meeting To be set by the Area Committee.</p>	
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