

Main points arising: Poynton 10km run; Policing update; Adult Health and Wellbeing Coordinator's update; Community Transport Administrator's update; Draft remit for the COPS Committee; Additional postbox.

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2015 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT:

Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Sewart

Cllrs. M Beanland, L A Clarke, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson and A Smith

Attending under SO 54: Cllr Murray, substituting for Cllr P Hoyland

Attending under SO 56: Cllrs. Mrs S Horsman, G King and M C G Sewart

44. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. I Hollingworth, Mrs J Saunders and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

45. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None.

46. Previous meeting minutes

Page 144 – Cllr Clarke asked about the progress regarding the traffic issue on Anglesey Drive raised at the previous meeting. Sergeant Brazendale explained that the police are liaising with CE Highways and discussing the issue with residents.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 17th November 2014 are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (4 - 2 abs)

47. Poynton 10km Run

Tom Birtles of Town 10K provided a verbal update on the planned Poynton 10km run. Tom Birtles and the Clerk had met with Derek Griffiths of Cheshire Police Events Planning and CE Highways. The proposed date for the run is Sunday 8th March 2015. In principle the route is agreed subject to approval of

a revised risk assessment. Tom Birtles has applied for a Temporary Event Notice from CE which has been approved. Tom Birtles has also approached the Ranger Service regarding use of the Middlewood Way. Advertising and marketing for the event is ready to go once confirmation is received.

The Clerk clarified the start and finish point of the event will be the Civic Hall. The intention is to close Park Lane for two hours which should benefit the visitor economy given the number of spectators and runners using restaurants and cafes as well as those other businesses who choose to open.

In the discussion that followed Members made the following points:

- If Park Lane is closed for two hours it will impact on the Baptist Church's Sunday service. Parishioners need to be made aware and arrangements for suitable parking will be required;
- Asked if the Poynton Sports Club are involved in any way with the event Tom Birtles said the planned route may include a lap around their sports field;
- The event should not inconvenience parishioners at the various churches in Poynton, or Waitrose customers;
- Asked about provision for participants finishing inside and outside the two hour race period and their ability to access the roads for exit and entry from/to the event Tom Birtles said that Derek Griffiths favoured partial road closures with appropriate marshalling to allow traffic to flow. A 5 to 10 minute phased start to the race should ease runner congestion.
- Some issues need to be checked out such as Richmond Rovers use of the Vernon playing fields on the day of the event, which may impact on parking. Also the Sports Club hold regular car boot sales on Sundays.
- Discussions with the Leisure Centre and Poynton High School were suggested, regarding opening their parking facilities.

Cllr Murray proposed that the verbal report is received with gratitude, wishing the event every success. He added that the Town Council can be approached should any assistance be required.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report from Tom Birtles is received (NC)

48. Policing Update

Sergeant Brazendale provided a verbal policing update.

A successful operation tackling cross border crime was carried out.

At the start of December Sergeant Brazendale asked PCSOs to prioritise visits to jewellers and also shoplifting, but a rise in crime levels during December meant other areas had to be prioritised. There were a lot of shed break-ins, and a rise in thefts from unlocked/insecure vehicles. There was a major theft of Christmas trees, two canal boats were broken into and there were eight burglaries from dwellings. There was a spike in acquisitive crime, with a police response of additional patrols in the area and an intelligence plan. Since mid-December the number of crimes has fallen and there had been no particular incidents of note.

Tweets - 186 in December 2014.

Parking - Remains a local concern. PCSOs are still advising residents and encouraging motorists to move on. This is difficult since the PCSOs have no power to issue tickets. The PCSOs appeal to people's good nature.

Anti-social behaviour - No incidents to report.

PCSOs – Sophie Bailey, Chris Luke and Chris Jackson (Disley) are moving to join the police in the next stage of their careers. PCSO numbers have been increased from 6 to 7 for now.

SID - Cllr Mrs Sewart asked if this could be deployed on Clifford Road and the side roads such as Gloucester and Buckingham Roads to monitor both the number of vehicles and their speed.

Driver Engagement Days - Cllr A Smith suggested staging these again on a regular basis in Poynton would be very worthwhile and make a good impact.

RESOLVED: That the verbal policing report was received with thanks (NC)

49. Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator Update

In the absence of the Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator the Clerk provided some highlights from her written update.

The Clerk explained that the 'Shopmobility' Scheme had not yet got off the ground, and requires a re-launch.

A Men in Sheds stakeholder meeting will be held on 28th January from 10am to 12pm. The Clerk will clarify and confirm the details on this first session.

RESOLVED: That the report is received with thanks (NC)

50. Update from the Town Council's Community Transport Administrator

The Clerk reminded members that John Laverick had been recruited as the Town Council's Community Transport Administrator on a part-time 10 hours a week basis. This role is funded over three years by a CE grant. The Clerk explained that the vehicles have been made roadworthy at considerable cost and now need to be out on the road earning rental income.

Cllr A Smith said that the format of the report meant it was not easy to follow. The Clerk confirmed that the next report will be in an easier format.

51. Draft Remit for the COPS Committee

Cllr Murray said there needs to be a reference/overview to include the quality of crime and life issues - "provides a safe environment" is insufficient in his view.

Cllr Clarke said that there needs to be a reference to include all emergency services, while Cllr A Smith noted that communications should be included in the remit. Cllr Mrs Sewart suggested that the report is presented in a bullet format.

RESOLVED: That the draft remit is received and taken forward in accordance with the suggestions (NC)

52. Additional Post Box

RESOLVED: That the letter from the Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Mail Group regarding an additional post box for Queensway, Poynton is noted (NC)

53. BT Payphone kiosk

Members noted the action taken under SO 51 concerning the proposed removal of a BT payphone kiosk by Poynton Station on Chester Road.

RESOLVED: That the action taken under SO 51 is noted (NC)

The meeting concluded at 8:45pm