

## **Bullet Points**

Crosspool Forum - Open Meeting Thursday 28th July 2017

40 people were in attendance

No Councillors were available to attend.

### Matters arising & Chairman's report (Ian Hague)

1. Corrections to the 27th April Minutes – PCSOs are on duty till 10pm and therefore available to attend our Open Meetings.
2. Moving the precinct post box? If the pavement is to be redone now is the time to get this done – with it being crown property it proves to be very difficult.
3. Benty Lane Scout Hut: although the work has started on the refurbishment – they are now looking to find further funds to put additional foundations in place.
4. All local businesses have been informed where to find the newly installed local Defibrillator: Now live, two St Columba's reps plus Ian Hague & Steve Reynolds are official guardians for this.
5. Still time to vote for Crosspool Person of the Year - see Robert in The Pet Shop before 31st August.
6. The Crosspool Person of the Year will be announced at the October AGM/Open Meeting, & the money raised by the 2017 Festival handed to The Lord Mayor for her Charities.
7. Precinct CCTV system. Costs of the Council run scheme have escalated so the Forum is exploring providing this in a different way.
8. Save the Plough Share issue. Ian H asked if the Forum could pledge money for the share issue - Roger Kite formally proposed this & the floor agreed - £2000.
9. Volunteers are being sought to offer help - erecting the Christmas trees, maintaining floral displays/hanging baskets, the Car Boot and summer festival/fayre etc.
10. King Edwards's pupils were thanked for planting up the tubs this year, & the Cub Scouts for doing the hanging baskets.
11. New benches; a sponsored bench has been put in place in the Hagg Copse, with a further sponsored bench proposed for Hagg Copse and another for the Dransfield Rd side of the grass triangle where it joins with Watt Lane. The Council has however quoted something in the region of a £1000 for obtaining permission for this one to be installed.

### Treasurer's Report

Angela Southward sent in a report to say the good weather during the Festival Week meant there would be about £1000 to hand over to charity, The Fayre made about £600 towards next year's fayre and local needs.

A few more participants are wanted for Chairobics classes to break even. Bickerton Skoda continues to sponsor printing the Clarion.

### Police report & incidents, (PCSOs)

1. From 1st April there have been 8 burglaries in Crosspool, 10 thefts from motor vehicles, with 2 vehicles stolen. A gang might be involved in the van thefts.
2. There are daily updates and monthly Q & A sessions on Insp. Collette Fitzgibbons Facebook.
3. From August, the police will be based at Snig Hill, and the Chief Constable will announce the new neighbourhood policing policy on 1st September.
4. It's expected that the policy will put everything back to much as it was five years ago!

### Neighbourhood Watch

The new co-ordinator, John Garrett, introduced himself to the Forum and to the policing team. He intends to be at the September Chief Constables September meeting. He was eager to learn the response time to the 101 number - which he suggested is useless if not answered in good time. The PCSOs would like computer-literate residents to email in their reports and thus leave the 101 number for those who need to use a telephone.

### First Bus Company report (Andy Metcalfe)

1. This was generally positive said Andy - no roadworks at the moment, Western Bank completed!
2. With the green school bus company closing down, the service has been picked up by the 3 other companies. With FirstBus taking over 40% of this service and will try to keep the school children away from the shops and 60% of the problems that this causes, a few minor changes to the No. 51 will take place in September.
3. A new School Liaison Manager for South Yorkshire is about to be appointed.

4. New audio-visual displays (starting with on the 120 service) are being trialled
5. Also new contactless payment machines on the buses -which will be "feeding the system" contacting the displays in the bus stops, which should improve their accuracy.

Marie Curie fund-raising manager for S Yorks - Nikki Ayrton

Nikki gave a video presentation about the charity's work, helping terminally-ill people & their families, providing vital support, information, help-lines, one-to-one contact, to keep people in their homes. In this area in 2015-16 they helped 1085, and in '2016-17 1127— the number is therefore rising with greater need. She is looking to start a fund-raising group in S10 and would support them - suggesting tea-parties, fun runs, sponsored bike rides, work raffles, fashion shows, quiz nights - even fire-walks (which apparently raise a lot of money!). She said "there is a lot of community Spirit" in this area.

Save the Plough group - Peter Duff.

Peter "really appreciated all the support in the last year from the Crosspool Forum" though it has been" a rollercoaster ride"! . Now a local private investor has come forward prepared to take The Plough on a long lease so a community group could run it as a pub & community space, the share issue can run as long as needs to be. They have received £90k in pledges already, but need c £120k to refurbish the building & start-ups with a manager etc. The "tremendous show *of* faith" "really thrilled" him in this area. Although THE FIFA recognizes the importance *of* the links to football worldwide, the response from the FA and, two local city football clubs has been disappointing.

Events & AOB

1. Crosspool Festival Week 2017, Ian thanked, Roger Kite & Chris Batchelor for all their hard work and, Lindsey Beagles who, for employment reasons, is standing down from being chair of what has proved to be a successful Festival team.
2. Next year's dates for your diary - Well-dressing on Friday 19th June and Fayre on 7th July 2018
3. The 10th June car boot sale was a wash-out but the next on 9th September should hopefully have better weather.

Next Open Meeting & AGM - St Columba's Church Hall - 7pm Thursday Oct 26th