

Main points arising: Issue raised by a member of the public; points raised concerning the previous minutes; Community grant bid from Projects 4 Poynton; Policing update; Adult Health and Wellbeing Coordinator's update

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2014 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

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

Cllr G King attended under SO 54, substituting for Cllr P Hoyland

Cllrs Mrs S Horsman and B Lewis (from item 29) attended under SO 56

Cllr Lewis, attending as a member of the public, reminded Members that at the last meeting he had raised questions in relation to the 'No Ball Games' signage on the grassed area adjacent to Worth Primary School. Cllr Lewis complained that the reply he had received from the Clerk had not been included in the official record of that meeting. He suggested that this information is either included in that record, or included in the record of this meeting. Cllr Lewis also said that the £28 approved by the Clerk should have been considered instead by a Committee for them to make a decision. The 'No Ball Game' sign he said was not on Town Council land.

The Chairman explained that it would probably have cost more than £28 for the Clerk's time to have that expenditure approved by a Committee, but Cllr Lewis's point was noted.

The Chairman confirmed that the letter sent to Cllr Lewis from the Clerk will be included in the record of this meeting.

29. Apologies for absence

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

30. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None declared.

31. Previous meeting minutes

Page 88 – Cllr Lewis complained that the Neighbourhood Policing Update does not state that the police were asked what action would be taken over the contravention of the ‘No Entry’ sign displayed at the bottom end of Park Lane during the Shared Space remedial work. He said the police took no action. Sergeant Alexander explained that the PCSOs spent time in that area maintaining high visibility. PCSOs have issued tickets and he will report back at the next meeting on the data. Cllr Lewis asked if the police had considered using CCTV retrospectively. Sergeant Alexander explained that CCTV is not usually used for this purpose, adding that there were increased patrols in the area and necessary action was taken at the time. He reiterated he would provide the data at the next meeting. The Chairman said she was aware of issues concerning the use of CCTV in London for identifying traffic contraventions.

Page 89 – Cllr Clarke raised the issue of the relative lack of action by CE in relation to the meal supplier Appetito closing down, and asked if there had been any reply received from the CE Portfolio Holder. The Clerk reported that he had written to Cllr Janet Clowes on 25th September and she had replied by phone. The Clerk shared the main points of their conversation with Members.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 8th September 2014 are approved as an accurate record (4 - 2 abs)

32. Projects 4 Poynton (P4P)

Mrs Susan Warrington, Chairman of P4P, asked for their bid for a community grant of £5,500 for the 2014 Christmas Fest to be given due consideration by Members. P4P was formerly known as the Parish Plan Group.

Mrs Warrington explained that one Member had asked if there is any income raised from the event. She said that there is a very modest income which is in the form of donations from the street vendors and the roundabout operator. This is in the region of about £150.

Cllr Mrs Sewart noted the very comprehensive bid and proposed that the request is approved on condition that if their CE community grant of £1,000 is successful then it is used to reduce the costs for next year’s event.

The Chairman noted her concern on the lack of sponsorship by the business community to support this event. Cllr Mrs Sewart added to the proposal that in future years Richard Holland, Operations Manager, is asked to introduce this issue at Poynton in Business meetings. The Clerk noted that Poynton in Business does not comprise many Park Lane retailers but comprises mainly business to business members, as well as service providers.

RESOLVED: That the Projects 4 Poynton bid of £5,500 is approved on condition that if the CE community grant bid is successful then it is used to reduce the costs for the 2015 event; and that Richard Holland raises the issue of sponsorship at Poynton in Business meetings (NC)

33. Policing Update

Sergeant Alexander provided a verbal policing report. The priority for this month is to prepare for Mischief Week including Halloween and Bonfire night. The PCSOs will visit shops selling eggs and flour, and provide appropriate advice.

The focus is also on home security ensuring residents lock and secure their buildings.

There was a joint surgery held at the Civic Hall on 4th October 2014. A Crime Prevention day will be held on 18th October 2014, 10am – 12pm, on the corner of Costa Coffee on Park Lane and at the Trading Post, Higher Poynton on 26th October 2014 from 12 - 1pm.

There were 114 Tweets in one month. There was no burglary of dwellings in the last month, but five burglaries from sheds and garages. All of these showed forced entry, and this remains an area of concern.

Sergeant Alexander reported the theft of a handbag from a motor vehicle from Poynton Pool, and there had been no issues of violence or drugs to note. Six advisory notices had been issued to motorists on Park Lane.

The police have been in contact with all of the pubs and bars in Poynton to introduce a 'Pub Watch' scheme. An introductory meeting will be held in November 2014 and there has been a good uptake, which will be led by PCSO Alex Simpson.

Cllr Mrs Sewart asked if with regard to trick/treating the PCSOs go into schools to advise students. Sergeant Alexander confirmed that all the schools are visited.

Cllr Clarke raised his concern about the poor lighting in the Civic Centre Car Park. He understands that there is a problem between CE and Waitrose on this issue which needs to be sorted, because this could be facilitating illegal acts. Sergeant Alexander said that the PCSOs include the car park in their patrols. If there are specific problems he asked Members to report them to the PCSOs and patrols will be increased.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Murray is in touch with the Buildings and Assets Department at John Lewis to try and sort this issue which poses health and safety and anti-social behaviour issues. The lights work intermittently and CE is adamant that Waitrose step up to their car park maintenance agreement, which they are not doing currently.

RESOLVED: That the verbal policing report from Sergeant Alexander is received with thanks (NC)

34. Update from the Adult Health and Wellbeing Coordinator

Showcase of Services Event

The Chairman informed the meeting that 350 people had attended. Trish Hill the Adult Health and Wellbeing Coordinator explained that a number of charities could not be accommodated. The Chairman suggested we should try to ensure that everyone is accommodated at future events, perhaps by also making use of the Council Chamber.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Adult Health and Well Being Co-ordinator is received with thanks (NC)

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm