

**Main points arising: Policing update/ Youth Coordinator's 2014 work plan/ Adult Health and Wellbeing Coordinator's update/ Resilience plan for Poynton/ CCTV**

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs. M Beanland, L A Clarke, Ms R Horsman, Mrs J Sewart, A Smith and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

Attending under SO 54: Cllr Mrs S Horsman, substituting for Cllr Hoyland

62. Apologies for absence

Cllrs I Hollingworth and P Hoyland

63. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None.

64. Previous meeting minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (6 – 1 abs)**

65. Policing Update

Insp. Steve Griffiths and Sgt Adam Alexander attended the meeting. Sgt Alexander began by providing a verbal policing update from the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.

During this period there have been four burglaries, two of which were house burglaries. A man has been arrested for one of those. The other two burglaries did not involve residences, and enquiries are on going.

There were two shoplifting incidents on School Lane. A man has been arrested and charged for one of those.

There have been six offences involving thefts from vehicles. Five of these were on the same night, and two people have been identified, with enquiries ongoing.

There have been four incidents of criminal damage, although there is no pattern to these. An offender for one of the incidents has been identified.

On Anti-Social Behaviour, there has been a significant improvement. Regarding drugs there have been intelligence reports on minor issues and investigations are ongoing.

Three Community Links events have been held during this period. On the 18<sup>th</sup> January a Crime Prevention Day was held near Costa Coffee. A road traffic operation was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and five people were dealt with for speeding, and one for using a mobile phone.

There have been 133 Tweets during this period, amounting to more than the three Tweets a day. Sgt Alexander said he was happy with the content of the Tweets - there is a good balance between information and maintaining public interest.

The PCSOs have received their new Blackberry phone which is very beneficial to them, and enables them to send live Tweets while on patrol in the village.

The police station has been relocated to School Lane, and is now fully operational and working well. The location and the agile working has helped increase the visibility of PCSOs in the community.

The Chairman asked about the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices, particularly on Park Lane. Cllr A Smith suggested that Tweets would be a useful way to help deal with the parking problems there. Sgt Alexander explained that dealing with parking issues on Park Lane is a local priority for the PCSOs, and they gave issues such as parking encroachment particular attention throughout January. There had been a question about the legality of issuing tickets. The Clerk said that there was still an issue to be resolved in terms of the loading and unloading zones which need to be better delineated. However in terms of obstruction/indiscriminate parking there are the usual hotspots along Park Lane (e.g. Greggs, Strawberry Pig, ASDA ATM, Poynton Pizza) which need to be addressed. Following discussion Insp. Griffiths said he will clarify and report back.

Cllr A Smith questioned the Police newsletter for the area which is now titled the Poynton and Disley newsletter, rather than the Poynton newsletter as before. Insp. Griffiths explained that this issue has been discussed with Head Office and they have to try emphasise the need for a separate newsletter, but this is how the NPT is continuing for now. The Chairman asked Insp. Griffiths to express the Town Council's disquiet on the matter.

Cllr Mrs Sewart asked about subscribing to the newsletter. Sgt Alexander explained he is in the process of developing a newsletter for Poynton with the Corporate Communications team. This will be a monthly newsletter and will include additional information about the work of the PCSOs in Poynton. It is hoped that this will be produced by the end of February.

The Clerk suggested that in the Poynton and Disley newsletter the five Poynton PCSOs and the Disley PCSO are clearly identified to help distinguish the two areas, to avoid any perception about Poynton PCSOs being deployed in Disley.

Cllr Clarke asked for an update on the situation regarding the Glastonbury Drive and London Road North junction. Insp. Griffiths said that he had conducted a site visit with CE Highways. There are no collision statistics for this junction, which means that CE Highways cannot access certain funds to enhance the safety of this junction. However Insp. Griffiths pointed out a number of concerns at this junction, such as increased speed, road surface quality, worn signage, the view looking towards Poynton, and the ability to turn right into the junction when travelling from Hazel Grove. Insp. Griffiths said this was a worthwhile visit and CE Highways will consider this further and put some recommendations forward. These are likely to be engineering solutions and improvements.

**RESOLVED: That the policing update is received with thanks (NC)**

66. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire's draft Police and Crime Plan for 2014-2016

**RESOLVED: That the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire's draft Police and Crime Plan for 2014-2016, currently out for public consultation, is received (NC)**

67. Youth Co-ordinator's 2014 Work Plan

Erica Adkins, the Town Council Youth Co-ordinator, took members through her work plan for 2014.

#### Cycling

There has been a suggestion to incorporate a cycling event with the 2014 Higher Poynton Summerfest, using a section of the Middlewood Way as the route. The Clerk will need to clear this with the CE Rangers. Cllr A Smith was concerned that this might detract from the success of the Summerfest. How would such a cycling event be co-ordinated for example, and where would people leave their bikes? The Clerk explained that it is envisaged this would complement the Summerfest. It would start during that event and there could be an award ceremony. The Clerk said there would need to be a separate group of volunteers to organise and run the bike event. The Coppice Road Car Park could for example be used as a start and finish point, to achieve

some separation from the Summerfest site, but these are logistical issues which can be investigated.

**RESOLVED: That the Youth Co-ordinator's 2014 Work Plan is received with thanks (NC)**

68. Update from the Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator

The Town Council's Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Trish Hill, summarised her written report.

Following discussion on publicity for events, Cllr A Smith suggested a permanent article in the Poynton Post highlighting and reporting on events would be useful, especially for the elderly people in the community who may use the Poynton Post as a key way to find out what is happening.

The Clerk explained that events are reported in the PUN, and that the PUN goes to the Poynton Post.

On the 'Men in Sheds' scheme there is a meeting arranged with the Children's Centre soon.

**RESOLVED: That the written update from the Town Council's Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator is received with thanks (NC)**

69. Draft Resilience Plan for Poynton

The Clerk explained that this is very much 'work in progress'. This consolidates all the useful contacts, although there will be details of organisations and agencies to add. The aim is to develop a comprehensive and up to date document should it ever be required in a local emergency. It will also be forwarded to all organisations and agencies once completed.

Members agreed that it is very useful document. Cllr A Smith highlighted the activation process, which would be an important area and requires careful consideration.

Cllr Mrs Sewart asked how the names of local schools, organisations and contractors been collated. The Clerk explained that the Town Council wished to have a good range of potential emergency centres where residents could get respite, and there were sufficient to cover the whole of Poynton. The contractors are simply those known to the Town Council, although the document contains a caveat to the effect that the Town Council does not endorse any of these contractors. Others who would like to add their information are welcome to do so, and can contact the Town Council.

**RESOLVED: That the Draft Resilience Plan for Poynton is approved in principle, noting that it is a work in progress and subject to regular review and update (NC)**

## 70. CCTV

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Saunders provided a verbal update on Poynton's CCTV network following a meeting she attended with CE representatives. The situation is that CE have requested a contribution from Town and Parish Councils who wish to continue to have a CCTV service. Poynton have six CCTV cameras out of a CE total of 240. These are monitored by at the most two operators but often it is only one. This means that it is the CE crime 'hotspots' that are predominately covered. Poynton Town Council has been asked for a contribution of £11,100 annually. This is the reason that Cllr Mrs Saunders has met with CE, to ascertain whether either a volunteer could be sent to monitor our cameras at Macclesfield, or alternatively for the Town Council to monitor its own CCTV network from the Civic Hall.

The possibility of a volunteer at Macclesfield has been refused by CE and there would be issues regarding data protection. The option of the Town Council monitoring its own CCTV network looked more promising. However, the rental charges for BT cabling are £1,800 per camera per year. This relates to the charge that CE wants to pass on to the Town Council. The Town Council would therefore not be saving any money by providing their own CCTV service, particularly since there would be additional installation/hardware costs in the first year to establish such a service.

Cllr Mrs Saunders has met with the local IT specialist 'PC Doctor' to explore other options, and Cllr Mrs Saunders will be setting up meetings with further organisations who may be able to assist.

Cllr Mrs Thornton-Maddocks asked if there would be an additional charge for manning the Town Council's CCTV. Cllr Mrs Saunders confirmed that there would be no charge as it was intended that this would be covered by volunteers over a few weekday evenings.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal update on Poynton's CCTV network from the Chairman, Cllr Mrs J Saunders, is received and that she continues to explore possible options and report back (NC)**

The meeting concluded at 9.10 pm