

CROSSPOOL FORUM - OPEN MEETING  
Friday 5 May 2016  
Bullet Points

Together with guest speakers 35 residents attended.

Ian Hague welcomed everyone and the minutes of the January Open Meeting were agreed. A signing-in sheet was available at the door and an issues of local concerns box for the Councillors. (The Local Elections having taken place on Thursday 5th May we will, (after being sworn in), have Cllr. Craig Gamble, Cllr. Anne Murphy & Cllr. Adam Hanrahan to represent this area - Adam was able to attend. Dr. Alan Billings was re-elected as Police & Crime Commissioner).

Ian raised a few points from correspondence received recently; dog mess on Carver Fields (there will be reminders on the website about dog owners responsibilities); thought given to the acquisition of a defibrillator (suggested it be houses at Spar); nominations now closed for the Crosspool Person of the Year - see voting slip in the Clarion; new PA system in use; consultation ended on the viability of the Derbyshire City Council Castleton to Sheffield bus service.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** - Angela Southward reported payments made of £519 (PA system); £105 (Fayre insurance); £276 (Festival items). Income recently includes £400 for market stall pitches, £55 in donations, & £30 donated for the summer planting.

Anyone interested in joining the summer hanging basket watering rota, please contact Ian or Steve.  
**PCSO's REPORT:-** Our new local PCSO, Nicola Doolan reported on 9 recent burglaries; she urged everyone to **CHANGE DOOR LOCKS TO ANTI-TAMPER EUROLOCKS**, use **CAR STEERING WHEEL LOCKS**, hide away from sight **JEWELLERY & CAR SATNAVS** etc. & generally **BE VIGILANT**.

She answered questions from the floor; huge lorries delivering building material to the Tesco site, blocking the pavement; possibility of permanent CCTV in the precinct (Ian Hague pushed Adam to take over the CCTV idea from retiring Cllr. Geoff Smith), school children's behaviour on buses (Angela recently attended a meeting about tackling behaviour on buses), and city centre graffiti.

**AMEY StreetsAhead REPORT:** - Claire Tideswell (StreetsAhead) sent her apologies, Angela read out her brief report. Apart from remedial work up to the end of May, all the work at Sandygate has now finished. Some 97 trees have been felled and 102 planted. Manchester Road will be resurfaced in February 2017— there will be a roadshow in September about this.

A few questions were raised for Ian H. to ask Claire; responsibility for the ginnel between Burntstones Close & Burntstones Drive - in "terrible state"; "very poor" pavements with perennial weeding already sprouting through them; who is responsible for watering the new trees?.

**TRANSPORT UPDATE:-** Andy Metcalfe (FirstBus) also sent his apologies, his report was read out by Angela; the University fly-over bridge work at Western Bank will be ongoing until October, and soon the 51 will be routed inbound via Clarkson Street and Durham Road - avoiding both the Brook Hill roundabout and Mappin Street.

**THE PLOUGH PUB:** - Peter Duff (ex-regular user of the pub) spoke about the "breathing space" gained for the Plough by designating it an Asset of Community Value. He urged everyone to bombard its owners - Enterprise Inns (who own 900 other pubs countrywide they are mothballing in a similar way) - with support for the asset to get them to put it up for sale. The community could then tap into the Government's More Than a Pub' programme of £3.7m. With support from Community Share issues, the Hallam Football & Cricket clubs at Sandygate, to buy the property. This could then be repaired, modernized and open for all sorts of community uses. (Deep concerns about how the council had allowed some huge unpaid council tax bills to be run up were voiced). MP Nick Clegg is also on board on this scheme.

**COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS:** - Adam Hanrahan has yet to be sworn in, but was absolutely pleased, privileged and delighted to represent the area, and looks forward to working with the community.

**EVENTS:** - The Crosspool Festival is well under way, and the brochure is being printed. Help is required at Stephen Hill Methodist Church in the week leading up to the Well Dressing (Friday 24th June 6pm) to press petals into the clay for the picture.

The charities chosen for donations from any proceeds are The Gold-digger Trust & Lydgate Junior School.

Car Boot Sale – 4th June (Crosspool Tavern car park): possible coach trip in late 16 or early 17 Salford Quays Media Centre again; and if anyone is interested in participating in a morning or afternoon Tea Dance (with refreshments) - contact Ian or Steve.

AOB – Contacting the Forum; any letters for the Forum can be accepted via a pigeonhole in St Columba's Church, but please remember to address your correspondence, with your name and contact details, to the Crosspool Forum, or otherwise via the website.

The Next Open Meeting at St Columba's, 7pm, Thursday, July 28th, 2016.