

**Minutes from Cross Gates Forum**  
**10 October 2012**  
**held at Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours Scheme building**

**Present:**

Councillor Pauleen Grahame (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, James Nundy (LCC - South East Area Management, minutes), Tony Stringwell, (LCC – Parks & Countryside), Jean Thacker (resident), Simon Norman (LCC – South & South East Locality Team), Bob Lawrence (East Leeds Historical & Archaeology Society), Jacki Lawrence (ELH&AS), Phillip Marsden (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Moira Flynn (Cross Gates Good Neighbours Scheme), Mildred Horner (resident), Roy Dobson (resident), Carol Macklam (resident), Eileen Sutcliffe (resident), Shirley Evison (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Eamonn Judge (Cross Gates Watch Residents Association), Dave Coulthard (Crossgates Shopping Centre), Jean Barnbrook (1<sup>st</sup> Manston Guides), Ann Marie Vella (1<sup>st</sup> MG), Abbie Healeas (1<sup>st</sup> MG), Fran Rhys (Crossgates Methodist Church & Churches Together LS15), Karen Gray (Connecting Crossgates & Churches Together LS15)

**Apologies:**

Cllr Suzi Armitage, Paul Spandler (LCC – S&SELT), Gwenda Towers (resident), Cynthia Mawson (DNW)

<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 above apologies were noted.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2012</b>	
2.1	<b>(10.3) Crossgates Good Neighbours</b> – the choir group hasn't been set up yet.	
2.2	Otherwise agreed as an accurate record.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from those minutes</b>	
3.1	None.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>10 minute open floor</b>	
4.1	<p><b>Proposal for speed cameras on Station Road / Halton Ring Road.</b> Phillip Marsden proposed a traffic speed regulation on Station Road / Ring Road Halton in an effort to combat speeding and read a pre-prepared statement. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have two cameras</li> <li>• Reduce the dual carriageway to a single lane</li> <li>• George Mudie attended a recent neighbourhood watch meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Cllr Gruen recognised the road needs looking at and has already arranged a meeting between ward councillors, the MP and Highways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eamonn Judge noted a similar situation on Austhorpe Road after the shops</li> </ul>	Cllrs

<p>4.2</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Manston &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Cross Gates Guides</b> – Ann-Marie Vella and Abbie Healeas</p> <p>As part of their Baden-Powell Award, the girls have been working on <i>Zone 4 – Skills and Relationships</i> by finding out about Cross Gates and what is available in their area by consulting with local young people establishing thoughts about the youth provision in the area and then giving a presentation of their findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 88 people were surveyed aged 10 to 24, with the majority being between 11 and 18 years</li> <li>• A handout was tabled containing the following information:</li> <li>• The questionnaire asked about current interests, future activities which could be provided, education, work and asks for comments</li> <li>• Meeting with friends was by far the most popular pastime, with listening to music, uniformed organisations, football and computer games the next most popular</li> <li>• <b>How do you feel about your neighbourhood?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 11 love the area where they live</li> <li>○ 12 were happy with the area where they live</li> <li>○ 13 were okay but would like to see changes</li> <li>○ 16 were unhappy with the area where they live</li> <li>○ 15 don't like the area where they live</li> <li>○ 17 thought the area was horrible</li> <li>○ 4 had mixed emotions on the area</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Those unhappy with where they live said it was due to lack of facilities and having to travel distances on an evening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Youth facilities and activities – council led:</b></li> </ul> <p>Three young people who went to Cross Gates Community Centre thought facilities were okay others didn't know about activities even when mentioned about Breeze and programme of events available in schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Uniformed organisations</b></li> </ul> <p>45 young people knew about Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Rainbows and Beavers. 10 mentioned seeing the groups out and about, which is why they knew about them, or through information in local schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What activities would you like to see in the local area</b></li> </ul> <p>The main activities young people would like to see in the local area are safe places to sit and chat with friends, activities that aren't sports related but where they can learn new things including arts and crafts. More intergenerational activities to bridge the gap and show that young people aren't trouble were also desired. Community events like when there was an event in Manston park bringing people together for fun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cross Gates Good Neighbours Scheme would welcome the opportunity to do some intergenerational work with the Guides</li> </ul>	<p>CG&amp;DGNS &amp; Guides</p>
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>Thorpe Park Green Park</b> – Tony Stringwell</p>	
<p>5.1</p>	<p>There is an aspiration to have a community park or green space on the Thorpe Park site, including a formal park and playing pitches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle access to be from Thorpe Park only</li> <li>• No formal park entrance on Austhorpe Lane</li> <li>• New paths and cycleways would be introduced</li> <li>• Keeping the existing woodland</li> <li>• It is hoped to relocate the LCC garden display from the last Chelsea Flower Show</li> <li>• Views from local residents was encouraged</li> </ul>	
<p>5.2</p>	<p>In response to a query about dogs and possible 'dog areas', dog control</p>	

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	orders were highlighted.	
5.3	The Great Crested newts will be protected behind a fenced-off ecological environment	
5.4	A sports pavilion is planned by the sports pitches, but there are currently no proposals for a public building in the park, so no plans for public toilets. Cross Gates Good Neighbours thought this would be a missed opportunity and was concerned it would alienate some of the older residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony to take the comments away for consideration</li> </ul>	TS
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Barnbow Memorial</b> – Cllr Grahame and Bob Lawrence	
6.1	Cllr Grahame and Bob have met with Kris Nenadic (LCC Parks & Countryside) and worked up a project.	
6.2	The new memorial and information boards will cost £10,000 and the cost will be split 50:50 between LCC Parks & Countryside and the Cross Gates councillors via the Outer East Area Committee.	
6.3	The East Leeds Historical & Archaeology Society have donated £500 towards advertising.	
6.4	Cllr Grahame has received many positive comments about the project and one from as far away as Australia.	
6.5	A second coffee morning will take place on 5 November to unveil the plans and get comments / feedback.	All
6.6	A dedication ceremony will take place in Manston Park on 5 December 2012, which will coincide with the fatal blast.	All
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Community Safety</b> – Neighbourhood Policing Team	
7.1	No officers were in attendance.	
7.2	Cllr Gruen gave a brief update, noting both crime and burglary levels were down by 30% compared to last month.	
7.3	The Brownies and Guides hadn't experience too much anti-social behaviour over the summer but levels are starting to increase again now the nights are drawing in.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Environmental Action update</b> – Simon Norman	
8.1	Simon Norman is your Community Environmental Support Officer (CESO) and his contact details are: Tel: <b>07891 278 378</b> or email <b>simon.norman@leeds.gov.uk</b>	
8.2	Since the last meeting, 107 issues have been dealt with including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 reports of overgrown vegetation</li> <li>• 21 fly tips</li> <li>• Nine waste in gardens</li> <li>• Two fixed penalty notices (FPNs) for waste in gardens were issued</li> <li>• 11 legal notices served</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four FPNs for littering, one of which resulted in a successful prosecution for £4,000 after failing to pay a £75 fine</li> <li>• Three FPNs for dog fouling</li> <li>• Two empty properties boarded</li> <li>• And a rat infestation was cleared</li> </ul>	
8.3	<p>Ten litter bins are being replaced on Austhorpe Road, Marshall Avenue, Marshall Terrace, outside the Manston pub, Pendas Way (at the shops), next to Marks &amp; Spencers, Green Lane (near the pet shop), Station Road (by Santander), Manston Drive and Sandbed Lane.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Grahame asked Simon to chase up the bins for the Ring Road</li> </ul>	SN
8.4	<p>A covert camera has been bought for use in the Cross Gates &amp; Whinmoor ward, funded by your ward councillors via the Outer East Area Committee. These cameras have been successful with obtaining footage for prosecutions eg fly-tippers, but have a variety of uses.</p>	
8.5	<p>Back Austhorpe Road has had issues with bins belonging to landlords.</p>	
8.6	<p>An issue was raised regarding garden stones being displaced onto the highway from the flats at the back of Austhorpe Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simon to investigate</li> </ul>	SN
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Activities for young people</b>	
9.1	<p>No one in attendance.</p>	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Other updates</b>	
10.1	<p><b>Lulworth Avenue ginnel</b> – James Nundy It was recently reported by a forum member that the surface of the ginnel running from Lulworth Ave to the Ring Road was in a poor condition. It was reported via the LCC helpline and the potholes were temporarily filled, with resurfacing of pavements in Lulworth Avenue to be extended along the ginnel in the near future.</p>	
10.2	<p><b>Grafton Villas long footpath update</b> – Cllr Grahame Alley gating project now complete.</p>	
10.3	<p><b>Austhorpe Rd zebra crossing</b> Deferred for next meeting.</p>	JN/NB
10.4	<p><b>Crossgates &amp; District Good Neighbours Scheme</b> – Moira Flynn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was the Annual General Meeting yesterday and the councillors were thanked for their continued support</li> <li>• A 'Celebrating ten years' annual report was tabled</li> <li>• Running a 'buy a brick' scheme for £20 a brick</li> <li>• Older peoples event week at Halton recorded 96 attendees</li> <li>• The councillors thanked Moira and the team for their efforts</li> </ul>	
10.5	<p><b>Crossgates Shopping Centre</b> – Dave Coulthard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The shopping centre has new owners</li> <li>• Public toilets are to be refurbished</li> <li>• A new letting agency is in place and as a consequence viewings for the empty units have already increased</li> <li>• Crossgates Shopping Centre name will be staying but may be rebranded</li> </ul>	

10.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arndale House offices – a gym on the first floor is still an option being looked at</li> <li>• Gasometer – rumours about its future have started again</li> <li>• Dave was congratulated on his promotion to permanent Centre Manager</li> </ul> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Manston Guides</b> – Jean Barnbrook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the big gig concert last weekend, with performances from JLS, Little Mix and Scouting for Girls</li> <li>• Had a beetle drive for current charity Macmillan and raised £200</li> <li>• Have been bungee jumping, parachuting and camping</li> <li>• Fundraising for a trip to Disneyland in 2014</li> <li>• Guides supporting the wellies and wrist band festival</li> <li>• Went bowling to support the Lord Mayor’s charity</li> <li>• Councillors offered MICE money</li> </ul>	
<b>11.0 Any Other Business and date of next meeting</b>		
11.1	<p><b>Proposed doctors surgery on former car wash site, Station Road</b> Cllr Gruen gave details of the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are three existing surgeries in the area but they are small and have tiny car parks</li> <li>• The blueprint is for one combined medical centre and it will remove an eyesore site from the main arterial road</li> <li>• Planning application is expected in the near future</li> <li>• Key issues will be traffic implications and the anticipated 40-space car park</li> <li>• It is thought that the scheme will include an on-site pharmacy</li> <li>• Consultation taking place at Crossgates Good Neighbours building</li> </ul>	
11.2	<p><b>Methodist Chapel on Barwick Road</b> Jean Thacker raised the issue of the future of this old building as it is in a poor state of repair - can anything be done?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action:</b> Simon Norman to investigate ownership and then request they tidy it up</li> <li>• It was also reported an application for it to become a gym or dance centre was turned down due to it not having any parking provision</li> </ul>	SN
11.3	<p><b>Christmas Lights switch-on event</b> – Cllr Grahame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The date for the switch-on will be Thursday 15 November 2012</li> <li>• The event will run from 7pm-8pm, with a road closure and fun fair from 6pm and a firework finale at 8pm</li> <li>• It will take place in the front car park of the Crossgates Chiropody &amp; Therapy Centre on Austhorpe Road (opposite the entrance of the shopping centre)</li> <li>• Moved from a Sunday to a Thursday in an effort to make it a bigger event and get more schools involved whilst using an evening with statistically lower traffic levels</li> <li>• Crossgates Shopping Centre is onboard and having late night shopping</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Manston Guides offered the services of their choir again</li> </ul>	
11.4	<p><b>Cross Gates festive roundabout</b> – Cllr Grahame There is a project to have a living Christmas tree on the roundabout in future years. Due to the nature of trees, a small living tree (approx 2.5m) will be planted and given time to establish suitable roots to allow lights to be hung in the branches without it falling over. A cut tree will be erected for Christmas 2013 and future years until the living tree has become</p>	

	<p>established. Funded by the ward councillors via the Outer East Area Committee.</p> <p>11.5 <b>Cricket weeks</b> – James Nundy          With funding from the local councillors via the Outer East Area Committee, another two successful crickets weeks were delivered by the Yorkshire Cricket Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kippax</b> (30 July – 3 Aug 2012) attracted an average of 75 cricketers per day. 80% were boys, 20% were girls</li> <li>• <b>Whitkirk</b> (13 – 17 August 2012) attracted an average of 130 cricketers per day. 82% were boys and 18% were girls. So many girls attended this week that Whitkirk Cricket Club were able to establish a girls team for the first time</li> <li>• On the back of both weeks sufficient young people were interested in taking part in a Young Leaders course which teaches about the umpiring side of the game too</li> <li>• Six young people showing the most potential were selected to be offered further coaching on the ProCoach course at Headingley Cricket Ground</li> </ul> <p>11.6 <b>Go for gold this summer and organise a community clean-up in your area</b> – James Nundy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JN tabled a poster which has been distributed across outer east Leeds highlighting the support his office can give in relation to community clean-ups</li> <li>• If you are interested in organising one, please give him a call on 0113 336 8940</li> </ul> <p>11.7 <b>Older Persons Event Week</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first local leg of the event week took place at St Gregory’s Youth and Adult Centre in Swarcliffe on Tuesday 2 October:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 94 people attended</li> <li>○ Lots of information stalls</li> <li>○ Line dancing demonstration</li> <li>○ Free raffle</li> <li>○ Elvis tribute act</li> <li>○ Positive comments received</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The second local leg of the event week took place at Christ Church in Halton on 4 October, with volunteer support from Crossgates &amp; District Good Neighbours:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There were 96 attendees of which 39 came from Cross Gates &amp; Whinmoor ward, 51 from Temple Newsam ward, four from Killingbeck &amp; Seacroft ward, one from Kippax &amp; Methley ward and one from Rothwell ward</li> <li>○ Lots of information stalls</li> <li>○ Corpus Christi High School provided several musical ensembles and helped make the event intergenerational</li> <li>○ Catering was highly praised</li> <li>○ Free raffle</li> <li>○ Elvis tribute act was well received</li> <li>○ Positive comments via comments cards</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>11.8 <b>Next meeting</b>          The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9 January 2013.</p>	<p>All</p>
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