



## Outer East Area Committee

### Minutes from the Cross Gates Forum 4 April 2012

#### held at Crossgates & District Good Neighbours Scheme building

#### Present:

Councillor Pauleen Grahame (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, Cllr Suzi Armitage, James Nundy (LCC - Area Support Team, minutes), Jean Barnbrook (1<sup>st</sup> Manston Guides), Carol Macklam (resident), Eileen Sutcliffe (resident), Paul Spandler (LCC – Environmental Action Team), Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC – Youth Service), Maxine Bavell (LCC – YS), Roy Dobson (resident), Sgt Simon Harrison (West Yorkshire Police), Tracy Murphy (WYP), Liam Thompson (WYP), Phillip Marsden (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Shirley Evison (DNW), Bob Lawrence (East Leeds Historical & Archaeological Society), Jacki Lawrence (Crossgates & District Good Neighbours Scheme / ELHAS), Dave Coulthard (Crossgates Shopping Centre)

#### Apologies:

Coullin Meikle (LCC – Youth Service), Graham Ambler (West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue), PC Ian Phillips (WYP), Jean Thacker (resident), Simon Norman (LCC – EAT), Ann Marie Vella (1MG), Gwenda Towers (resident)

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.1	Cllr Grahame welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions around the table were made.	
1.2	The apologies above were noted.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2012</b>	
2.1	Agreed as an accurate record.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from those minutes</b>	
3.1	<p>(3.2) <b>Barnbow housing development lorries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The developer has been reminded of the agreed routes that the lorries should be using</li> <li>It was noted that fewer lorries have been using incorrect routes lately</li> </ul>	
3.2	<p>(11.7) <b>History behind new zebra crossing on Austhorpe Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The initial request for an additional zebra crossing came from the public following several accidents close to the junction of Austhorpe Road / back Marshall Street</li> <li>To allow sufficient room for the crossing, the bus stop needed to be moved, but METRO only agreed to one new location and this is where the bus stop moved to</li> <li>The new bus stop location took away some on-street parking space, so additional space was opened up and included limited waiting</li> <li>A stage 3 safety audit will take place in the next 6-8 weeks (so should be complete by approx 18 May)</li> <li>The bollard at the junction has been repeatedly knocked over since its installation. It is scheduled to be replaced by dropped kerbs in the near future</li> </ul>	

<b>4.0</b>	<b>10 minute open floor</b>	
4.1	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Manston Guides</b> – item deferred as Ann-Marie wasn't able to attend this meeting.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Barnbow Memorial refurbishment</b> – Bob Lawrence (ELHAS)	
5.1	BL passed the three comments received so far in response to the recent memorial article in the Yorkshire Evening Post to Cllr Grahame. Still awaiting feedback from the last piece in the paper re moving the memorial.	
5.2	Cllr Grahame detailed the potential new location in Manston Park at the Park Avenue entrance.	
5.3	All previous consultees will be consulted again – Groundwork Leeds have been asked to find their original files from their archive.	
5.4	There are plans to mention William Parkin who was an unsung hero of the tragedy.	
5.5	If the memorial was to be moved into Manston Park, LCC Parks & Countryside would maintain it.	
5.6	A full consultation will follow - Cllr Grahame to arrange.	Cllr Grahame
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Community Safety – Neighbourhood Policing Team</b>	
6.1	Update from Sgt Simon Harrison, PCSO Liam Thompson and PCSO Tracy Murphy. Statistics from the previous five weeks were discussed.	
6.2	Delighted to report that satisfaction levels are at an all time high.	
6.3	Burglaries are down by 18% across the division, which equates to approximately 300 incidents.	
6.4	Attrition visits often occur, letting people with criminals records know they are still under surveillance.	
6.5	Residents were urged not to be complacent and remember to lock your doors and windows.	
6.6	A forum member was surprised that burglary levels were down, given the financial climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The police highlighted it could be explained by good policing, good partnership working and having the locality as a priority area</li> </ul>	
6.7	It is known that a few burglars commit the majority of crimes, then get arrested and sent to prison.	
6.8	It was reported that 1 <sup>st</sup> Manston Guides were still having trouble but the PCSOs were still attending.	

<b>7.0</b>	<b>Environmental Action Team</b> – update from Paul Spandler	
7.1	Your local Community Environmental Support Officer (CESO) is Simon Norman, tel: <b>07891 278 378</b> or email <b>simon.norman@leeds.gov.uk</b>	
7.2	Litter pickers and path and road sweepers routes are now being routinely checked by supervisors. Majority of the routes are completed and done to a good standard.	
7.3	Next stage is to get the teams to use initiative to leave clean streets and go off their maps to do littered areas nearby.	
7.4	Cut backs and clean ups by the Community Payback Team, organised by Councillor Grahame, have been completed at Manston Terrace and Sandbed Lane. Over 20 bags of litter were collected.	
7.5	Waste in gardens and rats were seen at Manston Approach, Manston Avenue and Austhorpe Road. All were reported and are now cleared.	
7.6	Addressing dog fouling is a priority. The Marshall's, Church Lane and Manston Park are often reported. Increased patrols resulted with two owners being fined for not picking up. One stray was dog caught and returned to owner.	
7.7	An abandoned vehicle was removed from Hermon Road.	
7.8	An overgrown hedge on Church Lane has been cut back.	
7.9	A van parking on a grass verge in Manston Lane was causing severe damage. The owner was contacted and he has moved the vehicle and re-laid the verge.	
7.10	Paul to look into getting new litter bins along the Ring Road (from Marks & Spencer to the Colton roundabout).	PS / SN
7.11	It was noted that green bin collections on Manston Lane were often missed on collection days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missed bins can be due to a variety of reasons such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parked cars blocking access routes</li> <li>○ Collection vehicle failure</li> <li>○ No drivers – crew sickness and the knock on effect with rotas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	PS
7.12	Guidance was given as to ways available to combat dog fouling when witnessed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intelligence can be taken by the team in the form of a witness statement after the event, or details can be given to the LCC Contact Centre</li> </ul>	All
7.13	It was reported that Austhorpe Hall is advertising on the railings outside Marks & Spencer's and it was queried whether this is ok: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul / Simon to investigate.</li> </ul> It was hoped banners are not going to spread across the area.	PS / SN
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Activities for young people</b> – Deeta Tren-Humphries	
8.1	Early analysis of the 2011/12 summer holiday programme data show that	

	725 young people were engaged in 6,500 sessions. Further analysis is being done for ages and postcodes. Results will be brought to a future forum meeting.	
8.2	Manston Park is the place to be at 8pm on Wednesdays (in the pagoda area) for sessions signposting young people onto training and into new activities.	
8.3	A risk assessment has been completed on the former Optaire building as there have been reports of young people playing at the site, having gained access via a broken fence. Diversionary work is taking place and there is the potential for prosecutions from trespassing on the site.	
8.4	<b>Good news story</b> Through getting involved in sessional work, two young people are now volunteering in local charity shops.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Any Other Business and date of next meeting</b>	
9.1	<b>Grafton Villas</b> – Cllr Grahame The planning application was revised and reposted. The decision date is expected to be 20 April 2012.	
9.2	<b>Kingswear Parade parking</b> – Cllr Grahame The traffic regulation order is nearly complete. Planning notices have been erected.	
9.3	<b>Ather's Fair 2012</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A request has been submitted for Ather's Fair to attend Manston Park for a funfair Thursday 26 - Sunday 29 July 2012, running 2-7pm each day.</li> <li>• They would be on site from Monday 23 – Monday 30 July for setting up / packing away</li> <li>• The size and scale would be the same as the very successful event held there two years ago</li> </ul>	
9.4	<b>Barnbow housing development</b> You can see the proposals via the LCC Public Access website <b><a href="http://planningapplications.leeds.gov.uk/">http://planningapplications.leeds.gov.uk/</a></b> and use reference number: 11/02315/RM	
9.5	<b>Crossgates Shopping Centre update</b> – Dave Coulthard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC was confirmed as the new manager of the shopping centre on 1 April 2012. The forum congratulated him on his new appointment</li> <li>• The new website has been launched and includes a community 'what's on' section which is also echoed on the notice board in the Centre</li> <li>• Game Station has closed and the unit is currently empty</li> <li>• Plans to improve the frontage on Austhorpe Road</li> <li>• It is hoped to get a car park sign erected on the wall of Lloyds TSB on Station Road to help advertise there is additional parking available</li> <li>• Craft days are planned for within the shopping centre</li> <li>• Been working with Crossgates &amp; District Good Neighbours and the local Guides</li> <li>• Positive comments have been received regarding the internal displays</li> <li>• The shopping centre will be having its 45<sup>th</sup> birthday during September 2012 – watch this space for further information</li> </ul>	

9.6	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Manston Guides update</b> – Jean Barnbrook</p> <p>The girls have been involved in a variety of activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Thinking Day</li> <li>• Went iceskating and attended a pop concert</li> <li>• Helping with Sport Relief Mile event in the city centre</li> <li>• Due to help at the Olympic Torch Relay event and Leeds 10K event</li> <li>• Helped to open a restaurant</li> <li>• Doing a 65 mile walk on Easter Monday</li> <li>• Were involved with 'Best of British' in the Crossgates Shopping Centre on 26 May</li> </ul>	
9.7	<p><b>Crossgates and District Good Neighbours Scheme</b> – Jacki Lawrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish and chips were enjoyed on Good Friday by 58 service users</li> <li>• A Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration event is being arranged and will take place on 1 June, with funding from the Outer East Area Committee and a small grant from the Inner East Area Committee</li> <li>• Received successful small grant awards for volunteer training sessions in March 2012 from the Outer East Area Committee (emergency aid) and one from the Inner East Area Committee (wheelchair handling)</li> </ul>	
9.8	<p><b>Outer East Gardening Scheme</b> – James Nundy</p> <p>The Outer East Gardening Scheme has been funded by the Outer East Area Committee for another year and runs 1 April – 30 Sept 2012. Handouts were tabled and a poster left for the Crossgates Good Neighbours notice board. The project is run by the Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme and is available if you meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You are an OAP or disabled person without the support of an able bodied family member living with you who can maintain the garden on your behalf</li> <li>2. You live in one of the outer east Leeds wards of Cross Gates &amp; Whinmoor, Garforth &amp; Swillington, Kippax &amp; Methley or Temple Newsam.</li> </ol> <p>The first cut will be free and then repeat visits will be charged at £13.50 per hour. For further information or to apply, please contact SGNS on <b>0113 260 0489</b> or email <b>mail@sgns.wanadoo.co.uk</b></p>	All
9.9	<p><b>Volunteering days at Manston Park</b></p> <p>Join the Manston Park gardeners every first Wednesday of the month to get some fresh air, exercise and improve this wonderful green space for everyone who uses it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The volunteer group meets every first Wednesday of the month at 10am to do a range of jobs to keep the park in tip top shape</li> <li>• New faces are always welcome, you can stay as long as you like (official finishing time is 3pm) and all training, tools and equipment are provided</li> <li>• Hot drinks will be provided but you'll need sturdy footwear and your lunch</li> <li>• Next session will be flower bed maintenance on 4 July, 10am-3pm</li> <li>• For more information call <b>0113 395 7457</b> or email <b>parks@leeds.gov.uk</b></li> </ul>	All
9.10	<p><b>The wellbeing Leeds website:</b> <a href="http://www.wellbeingleeds.com">www.wellbeingleeds.com</a> – James Nundy</p> <p>The <i>Healthy Leeds Wellbeing Portal</i> is a directory that has been developed by the Leeds Initiative and its partners to improve access to services and organisations in Leeds that exist to improve the health and wellbeing of residents in the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed to be of use to the public</li> <li>• Promotion has recently started</li> </ul>	All

9.11	<b>Carers Leeds</b> – Dave Coulthard A service available for families of service personnel who have been casualties of combat. DC is trying to establish a group and launch in July.	DC
9.12	<b>Next meeting</b> The next Forum meeting is scheduled for 6pm on Wednesday 10 October 2012.	All