

Crosspool Forum Open Meeting
Thursday 27th October 2022.
St Columba's Church 7pm

Present: Ian Hague (Chair), Steve Reynolds (Vice chair), Gillian Drinkwater, John Drinkwater (treasurer); Nick Duggan, Sylvia Feeney;

Councillors: Tim Huggan: Ruth Milsom; Minesh Parekh

Apologies: Police PCSOs - their report in the Clarion.

Guests: David Morton (Samaritans).
Kat Ross (Baby Basics C.E.O.)
Rachel Reason (Coop member Pioneer for Fulwood & Crosspool)
Jude Murphy (Care in Crosspool)
Mark Kensson (local author)

plus 26 Crosspool residents plus two student journalists.

Ian Hague welcomed everyone, introduced the top table and opened the Meeting
He asked Eileen Kehoe to present the cheques to the charities on behalf of the Crosspool Festival team - each getting £700. Kat accepted one for Baby Basics, she said that this had started in Sheffield In 2009, to provide baby and toddler essentials to vulnerable families. There are now 57 centres throughout the UK. Each might well support ten thousand kids and their families - more expected this year.

David Morton then accepted a cheque for the Samaritans, and said this together with a bucket collection at the Festival has netted a total one thousand for them - which will cover costs from 8pm tonight to 8pm next Tuesday! They have 26 shifts with 52 volunteers over each 24 hours, expecting to receive some 400-500 calls.

Ian then officially opened the eighteenth AGM. The Minutes of last October's AGM were accepted as a true record.

Chairman's Report

Ian reminded everyone as to the purpose of the Crosspool Forum.

Since its launch in 2003, a group of volunteers have committed to retaining the community's respect through quarterly open meetings and shared activities, promoting a healthy and thriving environment, preserving & improving the quality of life for the community.

Thanks to local business, sponsors & advertisers; the Crosspool Clarion, Crosspool news website; Facebook and twitter the forum provides the local community with information and a;. To maintain a balanced media impartiality, ideas, articles, information, emails/letters from the community are essential.

The Sheffield City Council - local businesses and all the people who, through their generosity diligence and hard work, help make the viability of the many community activities and events organised by the forum, beneficial for the community and local charities; eg. The Crosspool Summer Festival/ Fayre - Boot Sale - educational/ physical exercise classes - Crosspool Calendar, - (*the 2023 one now available to purchase from the usual places £4-*), Crosspool Clarion, Crosspool News, Children's Christmas Party. Christmas tree displays - Flags - Planters & Hanging baskets - Hagg Copse nature reserve – apple orchard –and the tremendous work of a small dedicated group, with an average age 80, who week on week maintain Lydgate green.

The future; – with the continued support of the community, assistance and good relations and dialogue with our local councillors', council officials, businesses and police, the forum would hope to continue its independence and impartiality in promoting an equal opportunities and family friendly policy, providing an important 'voice mechanism' through which collective concerns can be expressed and voiced. More significantly, we would hope to continue to maintain, protect and improve the character and heritage of the area for its current residents and future generations by continually

evaluating the quality and relevance of its function and communications to the community, through the local media and Open meetings.

Ian believes that our aims are the same and that by working together and recognising the value of our many differences on issues that affects us all, regardless of age, ethnic origin, sex, belief or political affiliation. We will be better placed to improve and promote the well-being of this unique community. None of this would have been possible without all the continued hard work from all who empathise with Crosspool. In closing, he wished to record his thanks to all the committee for their hard work and his special personal appreciation to Steve (vice chair) for his tremendous help & diligence.

Treasurer's Report

John Drinkwater said copies of the Inc & Expenditure sheet were available to anyone wanted to see the figures, but "the financial cushion is quite plump" with the income more than the expenditure - although prices will increase in the coming year as they already have (printing costs for instance). *He also wanted to thank the Businesses and local people for their support*, and said the Forum could afford to spend a little more and asked for ideas from the community as to how our precinct can be improved?

We have already been spending and held up a bright yellow hi-vis gilet for the litter pickers to wear.
AGM Business

There were no resignations this year, although Angela Southward is taking a back seat for a while. The residents were asked if they wanted the committee to continue – and there was full support from the floor.

Matters arising from the last Open Meeting

28th July 2022. There has been no feedback from MP Olivia Blake on the points she took away with her. *The Crosspool Person of the Year presentation will take place at the Jan 2023 Open Meeting.* The Minutes were agreed as a true record.

Police Report.

PCSO Pam had sent Steve Reynolds a report which he duly read out, covering 14th August to 27th October. There have been quite a few burglaries - with Euro locks being smashed for access, with vehicles, keys, jewellery and money stolen. There were also one or two attempted burglaries - through patio doors, locked garages and garden out buildings. Some five vehicles have been stolen/taken without access to the keys. Some catalytic converters have also been removed. She reminded car owners to keep their keys indoors in a Faraday Pouch or foil bag, and to use steering wheel locks, gate padlocks and drive-end posts to deter thieves. (The PCSO's can be contacted to give advice and guidance if requested). Contact details on the South Yorkshire Police website.

Co-op - Member Pioneer.

Rachel Reeson and her colleague Nisha said it was lovely to be here, because the community is the heart of the Co-op. She herself lives in Crosspool, and is well aware of how Ian & Steve know everyone there! Each Co-op store has a Pioneer attached, and will look at three fantastic local causes to support in each area. - e.g. the 'Grow' scheme to support young people growing their own food & selling it, or working with the visually impaired at the Hallam tennis club. They keep in touch with and network to help the local community. Nisha said how the scheme works every time you shop - money going back to the card-holding member and also to the community schemes being supported. (Almost everyone in the Hall said they were a member). They hold an event in store when the cheques are handed out - a big plastic one, with the actual cash being a credit transfer of course! (Ian H said how his bowls club had recently received funds total approx. £5k).

Care In Crosspool

Jude Murphy has been the Care In Crosspool co-ordinator for over three years, having taken over from her predecessor who ran it for over 10yrs. The scheme started in 1986 when a few local people saw a need for assistance for people who might be housebound or just lonely, might not be in the

local WI, have local relatives to visit, or be part of a supportive network like the church. Since then it has grown & become a registered charity, with 37 volunteers and 39 elderly people requiring help - they might just want a visit & chat, or logo for a walk, play a board game, have a cup of tea made for them, have their prescription collected, or be accompanied to a hospital appointment. They can also cover so a carer can go Out & have a break. The management committee meets quarterly, & Jude has a small office round the back of St Columba's with a separate front door - which they lease off the church as they are not affiliated to it In any other way. Even lockdown meant no compromise in their service - they phoned rather than visited, but delivered food (even fish & chips!) - 8. some used the back of their cars as a library for books & DVDs. Now they are getting back to normal they are accepting referrals from GPs, Alzheimer's Society, family members, neighbours, & self-referrals. There have been some 7 new referrals this year so far.

She particularly wanted to thank the local IM for providing around 120 Christmas cards each year... & making little tree decorations to put inside each card! (The recipients are now eagerly anticipating receiving these! One WI lady has made all the gifts herself for two years running!) Care in Crosspool Is supported by the churches, local organizations, Crosspool ladies' groups - such as the one recently disbanded who donated their remaining funds. People are welcome to attend their annual events such as the May AGM They do limit the area to Crosspool, and will support younger people by allowing their carer some time off, but do not offer any professional nursing care.

Local Author

Mark Kensson (pen name!) introduced himself as a teacher & local resident (28 years) & new author - his book 'Stuck in Traffic is due out now - & can be pre-ordered via the website rmarkensson.co.uk for £9.99 (-delivery £3.00 or freed he can deliver it to a Crosspool address himself). Publication date Tues 1. 11.2022 ((A free chapter of the book can be downloaded)). He has Just done a radio interview where the presenter called the book a "love letter to Sheffield" - a warm-heated & positive reflection of the city and its people. Mark feels the people of Sheffield have a lot of goodness, & he wanted to celebrate this. Mark is available to talk about his book and could attend book signing events too.

Councillors Questions.

1. Overflowing rubbish bins? More double ones needed - help with attempts at recycling
Ans. Steve said they were emptied most mornings first thing, but were known to be full by lunchtime again; & there is also a local resident who goes round tidying up round them first thing! A senior rep from Amey came to a meeting recently & so they could be asked to step up their emptying regime, but due to financial constraints would be more prepared to act reactively than proactively. The website Fix my street has mentioned of similar problems Pressure needs to kept upon Array - & there is an ongoing consultation at the moment about cleaning & gritting.
2. Cars exiting King's court problem; there was a request for DYLS here— as it is impossible to see round any parked cars; "exceedingly dangerous" - especially for cyclists. The Development Manager at the Court has asked about a Traffic Regulation Order for this but it is too expensive.
Ans. Tim H will look at this, & Minesh P will speak to Transport & planning (Ashley Ardem). Ruth said only 1 location per yr can have new DYLS
3. What has happened to Jo Graham's large petition last year after a pupil was knocked down opposite Tesco on the same stretch?
Ans. This appears to have disappeared
4. Disabled parking bays?
Ans. They have been repainted but we know the sign needs to be moved to a closer place
5. Bay by the fish & chip shop — workmen stay too long eating their sandwiches - the rules are not enforced
Ans. Yes, we do need more enforcement & ticketing; Tim felt another disabled bay was needed as well.
6. Gully full of water — by bus stop (in bound).
Ans. Individual non-draining gulleys must be reported & will be dealt with There is no longer a regime or checking them all

7. School litter bins?

Ans. This is Veolia's job - we need to pressure the school to teach the children how to behave. (Denmark for instance has far more street bins than the UK).

8. Thinking about spending Forum money - if we agreed to pay for a large double one would Amey agree to empty it? If the rubbish in it is already sorted into recycling it ought to be cheaper for them...

Ans. There is Council money available in various pots — one up to £50k and also £200k. We need to investigate what we can propose to spend it on.

9. '20s plenty'- new pole signs marking 20 mph have just popped up on the local streets How are they enforced?

Ans. Tim said they aren't! While a "20mph zone" is enforceable ours is just "a speed limit". There is an expectation that seeing these signs will make drivers slow down.

10. Has the Lydgate Lane police station re-opened yet?

Ans. Yes it would appear so — there was a delivery. But restricted opening times.

11. New VAS cameras — are they set properly? Do they flash for too short a time as you pass?

Ans. Minesh said they can be obscured by vegetation & so pointless! There is a new trial whereby communities can buy their own speed gun & check what is going on

12. Sandygate Rd — the start of the 20 limit needs moving (far end of Ringstead Cresc). People speed downhill & get no warning of this - & are still too fast when they reach the Zebra crossing. Do we need a preparatory sign?

Ans. Could look into painted rumble strips across the road...

13. Hagg Hill - bad parking on this narrow steep road by allotment users. it would also be useful for non-locals to have a Right of Way sign to remind drivers coming up the hill they do not need to slow down as this is their right of way

14. Stile - Marsh Lane to Clough Fields - this has been reported at least twice two years ago..

Ans. Minesh asked for the gents email address to contact him about this.

15. Where is the NO IDLING sign promised for Selborne Rd?

Ans. These have been ordered but seem a ridiculous price; they will chase this up

AOB.

1. **Public Buses meeting;** Ruth Milsom said Crookes Social Club is hosting one tomorrow at 19.30, with Mayor Oliver Coppard & MP Olivia Blake, it is possibly fully booked by now but any conclusions will be passed on to Ian.
2. Export Tyres has left their Selborne Rd site (- gone mobile-). There are rumours of a vet or a gym taking the site on.....
3. Bamforth's fruit shop; interest in this site - possibly a poodle parlour(!)
4. Was Deli Frutta is opening tomorrow (owned by Papa Ciccio owner)
5. More Posh than Dosh site: owned by Sandygate Dental Practice; the thinking is their reception area will be here
6. New incumbent at St Columba's - Tracey Morris.

There being no other business, the meeting finished at 9pm

The next Open Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 26th January 2023 (St Columba's). 7pm