

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2015 AT THE
CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs: M Beanland, L Berry, Mrs S-J Gilmore, T Holbrook, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, Mrs S Horsman, G King, and Mrs N Wylie

Also attending under SO 56: Cllr C Gorst

Also in attendance: Sgt Pete Brazendale, Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

42. Questions from members of the public

There were no questions from members of the public.

43. Apologies for absence

Cllrs: Mrs T Lorde, H Murray and Mrs J Sewart.

44. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None.

45. Previous meeting minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 5th October 2015 are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (NC)

46. Hazelbadge Road / Wayside Drive parking and traffic issues meeting.

Cllr Beanland spoke on the report providing an update on the Hazelbadge Road / Wayside Drive parking and traffic issues meeting held at Lower Park Primary School on 22nd October 2015.

The Chair proposed that this is now a general parking / congestion issue as supported by the police information and should be transferred to the FIED committee.

RESOLVED: That the written update is received. That the issue is moved to the FIED committee (NC)

47. Verbal update from the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

SGT Brazendale provided a verbal policing update.

On the 11th October 2015, the police helicopter was deployed and two males were arrested and charged with theft of metal from the Anson Road recycling centre.

In general, property and vehicle crime has reduced. There was an incident where a parked car was scratched and another incident where a car had been unlawfully moved and damaged with paint. There were three thefts from motor vehicles, all of which were vans.

A male has been sentenced to three and a half years for a previous burglary on Clifford Road.

There have been three drink driving and three drug driving offences.

Residents have reported their concern about the number of door to door sales. PCSOs have reminded residents to remain vigilant.

The SIDs have been deployed as follows:

- 26th Sept. – 26th Oct. on London Road South in the direction of Macclesfield.
 - Total number of vehicles was 71,185.
 - Average speed of 30mph.
 - Highest speed was 72mph, this was an isolated incident at 3am.

- 30th Sept. – 26th Oct. on Chester Road.
 - Total number of vehicles was 32,767 vehicles.
 - Average speed of 28.8mph.
 - Highest speed was 70mph, this was an isolated incident at 2am.

SGT Brazendale invited members to suggest any other locations on which the SID should be deployed. The suggestions included Dickens Lane in the direction of London Road and Clumber Road.

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

48. Update from the Town Council's Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Trish Hill

In the absence of the Town Council's Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Trish Hill, the committee received the written report.

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

49. Report from the Town Council's Youth Coordinator, Louisa Thorman

The Town Council's Youth Coordinator, Louisa Thorman provided a verbal summary of her written report.

RESOLVED: That the written and verbal update from the Youth Co-ordinator is received and accepted. (NC)

50. Update from the Communications Task and Finish Group

Cllr King explained that the Communications Task and Finish Group was originally set up within the FIED committee. The Task has been completed and it was proposed that this is removed as a standard item.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update is received and approved (NC)

51. Update on the Future of the Policing in Poynton Task and Finish Group

At present the Town Council part-funds five PCSO posts. A Service Level Agreement (SLA) exists between the Town Council and the Constabulary whereby a one third financial contribution by the Town Council to the Police ensures that five named PCSOs are allocated to duties within Poynton. The current SLA ends in March 2016.

The Police have undergone an extensive reorganisation and the future of PCSOs in Poynton appears uncertain. Statements by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) have indicated that the most likely future scenario is that Poynton will be allocated two PCSOs but they will be controlled and directed from Macclesfield, and will also be tasked to incidents and areas outside of this parish. The PCC has said publicly that he is open to discuss any and all alternatives. He has recently stated that there is a possibility that any changes will not occur before March 2017.

The issue is the Town Council needs to ensure it has a viable plan in place to cover any 'gap' in policing Poynton either in 2016 or 2017.

The Task and Finish Objectives include finding a cost effective solution that will ensure the low level of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) that we have come to expect through hard work over a number of years continues and to ensure that any alternative solutions offer effectiveness and value for money with a seamless changeover should the preferred option not prove possible.

The preferred option is to negotiate and retain the current numbers of PCSOs. We are currently experiencing a slight reduction in 'time on the streets' due to the insistence of senior Police staff that the PCSOs start their shift in Macclesfield rather than at the Poynton Hub.

A possible alternative solution is Wardens employed by the Town Council, who are uniformed and provided with mobile phones to allow Police contact. Kent County Council have successfully employed this structure in various towns around the County, funded by Town and Parish Councils and working with the Police and PCSOs.

The recommendation is to allow the Working Group to explore and recommend the way forward in the event that the PCSO option does not continue beyond the SLA expiry.

Is the objective to keep five PCSOs?

Yes, that would be the preferred option.

Currently the PCSOs have to get a lift from Macclesfield to Poynton with a Police colleague and this is delaying their start time into Poynton. The delay can be anywhere from 30 minutes to much longer if the Police colleague is diverted to a different location.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update is received. That the recommendation to explore ways forward is approved (NC)

52. Meeting at 1pm on 6th November 2015 at Police HQ with the Deputy Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner for those councils funding a PCSO

The committee were informed that either Cllr Murray or Cllr Mrs Saunders will attend the meeting with the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the invitation is noted (NC)

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm