

Main points arising: Town Council grant for the 2014 Summerfest/ Policing update/ Adult Health and Wellbeing Coordinator's Work Plan 2014/ Youth Coordinator's update/ Mayoral activity/ Town Council funding for 'Poynton Springboard – Music for All'/ Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable's update for February 2014/ Update on the Travelling Community

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 17TH MARCH 2014 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs. M Beanland, L A Clarke, P Hoyland, Mrs J Sewart, A Smith and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

Also attending under SO 56: Cllrs. C Gorst, G King, Mrs S Horsman and R E West

PART A

71. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. I Hollingworth and Ms R Horsman

72. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None declared.

73. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2014

Amendment required to include Cllr Hoyland's apologies, and to show Cllr Mrs S Horsman as substituting for him under SO 54.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 10th February 2014, with the amendments, are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (6 - 1 abs)

The Chairman proposed a change to the agenda to bring forward the item concerning an application for a Town Council community grant from the Friends of Higher Poynton Summerfest.

RESOLVED: That the proposed change to the agenda is approved (NC)

74. Application for a Town Council Community Grant

Mrs Clay, Chairman of the Friends of Higher Poynton Summerfest, presented the application for a Town Council community grant of £3,000 to help fund the 2014 event.

Cllr A Smith commented that this is a very good event and asked if it would be feasible to take out cancellation insurance. The Clerk explained that insurance can be taken out but it does not cover inclement weather. Weather cover is very expensive, almost to the point of being prohibitive. The risk is shared with the stallholders and the event has only ever had to be cancelled on one occasion. Cllr Mrs Saunders noted the philosophy of the organisation to become sustainable, and the fact that they have reduced their funding request by 25% compared to 2013. Mrs Clay explained that since the application was submitted they faced a charge of £350 for public liability insurance, and asked that this be taken into account – she also expected the event to be totally self-funding in about three years. Cllr Mrs Saunders proposed a Town Council grant £3,200.

RESOLVED: That a Town Council community grant of £3,200 is approved for the 2014 Higher Poynton Summerfest (NC)

75. Policing Update

Sgt Adam Alexander provided a policing update for February 2014.

There were three burglaries of dwellings. One has ongoing enquiries, another where two vehicles have been recovered, and the other unfortunately has no further lines of enquiry.

There have been three significant incidents of shoplifting on Park Lane. There is possibly an emerging trend in the involvement of High School students in minor shoplifting, particularly at Morrison's. The police have met with both Morrison's and the High School to address the issue. It is also being addressed through a series of assemblies at the school this week.

Anti-social behaviour incidents were quite low this month.

The police have monitored parking obstructions on Park Lane. 17 vehicles were identified as forming an obstruction. Of these 13 were given a verbal warning, 3 issued with Advisory Notices and 1 a Fixed Penalty Notice. Cllr A Smith questioned the cautious police approach to dealing with matters of obstruction along Park Lane. Sergeant Alexander explained that the issue for the PCSO's is more one of inconsiderate parking rather than full obstruction. Members questioned the difference in these offences and Cllr Mrs Saunders also queried the difference between an Advisory and a Fixed Penalty Notice.

The Sergeant explained that the Advisory Notice is a yellow slip left on the vehicle when the driver is not present and the Penalty Notice is to issue a fine. Sergeant Alexandra confirmed that he will review this again with the PCSOs. The difficulty appears to be due to a technicality where unless the driver is completely blocking the road or causing an obstruction to other road users it is more difficult to issue a Penalty Notice.

The issue of loading and unloading zones was raised. The Clerk explained that this issue remains with the Department for Transport. The original plans submitted to the Department show the loading and unloading zones in different areas to where they are actually located on Park Lane. The Safety Officer at CE is now following this up with the Department for Transport, but this is taking a long time.

Following considerable discussion, members agreed that it is disappointing that this issue continues to exist, and does need enforcing appropriately. Sgt Alexander will report back at the next meeting with more details of the tickets issued and a working strategy.

The Clerk said that he will put the Sergeant in touch with Paul Kenyon who is dealing with the restriction issues to help understand and resolve matters. Cllr Hoyland suggested that if the matter needed to be elevated with the Department for Transport perhaps David Rutley MP could be informed.

With regard to the policing newsletter, as discussed at the previous meeting, Sergeant Alexander confirmed that the villages of Disley and Poynton will be separated out. The Chairman asked for a timescale and the Sergeant confirmed that this will be for the next issue, due at the start of April 2014.

The Clerk asked the Sergeant for a policing representative to be present at the Annual Town Assembly on 14th April to address any policing issues raised by the public.

RESOLVED: That the verbal policing update is received; that Sgt Alexander will report back to the next COPS meeting and to Cllr A Smith as Chairman of the FIED Committee on the issue of obstruction on Park Lane (NC)

76. 2014 Work Plan of the Town Council's Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator

The Town Council's Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Trish Hill presented her 2014 draft Work Plan.

Trish explained that she has extended her role by building links with the local GPs, district nurses, and some social workers. Cllr Mrs Saunders said that an important area is the integration of health and social care and enabling the elderly to continue to live in their own homes with assisted technology. There

is however no information or advertisements in the local GPs surgeries about this. Trish Hill will pursue this matter.

In addition to Friday afternoons, the Time Out Café will now also open on the last Saturday of each month, with the first to be held on the 29th March 2014.

From feedback Trish Hill said that residents would like a quarterly newsletter, to include promoting current and future initiatives. This would be new, and include comprehensive specific information for the elderly.

Given the plethora of activities Cllr A Smith queried whether enough was being done to publicise and market this good work. It was agreed that Trish Hill and Cllr A Smith liaise to ensure that her work is publicised in the community.

RESOLVED: That the draft 2014 Work Plan of the Town Council's Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator is received with thanks and approved (NC)

77. Youth Co-ordinator Update

Erica Adkins, the Town Council Youth Co-ordinator was unable to attend the meeting and sent her apologies. The Clerk told members that the Arts Council Bid has been unsuccessful but they have invited the Town Council to resubmit, and had provided some guidance.

Cllr Mrs Sewart asked about the location for the planned rounders activity. The Clerk will find out and report back.

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

78. Mayoral Activity

Cllr A Smith acknowledged the huge amount of work undertaken by both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Cllr A Smith said that his report is to balance the need to publicise this information but also to recognise the limited Town Council resources.

RESOLVED: That the written report concerning the promotion of Mayoral activity is received and the recommendations approved (NC)

79. Poynton Springboard – Music For All Event

There has been an overwhelming response from venue proprietors, musicians and artists. The request is for Town Council seed funding of £1,000.

Cllr Hoyland asked how the event could be managed without the Arts Council funding. Cllr Mrs Thornton-Maddocks explained that there is a fall back position and explained the types of events that will be held to raise some funds, and also that artists and musicians are not looking for substantial fees to perform at the event. Cllr King added that some costs have also been reduced. It is hoped that this will be an annual event with working capital by 2015.

RESOLVED: That the request for £1,000 Town Council funding for the 'Poynton Springboard- Music for All' event is approved (6 - 1 abs)

80. Police and Crime Commissioner's Update

RESOLVED: That the Police and Crime Commissioner's update for February 2014 is received (NC)

PART B removed from the public record in accordance with the Town Council's Standing Order 71 (vii) – "Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime"

The meeting concluded at 9.00 pm