

Minutes from the Cross Gates Forum 27 July 2011 held at Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours Scheme building

Appendix 4 Present:

Councillor Pauleen Grahame (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, Cllr Suzi Armitage, James Nundy (LCC -South East Area Management, minutes), Nick Borras (LCC – Highways), Jean Thacker (resident), Helen Moxon (resident), Gwenda Towers (resident), Revd Fran Rhys (Cross Gates Methodist Church), Roy Dobson (resident), Shirley Evison (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Phillip Marsden (DNW), Paul Spandler (LCC – Environmental Action Team), Simon Norman (LCC – EAT), Dave Coulthard (Crossgates Shopping Centre), Eamonn Judge (Crossgates Watch Residents Association), Thelma Renton (CWRA), Coullin Meikle (LCC – Youth Service), Cynthia Mawson (DNW)

Apologies:

Jean Barnbrook (1st Manston Guides), Mildred Horner (resident), Moira Flynn (Crossgates & District Good Neighbours Scheme)

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.	
2.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2011	
2.1	(4.5) Correction: the Methodist Church is located by Barwick Road / Ash Villas, not Stanks Grove as noted on the previous minutes.	
2.2	Otherwise agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	(3.1) Crossgates Traders Association – ongoing discussions between Cllr Grahame and Alan Haysom, chairman of the association.	
3.2	(3.7) Austhorpe Lane bridge weight limit – it was reported that the new weight limits were being abused. Reports given to the police.	
3.3	(4.1) Ginnel running between Kennerleigh Glen and the Ring Road JN tabled a handout highlighting before and after photos of the lighting and walkway improvements made to the ginnel through action by the Area Management Team, following the information received at the last meeting.	
3.4	(4.3) Devon pub private hire cars ranking up – it was reported that there have been convictions and licence removed.	
3.5	(4.4) Cock Beck pub – following on from the praise at the last meeting, it was reported there are issues with loud music from the karaoke	
3.6	(4.5) Methodist Church, Barwick Road – the church has now been sold, so it is hoped it will soon be redeveloped.	

3.7	(8.0) Crossgates & District Good Neighbours Scheme – Moira was wished a speedy recovery with her injured leg.	
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	No issues.	
5.0	Community Safety	
5.1	No officers were in attendance.	
6.0	Silkstone Way parking issues	
6.1	 Cllr Grahame and Nick Borras (LCC Highways) recently met with Mr Dobson Discussion about parked cars parking along first stretch of Silkstone Way A letter has gone to all residents and three responses received about the restrictions A report is to be submitted re the legal advertisement of the restrictions. It is hoped the order will be ready mid to late august and will run for four weeks. It will include double yellow lines and a 'no waiting Monday – Friday, 8am-6pm' restriction The work could begin on site late September / early October, depending on the responses received Residents were happy with the proposals 	
	parking obstructions and the powers PCSOs have to deal with it. It would appear that not all PCSOs have the same idea as to what counts as an obstruction.	
6.3	Residents parking schemes in Cross gates have generated approximately six concerns since they were introduced, therefore they have been deemed a success. Manston Grove issues will be looked into.	
6.4	There are no plans for residents parking schemes in the Devonshire estate.	
7.0	Environmental Action update – Simon Norman, Community Environmental Support Officer (CESO) Tel: 07891 278 378 or email simon.norman@leeds.gov.uk	
7.1	 Former petrol station on Ring Road The company who owns it has gone into liquidation and the contact for the site is Lloyds TSB. A notice has been served to tidy the site and make safe – a fence has been erected and drain protection installed. The dumped tree tops reported at the last forum meeting have been found to come from one of the properties backing onto the site. The owner of the property has been advised. 	
7.2	 Dog wardens now come under Environmental Action Team and therefore the EAT have more control over dog issues. If anyone has any dog issues, please report to Simon. Side of 12 Lulworth Crescent at the Austhorpe Lane end was reported as being littered with dog foul bags – Simon to refer to Cleansing 	SN

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7.3	 It was noted that Cross Gates / Selby Road litter bins aren't emptied often enough Revd Fran Rhys to email exact locations to Cllr Grahame Cllr Grahame to write a letter to the Executive Member 	FR Cllr Grahame
7.4	 Kennerleigh Avenue, broken glass It is suspected that the broken glass is from smashed bottles and glasses from the Devon Pub. Simon Norman has already noted the area as a hot spot The sweeping routes are being reviewed at the moment Cllr Armitage reminded the forum it is the responsibility of the pub to clean it up Cllr Gruen requested residents get photo evidence to build into a file before meeting with the landlady 	Residents
8.0	Activities for young people – Virgil Meikle	
8.1	 Virgil has been working in the Cross Gates & Whinmoor and Temple Newsam wards since April 2011 Has linked in with Crossgates Methodist Church and volunteers Sessions happening in Manston Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays such as alcohol awareness / underage drinking, which established that some of the drinkers were from Chapel Allerton Detached work is ongoing Approximately 40 young people from Cross Gates travel up the St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre in Swarcliffe to access activities Also run info / advice / guidance sessions, which also target NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training) 	
9.0	Cross Gates Christmas lights switch-on event 2011 – Cllr Grahame	
9.1	The Outer East area Committee is funding 14 festive motifs along Austhorpe Road and three of the six on Station Road.	
9.2	 In relation to a switch-on event: On the back of the success of last years event, but due to the LCC funding issues we are facing this year, a letter asking for contributions has been sent to over 120 Cross Gates shops which fall into the area covered by the Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward As of 27 July there have been two responses back and only one of these wants to be involved It is hoped the event will tie in with the event at the Crossgates Shopping Centre on 27 November 2011 Peter Mudge from Outer East Area Management is also involved Dave Coulthard will be meeting with the shopping centre's managing agents / landlord / promotions team tomorrow to discuss if they can make any contribution to the event. DC to report back 	DC
9.3	 Crossgates Traders Association No movement with the Crossgates Traders Association since their AGM earlier this year DC read an update from Alan Haysom (chairman of the association) They hope to have 20 members by the end of the third quarter 	

9.4	Cllr Gruen gave an update on the LCC financial situation and highlighted that an effort is needed from everyone.
10.0	Any Other Business and date of next meeting
10.1	 Crossgates Shopping Centre - Dave Coulthard A loyalty card will be launched soon Website is now live and since June, there have been 1356 visitors to the site The shopping centre is working with charities and schools building rapport in preparation for the Olympics Persimmon Homes partnership marketing There is currently one void unit Lots of exhibitors within the central arcade and they are staying for longer, which is positive news Issues of music being played out of the Cash Converters shop is being discussed separately
10.2	 Grafton Villas - Cllr Grahame A public meet was held on 12 May 2011 and 36 residents attended A report is being produced and will be sent to executive officers for approval The closure will be advertised on lampposts and through the usual avenues As long as there are no objections, the ginnel closure should proceed A street nameplate has already been repositioned at the corner of Sandbed Lane as it was an aid to gain access to a garden for burglaries
10.3	 A new 'bring site' for recycling is due to open in Seacroft in August. It is off the Ring Road near Limewood Approach Will be a display in the shopping centre on 8 and 22 August
10.4	Crossgates and District Good Neighbours Scheme Nobody available to give an update.
10.5	Cricket weeks JN highlighted the young people's cricket weeks in Kippax and Whitkirk running 1-5 August and 15-19 August respectively. Funded by the Outer East Area Committee. Call the number at the bottom of these minutes for more information. A poster was tabled.
10.6	Older Person's Event Week 2011 JN highlighted the Older Person's Event week, running 26-30 September. It comes to Swarcliffe on Tuesday 27 September - to book a place, phone Ken Hill on 232 6910. The other local event for Cross Gates is at Christ Church in Halton, on Wednesday 28 September – to book a place phone James on 336 8940. A poster was tabled.
10.7	There will be a fun day at Cross Gates Methodist Church for 5-12 year olds on 17 August 2011. It will have a Noah's arc theme. For further information, contact Revd. Rhys at the church.
10.8	Sympathies were sent to Jean Barnbrook on her recent loss.

10.9	 Barnbow Development Bellway have taken over the site First phase has outline planning permission - 120 houses could be built, but not before the traffic issues are addressed There have been lots of objections, including from Councillors Grahame and Armitage 	
10.10	56 The Drive, Cross Gates This property is due to be discussed at the Plans Panel meeting on 2 August 2011.	
10.11	Next meeting The next meeting is scheduled for 19 October 2011.	All