

CROSSPOOL FORUM - OPEN MEETING Bullet Points Thurs 26th July 2018  
Present: Ian Hague (Chair), Steve Reynolds (Vice chair), Gillian Drinkwater, Ian Jenkinson, Debbie Kerry, Mark Stewart, (Clarion editor) & Helen Tagg, interpreter), Roger Kite and 25 Crosspool residents

Apologies: - Chris Batchelor, Nick Duggan, PCSOs Pam Thompson & Nicole Doolan

Guests; Andy Metcalfe & Simon Middleton (First Bus)

Geraldine Poulton (litter ambassador); Cllrs. Anne Murphy and Mohammed Mahroof

Ian Hague welcomed everyone & introduced the top table. He then paid tribute to Dawn Boulter, the chair of this year's Festival Week, who tragically died following a recent heart attack. Roger Kite (a Festival team member) offered "sad condolences to Dawns family" & said she was "very much a part of the Crosspool community" and a founder member of the WI'. Rev Suzanne Nockels spoke of her great contribution to Crosspool followed by a minute's silence.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. The bullet points of the 26th April meeting were agreed as a true record - all on the website as usual. The planned community coach trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park took place on 23rd July. Crosspool residents aged from 2 - 92 thoroughly enjoyed the day out at the park, followed by a meal at the Mount Pleasant Hotel. Thanks given to Andy & Simon for supplying the bus.

FINANCIAL REPORT The Forum has a healthy balance. A summary of the accounts were made available. Bickerton Skoda was thanked for their past sponsorship of the Clarion. Local sponsorship is a warmly welcomed asset.

POLICE UPDATE Nicola Doolan sent in a brief report. Sadly there have been several incidents - thefts from and of motor vehicles, number plates stolen, burglaries and shops targeted locally. Janet (of Charisma) was one of those burgled and the police only responded when she put in a complaint. The inspector who eventually visited agreed she had received a 'terrible service" & forensic evidence had been lost which might have led to the apprehension of the man involved Janet then asked around and to her shock found there had been 15 incidents in the Shops over the last 12 months. She said CCTV needs to be erected. Cllr. Anne Murphy agreed, saying this had only started happening since the local PC's were withdrawn from the area. Council-operated CCTV systems are prohibitively expensive - an officer would need to be paid to monitor the footage (new data protection rules) so individual shops need to look into their own

security.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT Andy Metcalfe (FirstBus) said summer time table now running. the tram works and strikes causing some infrequencies He took questions on why buses occasional use Selborne Rd, why there are often only single-deckers on the 51 outbound in busy times and the move to cashless journeys.

LITTER AMBASSADORS Geraldine Poulton of Fulwood has become one for her local area, registered with Keep Britain Tidy. The Council provides rubbish bags, gloves, litter pickers & training. John Marsh and his wife have agreed to co-ordinate this for Crosspool. There are 62 'heros' pledged to clear up litter from the Fulwood streets, 23 already at Lodge Moor and she hopes this will snowball.

COUNCILLORS' Q&A's Roger Kite asked Cllr. Anne Murphy & Mohammed Mahroof why Rivelin Water Park is such a poor relation to the one at Millhouses - with broken equipment (even though this has been reported) apparently The Friends of Millhouses Park has an "enormous amount of money to spend on their facilities. Anne & Mohammed will look into this, but suggested applying for funding from Hillsborough & Walkley Ward Pots to have improvements made.

#### EVENTS:

Despite the extremely hot weather and world cup football, Sally Turnbull (festival team) said that the Street Market, Folk night and Fayre etc. were well attended, and a superbly designed Well Dressing, made for a successful Festival!

Person of the Year nominations – 9 names and precis in the Clarion, use the voting slip to cast your vote.

The next Car boot sale 8th September

Scout Hall Benty Lane, Easy Exercise, (Tuesday 10.45-11.45) and Tai Chi, (Wednesdays 10.45-11.45) classes are going well; new Art Class starting in October. Walking Group proposed. Everyone welcome!

A Friendship Group, run by 'Home Instead' meets for lunch at the Crosspool Tavern from 11.30am every Monday - carers and those they care might like to come along

AOB Nothing further about the fate of The Plough; the inside is stripped out and it's now being offered for rent.

Next Open Meeting is 25th October 2018