

Appendix 2
Present:

Councillor Pauleen Grahame (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, James Nundy (LCC - Area Support Team, minutes), Kris Nenadic (LCC – Parks & Countryside), Carol Macklam (resident), Eileen Sutcliffe (resident), Gwenda Towers (resident), Jacki Lawrence (Crossgates & District Good Neighbours Scheme / ELHAS), Cynthia Mawson (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Shirley Evison (DNW), Sgt Simon Harrison (West Yorkshire Police), Roy Dobson (resident), Phillip Marsden (DNW), PCSO 552 Liam Thompson (WYP), PCSO 815 Tracy Murphy (WYP), Nadien Wood (resident), Revd Fran Rhys (Cross Gates Methodist Church / Churches Together LS15), Dave Coulthard (Crossgates Shopping Centre), Coullin Meikle (LCC – Youth Service), Bob Lawrence (East Leeds Historical & Archaeological Society), Simon Norman (LCC – EAT), Jean Barnbrook (1st Manston Guides), Ann Marie Vella (1MG),

Apologies:

Cllr Suzi Armitage, Jean Thacker (resident), Paul Spandler (LCC – Environmental Action Team), Carmel Daily-Fletcher (landlady, Devon pub)

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 19 October 2011	
2.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	(4.1) Youth Provision in Cross Gates area – The Youth Service have made contact and attended 1 st Manston Guides to discuss options with the girls. Mark Smith / John Smeaton is still to attend.	MS
3.2	(5.1) Barnbow housing development – large lorries have been spotted travelling to the site via Austhorpe Road and Pendas Way, not via the agreed routes. Cllr Grahame to investigate and report back.	Cllr Grahame
3.3	(8.6) 'No dog fowling' stickers - stickers now in place on lamp posts in Lulworth View.	
4.0	10 minute open floor	
4.1	No issues were raised.	
5.0	Barnbow Memorial refurbishment – Bob Lawrence (ELHAS)	
5.1	There is a memorial to the 40 people who died in explosions at the Barnbow factory, making ammunition for the 1 st World War. 35 women and girls were killed in an explosion 5 December 1915, another killed a further two girls in	

	March 1917 and one in May 1918 killed three men.	
5.2	In 2005 the ELHAS, Leeds City Council and Groundwork Trust started a project to honour the Barnbow lassies. The Crossgates Traders Association were starting work on the roundabout feature and the project lead was passed to ELHAS, with a budget of £5,000.	
5.3	A toilet block (in the central reservation of Cross Gates Road outside the bingo hall) was due for demolition and this is the current location for the memorial, which consists of three sandstone rocks and metal plaques. Images can be seen at www.elhas.org.uk/reports/barnbowm.htm	
5.4	Since August 2005 the memorial plates have weathered badly in the hostile environment caused by dirt and CO2 from the busy roads and airborne detergent from the local car wash etc. At the request of Cllr Grahame, LCC Parks & Countryside have recently cleaned the plates which made them a lot better, but the damage has already been done – they need replacing.	
5.5	Funding ELHAS don't have the funds to carry out any works on the memorial, so options have been looked into, including the War Memorial Trust. Unfortunately, WMT can't help with memorials less than 15 years old. Even an inspection of the memorial could incur a cost, before any quotes can be sought.	
5.6	A discussion took place over the location of the memorial – should it stay where it is, or be moved to a better location? Keep it where it is? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pros: a cheaper option than moving it; 'secure' location due to street lighting and busy road • Cons: It is easy to not notice what the rocks are in it's current guise; if it was to remain where it is, the same environmental factors would be working against it Move it? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pros: more prominent locations include the tranquil Manston Park (closer to the old munitions factory, LCC P&C would be able to maintain it), the new Thorpe Park Green Park (although wouldn't be ready for two to three years); if in an LCC park, the monument could be improved with 40 rose bushes (one for each person killed); perhaps somewhere in the new Barnbow housing development; a move to a park would be supported by LCC P&C • Cons: will incur additional costs 	
5.7	Having a refurb completed within the next five years would tie in well with the centenary of the disaster.	
5.8	Cllr Grahame also suggested naming the streets of the new Barnbow housing development after the surnames of the girls who died – the suggestion was warmly received by the forum.	
5.9	Killingbeck & Seacroft ward councillors will have to be consulted and there will need to be a public consultation.	
5.10	Kris Nenadic asked to work up costings for moving, leaving and maintaining the monument & feedback to Councillor Grahame / the forum.	KN

5.11	The scheme is to be worked up and debated in local groups and suggestions fed back to councillors and the Cross Gates Forum.	All
5.12	Hesco Bastion was suggested as a possible funding source.	
6.0	Community Safety – Neighbourhood Policing Team	
6.1	Update from Sgt Simon Harrison, PCSO Liam Thompson and PCSO Tracy Murphy.	
6.2	The last six week period has been good, especially considering there is usually a rise in burglaries around Christmas.	
6.3	<p>Period No. of burglaries / attempts</p> <p>1 October 2010 – 10 January in 2011 204</p> <p>1 October 2011 – 10 January in 2012 125</p> <p>Comparing the two figures we can see a drop of approximately 40% on the previous year.</p>	
6.4	Still targeting known offenders and confidence and satisfaction levels are at an all time high.	
6.5	The local PACT meeting will be on Thursday 12 January at 6:30pm at the Pendas Way Community Centre.	
6.6	Even with the funding cuts, PCSOs have been retained, and the public are being more vigilant.	
6.7	The police were thanked by the ward councillors.	
6.8	The new PCSOs were thanked by 1 st Manston Guides for attending the group meetings.	
7.0	Silkstone Way parking issues – update from Cllr Grahame	
7.1	The parking restrictions (double yellow lines) are now painted, but there are currently a few gaps where cars were parked on painting day. The painting team will return asap to complete the job.	
7.2	There were delays to the scheme due to close down of the contractors over the festive period and then the stormy weather in early January.	
7.3	Ward members were thanked for listening to residents feedback on the scheme and building it into the project.	
7.4	<p>Time scales for phase two of the scheme to extend further along Silkstone Way were requested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Grahame to enquire with Nick Borrás (Highways) and report back 	Cllr Grahame
8.0	Environmental Action Team – update from Simon Norman	
8.1	Your local Community Environmental Support Officer (CESO) is Simon Norman, tel: 07891 278 378 or email simon.norman@leeds.gov.uk	

	<p>Activity report from 27 July 2011 to 11 Jan 2012</p>	
8.2	<p>Actions from previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling warning signs now in place on Lulworth View/Crescent • Dog wardens routinely patrolling Austhorpe Lane. Additional path sweeping in place to deal with dog excrement. 	
8.3	<p>Update of recent actions:</p> <p>The EAT has received 98 requests for action in the three and a half month period since the last forum. In addition, Simon or one of the other CESOs carry out weekly patrols of the Cross Gates area.</p>	
8.4	<p>The team have dealt with local environmental issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several complaints of overgrown vegetation on Church Lane, Roseville Road and Austhorpe Road obstructing the paths. All householders have cut back the vegetation • Bright Home Store visited regarding loose refuse at rear of store • Complaints of regular bonfires at a property on Austhorpe Lane. There have been no bonfires since complaint was made • Fly tip of bathroom renovation on Hollingbourne Road removed • Additional sweeping of Chestnut Avenue area. Sweeper had to attend on several occasions as parked cars were in the way 	
8.5	<p>Additional dog control orders came into force on Monday 9 January. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs kept on a lead at all times on all carriageways and adjacent footpaths and verges. To reduce road traffic accidents and injuries to dogs. Also a useful tool for dealing with stray dogs quickly rather than having to take them to kennels • Dogs kept on a lead at all times in cemeteries and crematoria. To avoid disturbance to grounds and visitors • Expand dog exclusion areas to include remembrance, wildlife gardens and school grounds, where the schools have indicated the wish to be included. To avoid disturbance to grounds and visitors. Schools to prevent nuisance and danger to young and vulnerable people 	
8.6	<p>The list of play areas has also been updated to include more playgrounds. The list is available online see leeds.gov.uk/dogs</p>	
8.7	<p>It was noted that PCSOs can take notes of environmental issues and pass to CESO to give fixed penalty notices</p>	
8.8	<p>It was reported that the doors of the litter bin in the ginnel by Marks & Spencers were still broken. Simon to check with Paul Spandler.</p>	SN
8.9	<p>Former petrol station next to Marks & Spencer</p> <p>The land owner is currently very good at complying with requests to address issues on the site</p>	SN
8.10	<p>Manston Lane</p> <p>Road sweeper schedules to be checked as residents noted they had not seen the vehicles for some time.</p>	SN
8.11	<p>As ever if any residents would like Simon to call in on them to discuss any</p>	

	issues in their area please let him know on the number above.	
9.0	Activities for young people – Virgil Meikle	
9.1	A massive consultation of young people across the city has now concluded, which looked at the sessions offered and venues available across the area. The results showed there is very little provision in the Cross Gates area, and the Youth Service have to shuttle the young people to other local venues such as St Gregory’s Youth & Adult Centre in Swarcliffe and John Smeaton High School.	
9.2	To help increase attendance, along with the Breeze website, a Facebook page has now been launched called ‘Cross Gates Whinmoor YS’. Search for it at www.facebook.com	
10.0	Cross Gates Christmas lights switch-on event debrief – Cllr Grahame	
10.1	Cllr Grahame gave an update from the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was a brilliant event that was very well attended again, with figures up on last year • Dave Coulthard and the Guides were thanked for their involvement • Whilst the donations from local companies were gratefully received, it was disappointing that more didn’t get involved • Contrary to Wilson Butchers claims, they offered no support or funding towards this event 	
10.2	JN tabled a handout of photos from the event taken by Radio Aire / Magic 828.	
10.3	It is hoped another event can be organised for 2012.	
11.0	Any Other Business and date of next meeting	
11.1	Grafton Villas – Cllr Grahame <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme is progressing 	
11.2	Barnbow housing development You can see the proposals via the LCC Public Access website http://planningapplications.leeds.gov.uk/ and use reference number: 11/02315/RM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street naming idea was discussed in item 5.8 	
11.3	Crossgates Shopping Centre update – Dave Coulthard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two units have been voted top in the region: Wilkinson (in top 2) and Carphone Warehouse (in top 4) • Planning permission has been submitted for gym on the first floor of Arndale House. The gym would be from a national franchise • Planning for local events will be taking place over the next few months such as young people, Crossgates & District Good Neighbours, Jubilee celebrations and schools • The Poppy appeal raised £16,000 and youth groups will be approached to help with crosses in graveyards in Harehills and Seacroft 	
11.4	Crossgates and District Good Neighbours Scheme – Jacki Lawrence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Christmas event was well attended, including by Cllr Grahame, and it was described as a lovely event. Thanks went out to all involved. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Christmas day lunch was attended by approximately 25 members who would otherwise have been alone on Christmas day. The event included activities and there has been lots of thanks received for the volunteers on the day 	
11.5	<p>1st Manston Guides update – Jean Barnbrook</p> <p>Camping is planned for 2012, which will be a first for the group</p> <p>Another planned trip includes Trouping the Colour for Baden Powel Awards</p> <p>Will be linking in with CESO and neighbourhood watch for a community clean up on Church Lane and near Manston Park</p>	
11.6	Flooding repairs to the Ring Road are to start on 15 January 2012.	
11.7	<p>The new zebra crossing on Austhorpe Road is perceived to be a dangerous installation by the Forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JN to check what the history and logic was behind the installation 	JN
11.8	<p>Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 4 April 2012 	All