

Main points arising: Neighbourhood policing update/ Police and Crime Commissioner's consultation on ASB/ Notes from Police and Crime Commissioner's meeting with Town and Parish Councils in April 2014/ Adult Health and Wellbeing Coordinator's update/ Complaint concerning playing of ball games/ Anson Engine Museum letter of thanks/ Poynton's CCTV network

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 2ND JUNE 2014 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs. M Beanland, L A Clarke, Ms R Horsman, P Hoyland and A Smith

Attending under SO 54: Cllr H Murray substituting for Cllr Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

Attending under SO 56: Cllrs. G Bartos, C Gorst, Mrs S Horsman and R E West

PART A

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. Mrs J Sewart and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None.

3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 28th April 2014

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 28th April 2014 are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (6 - 1 abs)

4. Neighbourhood Policing Update

Insp. Griffiths and Sgt Alexander attended the meeting to provide a policing update.

There have been four burglaries during this last period. Three were shed break-ins, two of these incidents were linked, and an arrest has been made

recently. Further lines of enquiry continue. Incidents of anti-social behaviour remain relatively low, with only three recorded during this period.

During May 2014, 26 Advisory Notices were issued to vehicles on Park Lane. Cllr A Smith encouraged an increase in the number of Tweets on this issue. He noted that the quality of Tweets is excellent and suggested that it would be useful to monitor Twitter and provide information on this at the next meeting.

Cllr Clarke asked if the police had any figures on drugs offences. Sgt Alexander said he will bring this information to future COPS Committee meetings as requested.

Cllr Clarke brought to the policing team's attention to incidents occurring in the bushes in the Civic Centre Car Park, which is being used as a lavatory. Following discussion the policing team confirmed that they will monitor the situation but need more information and detail to deal with the offence. Cllr Murray noted that some years ago a similar incident involved taxi drivers who parked in this area of the Civic Centre Car Park.

On 8th May 2014 the policing team held a successful traffic operation targeting three entry points into Poynton, namely London Road North and South and Chester Road. Sgt Alexander will provide figures for this at the next COPS Committee meeting. More impact days are planned for the near future. Cllr A Smith asked for more detail about such operations and Sgt Alexander provided this.

The PCSOs held a surgery at the Trading Post by the canal in Higher Poynton on 1st June 2014. This area is proving a popular location with the recent warmer weather. Currently there is one surgery a month held in this area and the policing team are considering increasing this periodically. This will be advertised via Twitter.

Insp. Griffiths requested more community assistance by means of registering on the Cheshire Alert System. He asked that this information is passed onto the community, particularly in rural areas. The Chairman confirmed that this information will be included in the next PUN, and also via the website and Twitter.

A resident had complained recently about the amount of broken glass at Deva Field. Sgt Alexander said this was again proving a hotspot and there is an increased number of police patrols at this location, particularly at weekends. The policing team are dealing with this as a priority.

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

5. Consultation by the Police and Crime Commissioner

Members noted the consultation by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire on a Community Remedy for some forms of ASB and low level

crime. The Clerk drew attention to the three questions in the consultation, which are for individual Members to consider, should they wish to respond. The consultation is open until 15th August 2014.

RESOLVED: That information about the consultation by the Police and Crime Commissioner is received (NC)

6. Notes from the Police and Crime Commissioner's meeting with Town and Parish Councils, April 2014

Members received notes from the Police and Crime Commissioner's consultation with Town and Parish Councils on 8th April 2014. The Clerk drew Member's attention to the generic questions at the back of the record, which may be of interest.

RESOLVED: That notes from the Police and Crime Commissioner's consultation with Town and Parish Councils on 8th April 2014 are received (NC)

7. Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator's Update

The Town Council's Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Trish Hill provided Members with highlights from her written update.

Falls Prevention Day - The Chairman asked how this event was being advertised. Trish explained that this is being advertised by Cheshire East and posters have been distributed to relevant places such as the GP surgeries. The Chairman felt that the Town Council should also be advertising this event and asked for it to be advertised through Twitter to help raise awareness.

Time Out Café - The Time Out café continues to flourish, with on average 15 attendees each week. Cllr Hoyland asked about the age range of the attendees. Trish Hill confirmed that the ages vary from 60 to 96, with the average in the region of 86 years. Our PCSOs attend the Time Out Café most weeks, and this provides reassurance and familiarity with the local policing team.

Newsletter for older residents – this has been delayed to include the winter planning information from CE. The Chairman suggested that the aim should be to have this out no later than mid-June 2014.

Cllr A Smith suggested that a dedicated section in the Poynton Post would be most worthwhile. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will contact the editor of the Poynton Post with regard to a regular column in the newspaper.

Community Transport – Trish Hill provided an update on this. There has been some delay due to the paperwork. The Clerk added that he has sent a draft

ad for the transport administrator to the CTA for any comments, plus a person specification and job description, so everything is now moving ahead.

On vehicle checks conducted by Bakestone Motors, Cllr Murray suggested that in the paperwork the word “agreed to carry out” is amended to “have carried out maintenance on the vehicles”. The Clerk confirmed that they are a local company and provided an attractive quote for checking and carrying out some initial repair work on the vehicles. Other companies had been offered the work too.

Older Persons Day – The Chairman asked which local celebrities will be attending. At present Sarah Storey will be attending, as will Manchester restaurant owner Nick Cropper and perhaps Ashley from Coronation Street may attend.

RESOLVED: That the written update from the Town Council’s Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Trish Hill, is received (NC)

8. Complaint regarding the playing of ball games

Members considered a resident complaint regarding the playing of ball games at the junction of Nelson Avenue and Hockley Road. The Chairman said that the PCSOs could advise on the situation from their walks in that area. The Clerk pointed out that installing “No ball games” signs have helped alleviate the problem elsewhere by acting as a deterrent. Cllr Mrs Horsman pointed out that Nickleby Road experiences similar problems and it is upsetting for residents who tend their gardens to have their flowers and plants damaged by footballs. Cllr Murray suggested that in the first instance the PCSOs investigate the situation and make a recommendation. Cllr Hoyland noted that there does need to be some balance and tolerance of local young children playing in the vicinity of their family home in a quiet street. This is quite different to gangs of children causing a disturbance. Cllr Gorst pointed out that the junction of Nelson Avenue and Hockley Road could present a safety issue.

RESOLVED: That the complaint is received, and that the local policing team investigate the situation and gather information to help resolve the issue (NC)

9. Anson Engine Museum

RESOLVED: That the letter of thanks from the Chairman of the Anson Engine Museum for a Town Council grant is received (NC)

RESOLVED: That the meeting moves to Part B of the agenda (NC)

PART B

This section has been omitted from the public record given that the item concerned– “Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime” (Town Council’s Standing Order 71 (vii))

The meeting concluded at 9pm