

CROSSPOOL FORUM - OPEN MEETING Bullet Points -Thurs 26th April 2018

35 residents, 7 Forum Management Committee members and 6 guest speakers attended.

Ian Hague (Chair) welcomed everyone & the Minutes of the Jan '18 Meeting were agreed as a true record. Wendy Bradley (NHS Trust Sheffield, public governor) asked people to register to vote to elect another governor for the trust. Mark Stewart was welcomed as new Clarion editor.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ian Hague mentioned the proposed replacement bench for the Dransfield Rd/Watt Lane triangle, the sponsorship by Green Cross Pharmacy of the Festival brochure, & the final completion of the disabled access to the Benty Lane Scout Hall.

Formal approval was obtained for this year's festival charity, "SARAS" (Sheffield Area Refuge and Support), refuges for women & children fleeing domestic abuse in Sheffield.

Ian said that he had attended the South Yorkshire Legal Service in the Cutlers Hall, Sunday the 18th March, where the Lord High Sheriff presented him, on behalf of the Crosspool Forum, the prestigious "Lord High Sheriff of South Yorkshire Award. Then on 6th April in the Lord Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall he was presented with a the well-regarded Lord Mayor's Civic Award - both in recognition of the Crosspool Forum's service to the community of Crosspool.

He went on to say that he felt "humbled and honoured" to receive these awards, and gratified that the hard work and efforts of the people of Crosspool had been recognised and appreciated by the City of Sheffield and South Yorkshire. His expectation was that the Forums impartial resolute to help maintain the character of Crosspool, and improve its amenities for the community of Crosspool, would continue for the foreseeable future.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Steve Reynolds said the Forum was "holding its own" financially, with money still coming in for the summer Festival market stalls.

YORKSHIRE WATER

John Bond & Simon Balding gave a power point presentation of the new Sirofloc Replacement Scheme at Rivelin, started in Sep 15 & completed on time by Sep 17. Even at this first stage of water purification it is "much clearer" than it was. There is some planting still to be done to cover the top of the buried building.

TAPTON SCHOOL REPORT

Co - Associate Headteacher Adrian May spoke of the problems the school has had with some pupils' behaviour when out at lunchtime. Two staff members in high-vis vest patrol the precinct, & "how to present themselves while out in the community" is discussed at assemblies. Only 6th Form & Yrs. 10 & 11 are allowed out - with parental permission- for the 45 min lunch break, & their passes can be withdrawn. The school requests any behaviour issues to be reported to them. One resident remarked that the majority are well behaved and that we must remember all children will be "boisterous" at times.

POLICE UPDATE

PCSO Nicola Doolan sent in a sheet of local incidents - attempted & actual break-ins of sheds, garages, parked cars & local businesses. She asked residents to ensure nothing was left on view in vehicles, and that outbuildings are properly secured & fences etc. are well maintained.

SAVE THE PLOUGH

Peter Duff had hoped to attend to confirm that the Plough has been re-listed as an Asset of Community Value, which means that any change of use or demolition would require planning permission and that the community will still have a say in the future of the pub. We are looking at a

number of options to ensure that the Plough can be brought back into use as a community facility. Cllr Craig Gamble-Pugh reiterated that the Plough had been recently re-listed as an Asset of Community Value, & asked everyone to keep their eyes open for any activity on the site.

FIRST BUS COMPANY

Andy Metcalfe (FirstBus) said there was little change to report - the contactless payment system is working, the 'Buses for Sheffield' logo is now visible as a "unified brand" on all buses; 26 new First buses have been ordered. The March "beast from the East" weather caused "engineering problems" with snow turning quickly to ice on the highways, so bus drivers reported feeling unsafe to continue their Lodge Moor route. There was a query as to whether First Bus allows bus pass holders with hospital appointment cards to travel for free before 9.30am; Andy will look into this, but said that there "is no formal agreement" about this.

COUNCILLORS' Q&A's

Cllr Craig Gamble-Pugh apologized for not being able to attend many Open Meetings due to being on adoption leave, and will be standing for re-election on May 3rd. He has however been busy with Cllr Anne Murphy supporting the Bolehills community group & the Crookes TARA. There are expected to be some improvements in the play equipment at Lydgate Park (planning gains money).

Cllr Adam Hanrahan still has a year in office, mentioning that sorting out the 51 bus service had been the main issue when he was first elected, & that this had shown signs of improving.

EVENTS:

It is hoped to run a community Coach trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park with a meal at a hotel on Monday 23th July. Nominations for the annual Crosspool Person of the Year are invited; the Festival brochure will be sent out with the Clarion in May; King Edwards Lower School pupils will be filling the planters with summer bedding once the weather is right - with the cold late spring the winter plants are still going strong. Crosspool Fruit & Veg will be sponsoring the hanging baskets this year. Look out for the car boot sales on 9th June & 8th Sep.

A plea went out for timber (& a joiner) to make a new Well-dressing construction frame, as the one used in previous years has disappeared from its storage place! This year's well-dressing is hoped to be on 29th June '18.

Next Meeting Thurs. 26th July 2018.