

## **OPEN MEETING Bullet Points Thursday 26th January 2018**

55 Crosspool residents and 8 members of the Forum Management committee attended with guest speakers. Ian Hague welcomed everyone & the Minutes of the October AGM were agreed as a true record. As a result of the treasurer & Clarion editor having to step down through work and family commitments, were now looking for suitable candidates to fill these roles. He reported that there are still a small number of 2018 Crosspool Calendars for sale, and asking that people keep taking photos of interesting local places/scenes and send them in ready for next year. The light-up Christmas trees sparkled above the shops over the Christmas period. The Benty Lane Scout Hall disabled entrance foyer is almost complete and arrangements are under way for the 2018 Festival Week (29th June to 8th July).

### **Financial Report**

Steve thanked Bickerton Skoda for their continued Clarion sponsorship, and mentioned the small loss made on the Children's Christmas Disco to pay for the excellent entertainer. In excess of 200 Christmas trees were successfully shredded, donations from which helped pay for Andy Clayton (Tree surgeon) and raised much need funds for the Forum. The Forum balance remains healthy.

**King Edward VII School** Cath Jackson, (head of safeguarding & inclusion) who last reported to the Forum a year ago, was keen to tell the meeting the progress made since then; "the partnership with the community has grown and flourished" The 720 pupils at Darwin Lane (bussed in from all over the city) have done some fantastic work this year, with their negative behaviour addressed, and inspiration received from working with the British Bobsleigh team; making lunches at Wesley Hall; planting up the Crosspool flower tubs; taught how to behave at bus stops and community leaders involvement to reinforce good behaviour when they get home.

### **First Bus Company:**

Andy Metcalfe (FirstBus) sent his apologies and this report on buses round Sheffield.

Before Christmas "traffic was at an epidemic level" and the snow caused problems for the service. Contactless, Apple Pay and Android pay methods are now live on First South Yorkshire buses; we would encourage people to make use of the facility to speed up buses and remove change issues. However, at present, due to a quirk of the local smartcard system, these payment methods cannot be used for purchasing weekly tickets. This will be fixed for the spring. Again, this and another new facility we hope to have to reduce on bus cash transactions, update at April meeting. School services continue to raise feedback for a number of reasons which we endeavour to keep an eye on. The latest change is that the morning 751 will now terminate at Vernon Terrace to avoid Children dropping off at the shops. There are a number of schemes in the City Centre relating to redevelopment around the Moor and old Markets – none of these are expected to start before the summer; some will impact the 51. We have discussed a "potential scheme" with SCC to ease queuing problems at the Manchester Rd/Sandygate Rd junction (i.e. traffic lights). Andy asked for feedback.

Cllr. Anne Murphy was recently informed of no 51s going down Selborne Rd, so requested the number of any bus using this route be reported to Andy.

### **Rivelin Water Filtration Report**

The new first stage process located in the new building completed its preliminary checks mid-December, and was put into service on the 27th December. Our construction programme extends to August 2018, which will allow us to complete landscaping, process optimisation, and phased handback of the new assets to the operations team.

John Bond and project manager Simon Balding will attend the April Meeting with a further update.

**Wendy Bradley (NHS Trust Public Governor - west Sheffield)** gave an informative talk.

Wendy was elected to the role for the next 3 years a few months back, representing this part of the city to keep an eye on the performance of the non-elected hospital trustees. The NHS Trust here runs 5 hospitals - NGH, RHH, Jessop Wing, Clifford Dental & Weston Park, and so far in her tenure no elective operations have had to be cancelled and it appears well-run, but very few people have bothered to register to be a Hospital Trust member and get their newsletter, or be able to vote. She encouraged residents in west Sheffield to do so. There are 4 public governors' meetings a year and another 4 that can be attended - but poorly advertised - with never a journalist there. At the moment is it especially important with the proposed closure of the Walk-in Centre for this part of the city, so she

urged everyone to email **before the 31st January** when the consultation ends - not by completing the biased online Form, but Putting Their Opinions Across In Their Own Words.

### **Postgraduate Student In Journalism,**

Shivam Patel had hoped to share a short film of his interviews with local residents about the Selborne Rd traffic speeding problems, but due to computer issues had to talk to the meeting instead! It is hoped the film can be posted on the website. He has liaised with Councillor Jack Scott & urged action. Councillor Anne Murphy said it is "great he has done this work for us."

**Councillors' Questions** The Lord Mayor Cllr. Anne Murphy gave a huge thank you to the community for the proceeds of the Festival Week donated to her charities. She invited members of the Forum Committee, plus Crosspool Person of the Year Sheila Lomas, to the Parlour in the Town Hall on 14th December to receive her cheque and present Sheila with her award. After coffee, gave a talk about the history of the Town Hall, Sheffield and the office of Mayor.

Cllr. Anne Murphy and Cllr Adam Hanrahan answered questions from the floor. The proposed development of flats on the Motorworld shop site was raised, and the possibility of traffic issues here.

There will at last be a meeting between the new Claremont Hospital Chief Executive and Chief Executive of Highways & Transport on 6th Feb, to discuss the problems with street parking issues

Further parking issues came to the fore - Broomhill parking, opposite PO/shops Fulwood Road, apparently shopkeepers have noticed camper van parking here all day on the 20min slots with students' permit.

Park-&-riders using Crosspool streets to park. Tesco shoppers are restricting residents parking.

HGV's and speeding vehicles using Stephen Hill/ Hagg Hill in appropriately - a satnav issue - was also mentioned, as were the problems of reporting empty grit bins to Amey and the Council in the recent icy weather.

The imminent closure of the Broomhill Natwest will be interesting - as the bank owns the fine house.

### **AOB**

1/Aligarh closed restaurant – Greencross Chemists Ltd is seeking to open this building as a retail outlet with first floor Pilates/yoga/wellbeing space

2/ WW1 Armistice Day ; Rev. Suzanne Nockels (Tapton Congregational Church) is proposing a 600mm commemorative boulder with plaque, in the church garden, to mark the centenary. Ideas welcome!

Next Meeting Thursday. 26th April 2018.