

Crosspool Forum -AGM & Open Meeting Bullet Points-Thursday 25th October 2018  
46 Crosspool residents with 7 guest speakers attended.

Ian Hague welcomes everyone and read out his 15th **Chairman's Report**, making reference to the many events and activities that had taken place throughout the year, and his being invited twice to receive awards on behalf of Crosspool – High Sheriff of South Yorkshire's award in March & Lord Mayor's Civic award in April. The Forum committee sadly lost Dawn Boulter (Festival chair). Stepping down through; change in circumstances, Robin Byles (webmaster), change in employment, Angela Southward (treasurer) and John Holliday (Clarion editor). New Webmaster yet to be appointed; John Drinkwater (newly appointed treasurer); Mark Stewart (appointed editor) new committee members welcome,

### **Treasurer's Report**

Steve Reynolds (Vice Chair) said the Forum had had a good year; bank balance remains healthy; the full accounts were made available to attendees who wanted to see them.

**Committee**; there are a number of posts to be filled. Many little jobs helping with the numerous activities/events that take place throughout the year, such as the Christmas trees display, Summer Festival and Fayre etc. The floor gave the Committee a mandate to continue.

### **Festival Week Nominated Charity Presentation**

Rev. Suzanne Nockels, (Tapton Cong.Church) was proud to present a cheque for £1000 to the charity 'SARA' (Sheffield Area Refuge Support), which helps 160 women and even more children every year, building their lives back up" after domestic abuse. Any unwanted items like towels, gift sets, toiletries or clothes can be handed in at Tapton Congregational.

Church, corner of Tapton Hill Road / Manchester Road - all gratefully received.

Crosspool Person of the Year Award

Glyn Dyer (of the coffee shop 'Nest') has won this year; work commitment prevented his attendance. Ian Hague will present him with his engraved tankard and certificate later in the week.

### **Proposed Crosspool War Memorial**

Rev. Nockals wishes to mark "the people touched by conflict, in a myriad of ways in our area, by erecting a small community memorial of granite stone in the Tapton Cong.Church grounds. Rev. Nockals said the other Crosspool churches are on board and wished for the community to get involved on and after the fund-raising launch date of 11th Nov '18, with a service at the church.

### **Litter Picking Day**

Geraldine Poulton (litter ambassador) will co-ordinated this in Crosspool for the time being, with a date of 3rd Nov (9.45) for the first one. She would like someone to step forward & take this over.

### **PCSOs Report**

As no police were available this evening, PCSO Pam Thompson had sent in a report. This was agreed to be unsettling reading. Several local burglaries, vehicle thefts & of course this year's spate of over 14 shops being targeted, led to a meeting on 30th Aug at 'nest' with the Police & Crime Commissioner Alan Billings, a police sergeant, both 'local' PCSOs, CIr Anne Murphy & Forum Management reps., in attendance.) Everyone felt Crosspool is now seen as a "soft touch" to out-of-town criminals. A CCTV system is desperately needed. Rev Billings has agreed to support the community in getting funding for this.

### **Perspectives of the Park Hill flats Rebrand**

Sarah Newman (Sheffield University 3rd year geographer) attended to ask everyone for their thoughts on Park Hill and its rebranding development. She took away several useful and interesting comments.

### **First Bus Report**

Andy Metcalfe had little good news for this quarter about the 51 bus service? Despite "this quarter being always difficult" it had been "quite bizarre" with rail replacement buses filling the roads, localized storm flooding, all the students returning either on the day Sheffield United was playing at home, or the next day when the half-marathon was on, then an M1 closure, roadworks on the 51 route at the other side of the city - and then today a tram collided with a lorry on the new Rotherham-Sheffield tram tracks. His proposed scheme for a slipway for cars queuing to get into Weston Park Hospital carpark has been turned down, has been disheartening and a 'pretty horrid experience'. He does not expect it to get any better in December! He answered a couple of questions, one about the bus displays apparent inaccuracy, and the other that PTE need to be contacted if people would like to see the Crosspool 'Spar'/Pet shop bus stop moved out of the way of the post box.

### **Councillors Questions**

Cllr Anne Murphy has been looking at the often very bad and inconsiderate parent car parking/hovering around the local schools this new term. She has arranged for a camera to be in operation near schools and a mobile speed safety camera on Manchester Road.

She also asked people to support the 'Help us help you' scheme, and not give any beggars or apparent rough-sleepers money. Instead leaflets are available to show you how to direct them to the Archer Project (behind the Cathedral) where practical assistance is available. Sheffield has a lot of support in place to motivate people off the streets and off drugs.

### **Events**

1. Crosspool Calendars on sale now, still @ £4.
2. Children's Christmas Party, St Columba's, Church Hall, Sunday 9th December, 3pm -5pm.
3. Tuesday's Easy Exercise, Wednesday's Tai Chi; both in Scout Hall, Benty Lane, 10.45 – 11.45am
4. Day out in 2019 – York suggested.

### **AOB**

1. Proposal from the floor as to how to choose next year's Crosspool Person of the Year. The committee was mandated by the meeting to decide on a short list in future.
2. Plough Inn update Information on Facebook; the lease-holder has decided he cannot go ahead with opening it as a pub again Stalemate.
3. Three trainee journalists were present - Hannah introduced herself and is 'really excited' to be working with the community.
4. The empty 'Top to Toe 'beauty shop will re-open shortly as another sandwich place.
5. Tapton's playing field litterbin - reported as regularly have 'unbelievable' & 'phenomenal' amounts of litter overflowing!

Next Open Meeting Thursday 31st January 2019,.