

Main points arising: 'Parkrun at Lyme Park/ Policing update/ Youth Coordinator update/ Adult Health and Wellbeing Coordinator/ CCTV

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY, ORDER, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2014 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

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

Attending under SO 56: Cllrs Mrs S Horsman and G Smith

(Cllr I Hollingworth left the meeting at 8.30pm and Cllr G Smith at 8.45pm).

53. Apologies for absence

Cllr Ms R Horsman

54. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None declared.

55. Previous meeting minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2013

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 19th November 2013 are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (6 - 2 abs)

56. The Establishment of a 'Parkrun' at Lyme Park

Louise Robbins of the Greater Manchester Sports Partnership made a presentation concerning the establishment of a 'Parkrun' at Lyme Park. The following questions and queries were raised.

Cllr Hoyland confirmed with Louise Robbins the nearest access points to Poynton to the proposed 'Parkrun' route. The nearest point of access by bike or a run would be the West Gate car park and by car it would be the A6 Main Entrance to Lyme Park.

Cllr A Smith noted that there is an element of duplication with the 'Parkrun' already held in Bramhall. Cllr A Smith raised the issue of more friendly cycle stiles which would greatly enhance support from Poynton and allow residents to access the park by bike. Louise explained that the National Trust is finding the issue of cycling on their properties challenging at present. There are

concerns around erosion, as well as other issues, and they are instead focussing on running. However, parking for bikes can be considered.

Cllr Hollingworth asked if funding would also be required in future and will the Town Council be acknowledged as sponsors of the 'Parkrun' if they provide some funding. Louise Robbins confirmed that no other funding apart from the start up costs will be required. The 'Parkrun' publicity would include "in partnership with Poynton Town Council". A National Trust press release can also be arranged which will note the support of the Town Council.

Cllr Hoyland noted that Disley village will be the main beneficiaries of the 'Parkrun' although Poynton residents will also benefit from having the facilities very close by. Following discussion of accessing the 'Parkrun' from Poynton by bike Louise Robbins confirmed that she will look into improvements. In terms of access from the Boar's Head approach, the gate by the 'Wind Gather' property would need improvement to make it more user friendly. Louise added that cycle gates will be opened for access to the event.

On the general issue of cycling through this area Louise Robbins intends to broker a meeting with the National Trust.

On behalf of the Poynton Town Council the Chairman thanked Louise Robbins for the presentation and information.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approves funding of £150 for the Parkrun project; that there is one Town Council representative included on meetings with the National Trust about cycling; and that the Town Council is informed of the outcome of Louise Robbins' meeting with Disley Parish Council (NC)

57. Policing Update

Sgt Adam Alexander provided a verbal policing update from the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team in the absence of Insp. Griffiths.

There was an increase in the number of burglaries leading up to Christmas. This has been countered with an operation which saw a large police presence in the Poynton area. Two of the burglaries in Poynton were detected and an offender identified. The lines of enquiry are on-going. Sgt Alexander drew attention to the issue of mobile phone theft which is an emerging trend nationally. He urged residents to remain vigilant.

There was a significant number of anti-social behaviour across November and December 2013. The PCSOs have been working with Poynton High School on this issue. Three youths were identified and they accounted for the spike of events during that period. The police continue to work with the High School and parents. The youths have written letters of apology to those residents affected.

A Crime Prevention Day was held on the 14th December 2013 on Park Lane by Costa Coffee. This is proving to be a popular location and will continue. Surgeries will also be held in Higher Poynton. These will be held at the Coffee Tavern and Trading Post. The Trading Post is the more popular venue.

There were 85 Tweets during December 2013. Although this is just under three a day it is an increase. The PCSOs have received a new Blackberry phone which is very beneficial to them, and enable live Tweets while on their walk through the village.

The police station has been relocated to School Lane and will be operational from this site beginning Wednesday 8th January with the official opening next Monday 13th January 2013.

Cllr A Smith commented on the improvement and usefulness of the Tweets but noted that they are very intermittent. The quality may be partly due to the user.

Sgt Alexander explained that the PCSOs have received official guidance on Tweeting and striking a balance between providing information and other types of Tweets. He agreed that some PCSOs are more confident with the use of Twitter than others. This is still a new form of communication for the PCSOs and there remains some nervousness about what can and cannot be Tweeted. This is an area which will continue to be improved.

Some months ago Cllr Hoyland had requested feedback from Insp. Griffiths regarding the junction of Glastonbury Drive and London Road North. This issue was discussed at a previous COPS meeting. Since then Cllr Hoyland had met with Insp. Griffiths and a resident on site and is awaiting feedback from Insp. Griffiths. Sgt Alexander undertook to chase progress on this.

The Clerk noted that with the police station now located in a more central location in the village there may be a perception that the police station will be permanently manned - has this been considered? Sgt Alexander confirmed that the PCSOs will continue with their patrol duties, and there is no manned help desk at the station. This will be made clear by information posted outside the station.

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

58. Youth Co-ordinator Update

In the absence of the Youth Co-ordinator, Erica Adkins, her written update was received. Cllr Mrs Sewart noted her support of the Youth Co-ordinator's assessment of a Poynton Youth Council.

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

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

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

Regarding a bid that has been made to Cheshire East for some community transport vehicles, Cllr Hoyland received an assurance any new minibus route would not impinge on or affect the P1 service. This would be to improve connectivity to that service or alternatively for voluntary or youth groups and as flexible transport.

On the provision of Ipads to give instruction on internet use for residents, Cllr A Smith raised some issues around the usage of the Ipads and the need for appropriate maintenance contracts, training and insurance. The Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator confirmed that the package includes training, and a 3 year warranty.

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

60. Correspondence with Cheshire Fire Authority

RESOLVED: That the written confirmation from the Cheshire Fire Authority concerning night time fire and rescue cover at Macclesfield was received and noted (NC)

61. CCTV

Members considered the main points of a meeting on CCTV held on 26th November 2013 between Cllr Mrs J Saunders and Cllr Les Gilbert, Portfolio Holder, Communities and Regulatory Services, CE Council. Cllr Mrs Saunders noted that there needs to be consideration first of whether the Town Council wishes to pursue discussion about taking over the monitoring of its CCTV network from Cheshire East. If so then is this possible and how can it be delivered.

Following discussion including the current effectiveness of the operators, contributions, costs to the Town and Parish Councils and future costs members agreed that the issue of the Town Council taking on CCTV monitoring is worth exploring and support a feasibility study. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Saunders will meet with Peter Hartwell and Les Gilbert to explore this option and then provide a written report to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the report and correspondence is received; that Cllr Mrs Saunders is given delegated authority to meet with Peter Hartwell, Les Gilbert and any others as required to explore the option of CCTV monitoring, and report back to the Town Council (NC)

The meeting concluded at 9.15 pm