

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD AT 8PM ON MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2012 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs. L A Clarke, Ms R Horsman, Mrs J Sewart

Substituting under SO51: Cllr H Murray (for Cllr Hoyland)

Also Attending: Insp. Steve Griffiths

PART A

50. Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Beanland, P Hoyland and A Smith

51. Absent

Cllr B Lewis

52. Requests for Dispensation

None

53. Minutes of the previous meeting

Page 146 – Cllr Mrs Sewart asked if Poynton Round Table had met with the police to discuss feedback from the Bonfire night at Poynton Pool – there had been an issue concerning parking on the Glastonbury estate. The Clerk explained that the suggestion has been made to the Round Table and that Sgt Warren would be happy to attend a meeting on this matter.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (NC)

54. Policing update

Insp. Steve Griffiths of the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team provided a verbal update. He explained that Operation Unlink has so far been successful. Various amounts of alcohol had been seized. The operation will continue and will be reviewed when it concludes.

Yellow cards are still being issued to youngsters. From the start of September to mid-November about 16 to 20 cards were issued. This scheme has been successful and gives the police a chance to speak to parents. Insp. Griffiths explained that this is reviewed regularly by the Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator in Macclesfield.

Cllr Murray acknowledged the success of Operation Unlink. He suggested that the data on yellow cards could perhaps be published in the PUN because this is a serious matter and parents need to take note. The Chairman said this could either be included in the PUN or the monthly police newsletter.

On traffic issues SID has been deployed at Dickens Lane following complaints of speeding near the roundabout, as mentioned at a Town Council surgery. It has also been placed at Middlewood Road and Anglesey Drive. In addition tickets have been issued for obstruction on Park Lane.

Insp. Griffiths reported on local thefts from motor vehicles, which has also been replicated in Macclesfield. The police are targeting events in Poynton in a pro-active operation. The two main types of theft are from unsecured vehicles or smashed windows when items are visible in the car. Insp. Griffiths emphasised that residents need to be aware of opportunistic crime and ensure their vehicles are locked at all times, and that there are no visible items in their cars.

The next Crime Prevention Day will be held on Park Lane outside the Natwest on Park Lane on 22nd December 2012.

Following discussion on illegal parking on Park Lane members agreed it is important to reiterate a reminder in the PUN and police newsletter that it is an offence to park on Park Lane and owners will be booked. The Clerk added that the Co-op has partially lifted their parking restriction, with no penalty for parking between 7pm and midnight. Publicising this information might encourage people using the restaurants in the evening to use that facility rather than leaving their cars on Park Lane.

Cllr Mrs J Sewart explained that at the top of Burton Drive as you turn in to Chester Road near the automated toilet there have been two cones situated there for several months. This stopped people parking there and blocking the pavement. Cllr Mrs Sewart has noticed that there is now only one cone which is very dirty and barely visible. People are starting to park there and with the dark nights Cllr Mrs Sewart said this was a real road safety issue because this forces pedestrians into the road. She requested Insp. Griffiths' assistance on this matter and Insp. Griffiths agreed he would investigate the situation.

55. Report from Youth Co-ordinator, Erica Adkins

The Town Council's Youth Co-ordinator, Erica Adkins highlighted areas of her written report. The Chairman acknowledged the good work carried out by Erica Adkins in her first year as Youth Co-ordinator.

RESOLVED: That the report from Youth Co-ordinator, Erica Adkins is received (NC)

PART B

(The public and the media are excluded from this part of the agenda – Poynton Town Council’s Standing Order 69 (vii) refers – any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime)

(Removed from the public record)

The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm