

Main issues arising: Youth Coordinator's report/ Policing update/ Funding bid for parks/ Adult Health and Wellbeing Coordinator's Report/ Community Grant for Anson Engine Museum

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD AT 8PM ON MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2013 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Acting Chairman: Cllr L A Clarke

Cllrs. M Beanland, A Smith and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

Attending under SO54: Cllr Mrs S Horsman substituting for Cllr Ms R Horsman

Attending under SO56: Cllr R West

Also Attending: Inspector Steve Griffiths (from 8.15 pm)

PART A

21. Election of Chairman

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the Clerk sought a volunteer from among the Committee members to Chair the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Cllr L A Clarke is appointed Chairman for this meeting (NC)

22. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. I Hollingworth, Ms R Horsman, P Hoyland, Mrs J Saunders and Mrs J Sewart

23. Declarations of Interest

None

24. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st July 2013

Page 35, para.16 - Cllr Clarke suggested that the name of the pregnant PCSO is removed. This is sensitive information and not necessary for the record.

Page 36, para.20 - Community Grant request - Cllr Clarke asked when the full accounts for the 2013 Higher Poynton Summerfest will be submitted. The Clerk said

the Chairman of the organising committee is overseas until the end of September 2013, and she has promised to provide the accounts on her return.

Page 37, para.16 (cont.) - The Clerk pointed out that the initial meetings mentioned by Mr Forshaw for late July/August did not happen. The Clerk will follow up and find why these were not held.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2013 with the proposed amendments be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (NC)

That the Clerk contacts Cheshire East concerning the delay in the CCTV initial review meetings taking place (NC)

25. Policing Update

RESOLVED: That agenda item 4 be deferred until Insp. Griffiths arrived (NC)

26. Youth Co-ordinator's Report

The Youth Co-ordinator Erica Adkins provided members with a summary of her written report.

Youth Council/Forum

The Youth Co-ordinator explained the idea of having young people involved in the Town Council, an initiative promoted by our Mayor. Both Congleton and Wilmslow Councils have similar groups and the Youth Co-ordinator explained the ways in which they are involved with their Councils. She stressed that this should not be a tokenistic gesture but an effective and tangible project for youth involvement. Following discussion it was agreed that the Youth Co-ordinator would invite a few members from the Congleton Youth Council to attend the next COPS meeting to share their ideas, so Poynton Councillors could find out more of their experience to date, and what can be achieved.

RESOLVED: That the written report from the Youth Co-ordinator is received with thanks, and that the Youth Co-ordinator extend an invitation to representatives of the Congleton Youth Council (NC)

27. Policing Update

Insp. Griffiths began by reporting on incidents during July and August 2013.

Supermarket Burglaries

A local supermarket has been burgled twice in recent weeks, with cigarettes being the main target. This appears to be part of a pattern of similar crimes across Cheshire.

Domestic Burglaries

Total domestic burglaries over the two month period were eight. These were spread over various parts of Poynton. The PCSOs have carried out work to provide reassurance, follow up visits and provide security advice.

Shoplifting

There were two shoplifting incidents.

Thefts

There have been a variety of thefts including scrap metal, bikes and garden tools.

General

A Crime Prevention Day will be held on 12th September 2013.

The police newsletter is currently being revamped and updated.

Sgt Adam Alexander has made a great impact already, and is a good addition to the team in Poynton.

The Clerk highlighted the request from Inspector Griffiths for the Town Council to fund a new CAT phone. Insp. Griffiths agreed that it was important to keep up to date with the progression in technology. Cllr A Smith suggested that two more basic smart phones rather than one hi-tech phone would be of great benefit given that there are usually two PCSOs out on patrol separately.

RESOLVED: That Sergeant Alexander provides a formal written proposal to the Clerk, and that under the terms of SO 51 the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and one other Committee member be delegated to make a decision on this issue (NC)

Cllr A Smith asked about the large SID which is currently out of use again. He had understood that the larger SID was supposed to support the smaller SID. The Clerk confirmed that an estimate has been requested for the cost of repairing the large SID. He also explained that the smaller smarter SID is producing some really good statistics which are very useful and far superior to the larger SID.

The Clerk asked through Insp. Griffiths that the policing page on the Town Council website be updated to reflect the new team, and also that the new format policing newsletter be added to the website once it becomes available.

RESOLVED: That this policing update from Insp. Griffiths is received (NC)

28. Funding Bid for Parks

The Youth Co-ordinator Erica Adkins spoke to her written brief concerning a funding bid being prepared for WREN to re-equip the Town Council-owned Brecon and Hockley parks. It was a WREN requirement for an element of funding to be contributed to cover the administration cost of the bid. Erica said that an approach would be made to Peaks and Plains to fund £3,000 of this, with a request that the Town Council pledge a similar amount.

RESOLVED: That the report is received, and that the Town Council approve a community grant of up to £3,000 should the WREN bid be successful (NC)

29. Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator's Report

Trish Hill, the newly-appointed Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator thanked everyone at Poynton Town Council especially the Clerk and the Youth Co-ordinator who have helped her settle into her role. She spoke to her written report.

An issue that has become apparent is the need for access to laptops, to instruct some of our residents on accessing the internet and sending e-mails. Cllr Mrs Thornton-Maddocks mentioned the possibility of gaining some old redundant laptops from Cheshire East. Cllr West offered to assist and follow up on this issue. It was also suggested that a request for old laptops is included in the PUN.

Concerning the Time Out Café initiative, Cllr Clarke suggested considering an alternative meeting point at St. Martin's Church or Middlewood House for people in Higher Poynton who perhaps struggle to get to the centre of Poynton, and prefer to meet somewhere nearer home.

Cllr West pointed out that there are committees being set up across Cheshire East that are considering health and wellbeing issues, and it would be useful for the Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator to link in with these developments. Cllr West will liaise with Cllr Saunders on this.

RESOLVED: That the report is received with thanks (NC)

30. Anson Engine Museum

RESOLVED: That action under SO51 regarding a £300 Community Grant for the Anson Engine Museum is noted (NC)

(PART B removed from the public record, in accordance with SO 71 b (vii), namely any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

The meeting concluded at 9.05pm