

Crossgate Community Partnership

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2012.
North Road Methodist Church

The following members were present: Lesley Aers, Roger Cornwell, Ann Evans, Dick Fong, Odile Fong, Jan Harwood, Mary Hawgood, Councillor Grenville Holland, David Ramsden, Jean Rogers, Simon Squires.

1. Roger Cornwell was appointed as chair for the meeting.
2. There were no representatives present for the police, neighbourhood wardens or the AAP.
3. Apologies had been received from Janet Bayat, PCSO Leesa Bennison, Simon James, Carol Reeves.

It was agreed that items 8 b. and c. should be taken next. Items 4a, 5, and 6 could not be taken as no representatives were present.

- 8 b&c These items are interrelated as the problem is that DCC have said that they have no funds to provide new play equipment for Allergate Park or for a handrail for Crossgate. It was agreed that both these items are urgent. Councillor Holland reported that there were other possible sources of funds and Mary Hawgood drew the meeting's attention to the Gannett Foundation (set up by the publishers of the Northern Echo) which offered financial support for local projects. Roger Cornwell agreed to follow up the Gannett Foundation and to liaise with Councillor Holland who would investigate both funding and costs; they would report back within two weeks.

Mary Hawgood also drew the meeting's attention to an announcement in the Autumn 2012 issue of Durham County News (p29) that the DCC would consider the creation of Parish Councils for Crook and Durham City at its meeting on 19th September.

- 4 b. Arrangements would be made for a meeting on site with Maxine Stubbs to look at the problems of the traffic lights at the foot of Crossgate Peth. Roger Cornwell would attend and would contact Janie Bickersteth and Ruth Chambers to represent the problems of parents of school age children at this intersection.
 - c. Carol Reeves and Debbie Sadler-Watson had agreed to set up speed monitoring in Margery Lane; funds had been approved for traffic calming measures.
 - d. Roger Cornwell would contact Leesa Bennison to see if she had more information from the licensing authorities (minute 4d refers).
7. The minutes of the meeting of 6th August were approved as a correct record.
- 8.a. There were still some problems with refuse collection especially of garden waste. It was agreed that all examples of non-collection should be reported to Keith Parkinson.
9. A number of members had attended the exhibition in Waddington Street of proposals for the development of the Fred Henderson site. It was agreed that the large number of students intended to be located there (over 200) would put strains on local services. Councillor Holland pointed out that this site is so close to the bus garage and the old County Hospital – also intended for re-development – that they needed to be considered together. Roger Cornwell noted that the Companions Club also looked ripe for redevelopment. Councillor Holland would talk to the Planning Department about this and Roger Cornwell agreed to write to Stuart Timmiss, urging him to look at all of these sites together.
10. Councillor Holland said that he would liaise with Councillor Martin on all the topics raised at the meeting.
11. A leaflet was available concerning meetings at the North Road Methodist Church in conjunction with Age UK; these meetings would provide support for the digital switchover on 12th and 26th September.
12. The next meeting would be on Monday 1st October.