

Main issues covered: Policing update/ Youth Coordinator's report/ Community Grant for You and Yours counselling service/ Higher Poynton Summerfest expenditure/ CCTV provision and monitoring

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD AT 8PM ON MONDAY 1st JULY 2013 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs. M Beanland, L A Clarke, Ms R Horsman, H Murray (substituting for Cllr P Hoyland – SO 54)

Attending under SO 56: Cllrs G Bartos, Mrs S Horsman and R E West

Also attending: Inspector Griffiths and Sgt Adam Alexander, Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing;

Peter Hartwell, Head of Public Protection and Enforcement and Martin Forshaw, Community Safety Coordinator, Cheshire East Council.

PART A

13. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. I Hollingworth, P Hoyland, Mrs J Sewart, A Smith, Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

14. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None

15. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th May 2013

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2013 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (NC)

16. CCTV Provision and Monitoring

RESOLVED: That this item be taken first, as PART B, and that members of the media and public be excluded from this part of the agenda under SO 71 b (vii), concerning any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime (NC)

17. Policing Update

Insp Griffiths introduced Sgt Adam Alexander, who he described as a “big plus” for Poynton. Sgt Alexander is newly-assigned to Poynton, and he will be based at the new police station.

Insp Griffiths said there had been four burglaries of dwellings in June, and last Friday a Manchester-based man was charged with four previous burglaries in Poynton and remanded in custody. There were also some thefts from vehicles and four assaults, mainly of a domestic nature. An incidence of shoplifting had occurred at Morrison’s, some anti-social behaviour was reported, some traffic collisions had taken place and there were also traffic speeding offences. In all there were 31 crimes in June, although some of these were minor.

Cllr Mrs Saunders asked about the manning of the CAT phone during public holidays, given that no PCSOs are on duty. Insp Griffiths said that his officers will carry the phone, but may not always be able to respond if they are actively involved in operations – the non-urgent 101 police number was an alternative.

Cllr Mrs Saunders wondered whether there had been any progress on finding a replacement for one of our PCSOs who was pregnant, and therefore off active duty. Insp Griffiths said that she would be assigned to Macclesfield at the end of July. Two new PCSOs, Sophie and Natalie, were currently in training, and due to complete this in 2/3 weeks. They were highly thought of, and would be assigned to Poynton, with PCSO Chris Jackson being reassigned to Disley. We would therefore be on full strength with five PCSOs at the end of July – three female and two male.

Cllr West asked how Poynton was fairing against similar places in Cheshire East with regard to policing. Insp Griffiths said we were doing well, and that with three sergeants we were doing better than before. He went on to say that Poynton was low risk, and that generally speaking we were good citizens. We were nevertheless threatened by travelling criminals – this was where the crime was coming from.

Cllr Bartos asked if any progress had been made in terms of listing private CCTV networks in Poynton, to assist with the detection of crime. Insp Griffiths said the PCSOs had been tasked with this. He asked Sgt Alexander to progress it, and provide an update at the September COPS meeting.

RESOLVED: That Insp Griffiths verbal policing update be received with thanks (NC)

18. Youth Co-ordinator’s Report

Erica Adkins took members through her written update. She said that the Family Sports Festival last weekend had enjoyed good weather, and that £450 had been raised for the legacy fund – double that raised at last year’s event. Erica calculated that some 600 plus people had attended, including some 400 youngsters. She undertook to prepare an audit of the event in terms of how many local sports clubs had gained new members as a result of the event etc, and will present this report at

a future COPS meeting. Cllr Bartos congratulated Erica on a successful event, and thanked her and her team for all their hard work.

Erica provided members with highlights from the rest of her report, and mentioned that a High School student would be with us in mid-July for a week of job shadowing, and that she would task him with assisting on the asset mapping project.

RESOLVED: That the Youth Coordinator's written update be received with thanks (NC)

19. Community Grant Request from You and Yours

An application for a Town Council Community Grant from You and Yours had been circulated to members in advance. This local reputable counselling service, which is based at the Civic Hall, was seeking a grant of £1,500 as a contribution towards room hire. After some discussion the application was approved, with Cllr Murray stating that the service should be focused on Poynton residents, that You and Yours should also look to attract funds from elsewhere, and that this should be regarded as a one-off grant, not an annual application.

RESOLVED: That a Community Grant of £1,500 for the You and Yours counselling service is approved (NC)

20. Higher Poynton Summerfest

This event had received a Town Council Community Grant of £4,000, and an account of expenditure to date was provided to members, as requested at the previous COPS meeting. Some of the items were questioned, including the cost of a Town Crier, and it was agreed that there should be a review of this year's event to understand whether such items of expenditure was worthwhile, and added value to the event.

RESOLVED: That the account of expenditure to date be received (NC)

(PART B removed from the public record)

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm