

Present:

Cllr Pauleen Grahame (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, Cllr Suzi Armitage, Sam Lowe (South East Area Management), Kirsti Cale (Cross Gates Traders), Jean Thacker (resident), Jean Barnbrook (1st Manston Guides), Ann Marie Vella (1st MG), Sapphire Franks (LCC -Planning Policy), Eamonn Judge (Cross Gates Watch Residents Association), Lawrie Burwell (CGT), Cynthia Mawson (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), S. Wright (DWN), Jenny Sellars (Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours Scheme), Steve Seymour (Crossgates Shopping Centre), Thelma Renton (Crossgates Watch Association), Derek Lawrence (LCC - Youth Service), Stuart Mason (West Yorkshire Police), Jeremy Parr (Strategic Design alliance), PCSO Sarah Hughes (WYP), PC Chris Adams (WYP), Greg Sharp (LCC - Traffic), James Nundy (SE AMT, minutes), with observers: Ron Grahame (Swarcliffe Tenants & Residents) and John Nicholson (S RA)

Apologies:

Dave Coulthard (Crossgates Shopping Centre), Revd. Fran Rhys (Cross Gates Methodist Church), Gordon Bonner (Cross Gates Road Safety Scheme), Barbara Lister (DNW), Jean James (DNW)

1.0	Welcome / introductions / apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Grahame welcomed everybody to the meeting, introductions were made and the above apologies noted.	
1.2	Ron Grahame and John Nicholson were welcomed to the forum to take some photos and compare this forum with the Swarcliffe Forum.	
2.0	Minutes from 15 April 2009	
2.1	Agreed as accurate.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	(4.1) Fair at Manston Park 2009 The application for the funfair has been refused this year. Although the responses were 50% for and 50% against, the objections were upheld.	
4.0	Cross Gates roundabout – Jeremy Parr	
4.1	Changes to happen the structure include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gate colours to change to one red, one white and one black (the colours from the old railway station) • Some of the bars to be replaced with thicker ones • 'Welcome to Cross Gates' signs to be added 	
4.2	The three welcome stones are to be chosen from the quarry (Huddersfield) by Kirsti Cale and Cllr Grahame. There is an eight week lead in time for preparation and delivery. There will be a black plaque with 'WELCOME TO CROSS GATES' in gold lettering added to the stones.	
4.3	Uplighting is to be switched on when all works are complete.	

5.0	10 minute open floor	
5.1	No issues.	
6.0	Update on traffic plan for Leeds Festival – Greg Sharp	
6.01	A handout of the proposed traffic management plan was tabled and discussed.	
6.02	The Leeds Festival at Bramham Park returns again this year, with the camp site opening on Thursday 27 August.	
6.03	Flooding caused big problems last year. The water was cleared by the Fire Brigade, but the traffic had already backed up and was at a standstill in Cross Gates / Colton for the rest of the day.	
6.04	For Thursday 27 September, the Highways Agency are considering using the A64 as westbound only (ie closing it eastbound) to help get the traffic onto the Park as quickly and safely as possible.	
6.05	This year, the promoters have brought in Fabour Munsel, the traffic management specialists.	
6.06	A Section 278 agreement is due to be signed this week.	
6.07	Shop keepers and people living on the A64 have been visited by Leeds Festival Republic to show the plans, and a minibus is to be provided for any local trips they desire (to help compensate for the disruption).	
6.08	There is wide spread support for the plans, but there are a few reservations to the plans.	
6.09	It is only the Thursday which would have access to the red gates (there will be a total of four entrance gates on the Thursday). The Friday, Saturday and Sunday traffic will just use the brown gate.	
6.10	Every ticket sold will have details about the access restrictions and the recommended route – with a special note to follow signage, not satnavs.	
6.11	There are 30,000-32,000 parking spaces for an anticipated 16,000 cars. New land has been acquired for the parking.	
6.12	There will be traffic officers monitoring traffic flows across the area and they will make amendments to the plan if necessary eg divert traffic up to Boston Spa, to allow levels to clear a little, to keep things moving.	
6.13	There will be a bus shuttle service running from the city centre as usual.	
6.14	Parking is free and a breakdown service will be provided.	
6.15	Press releases and radio adverts will be done by Leeds Festival Republic well in advance.	
6.16	Police raised concerns and requested signs for 'local access only'.	

7.0	Retail study update – Sapphire Franks	
7.1	The retail Study from EASEL was published in June and is currently under consultation. To see the report, go to leeds.gov.uk then type retail study cross gates into the search box.	
7.2	570 on-street surveys have been completed, with 75 in Cross Gates.	
7.3	Cross Gates is seen as a better place for shopping than some of the other district centres, but is worse for available leisure activities.	
7.4	Sapphire to let Sam Lowe have the full report for distribution to the councillors.	SF
7.5	Cllr Gruen declared an interest, as a member of Plans Panel.	
8.0	Community Safety - Police	
8.1	Crime statistics were tabled and run through. Highlights included burglary (dwellings) down 38.9% and damages down 15-40% on the last period.	
8.2	ASB in Manston park is still an ongoing issue. The mounted section worked across the Cross Gates / Whinmoor / Swarcliffe / Stanks area as their default position in July. Fewer reports of broken glass than previously.	
8.3	Test purchasing is ongoing in off-licences twice a month to catch persistent offenders via intelligence gathering.	
8.4	Drugs dogs have been visiting pubs within a one mile radius of the Crossgates Shopping Centre.	
8.5	Recently, there have been issues around the Cross Gates Centre / Austhorpe Road area with a local taxi company being the target of stone throwing and their 'Code Zero' response to call for immediate help from other taxi drivers across Leeds and Bradford. Misuse of the radios is not tolerated and can lead to having their radio licence revoked. Red diesel tests and immigration checks were also carried out.	
8.6	An Operation Champion is coming to the ward in the near future.	
8.7	PACT meetings are still not particularly well attended, but it is still early days. Future PACT meetings are listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 6 of August 2009 • Thursday 3 September 2009 • Thursday 1 October 2009 • Thursday 12 November 2009 • Thursday 3 December 2009 • Thursday 7 January 2010 They are all at the Garden Village Association Hall, Pendas Way, Cross Gates and run from 6 - 7pm.	
8.7	The Neighbourhood Policing Team website westyorkshire.police.uk/npt was advertised. For local information, just add your postcode to the box.	
8.8	Grafton villas long ginnel was discussed. It is a priority to come from the PACT meetings and this forum. No issues have been officially logged with the Police and it was reported the ginnel is much cleaner and tidier than it used to	

	be and has less litter.	
8.9	There in a Police contact point within the Crossgates Shopping Centre every second Friday of the month.	
8.10	Cllr Gruen questioned whether we were wasting our money buying expensive surveillance equipment as there aren't enough people to monitor all the additional live CCTV streams. The Police informed the forum that statistics show as soon as cameras go up, ASB levels drop, therefore they are in no doubt about the benefits.	
8.11	PCSO Hughes reported about problems at the Church Lane off-licence and Manston Church.	JB
8.12	Jean Barnbrook to let PCSO Hughes know the date and times of the Brownies meetings.	
8.13	The officers for Cross Gates, Manston, Stanks and Austhorpe are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC 201 Wilkinson • PC 6368 Griss • PCSO 805 Sarah Hughes • PCSO 357 Foster Contact: 0113 285 5335 and email: banpt.cwt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk	
9.0	Young People – Derek Lawrence	
9.1	Summer programmes start 13 July 09 and copies of the programme will be distributed in all the usual locations and Breeze website.	
9.2	11 – 13 year olds have been engaged in multi-sport days in Manston Park, using the MUGA for football and basketball, etc.	
9.3	Trips over the summer include Herd Farm, Doncaster Dome, Flamingo Land and Laser Centre.	
9.4	Other activities include music and dance workshops, use of the mobile vehicle to make videos and music, football coaching from Leeds United.	
9.5	Detached daytime work has increased to work up additional plans to keep the youths entertained.	
10.0	AOB and next meeting	
10.1	The councillors thanked Jean Barnbrook for the Guides contribution to the 'Girls Just Want To Have Fun' show.	
10.2	In the Crossgates Shopping Centre, the old Woolworths unit is due to be split into three smaller units. Three companies are lined up to take the leases, but haven't signed yet – more details will be available in three to four weeks. A planning application has been submitted for a small extension to the Adams unit.	
10.3	METRO to be invited to the next meeting re transport to Cross Gates and the possibility that the number 56 bus route is to have its frequency reduced.	SL
10.4	Next meeting: Wednesday 14 October 09	All