

Main issues covered: Poynton 10km run; 2015 Higher Poynton Summerfest; Policing update; Adult Health and Wellbeing Coordinator Update.

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs. L A Clarke, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, I Hollingworth, P Hoyland and A Smith

Attending under SO 54: Cllr Mrs S Horsman, substituting for Cllr M Beanland

Attending under SO 56: Cllr C Gorst

54. Apologies for absence

Cllrs: M Beanland, Mrs J Sewart and Mrs Thornton-Maddocks

55. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None declared.

56. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th January 2015

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 12th January 2015 are approved as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (4 - 3 abs)

57. Poynton 10km Run

Tom Birtles of Town 10K provided an update on the Poynton 10km run to be held on Sunday morning, 8th March 2015.

- There are three weeks to go until the event and to date 125 entries have been received.
- All the local churches and the Poynton Sports Club have been informed of the event.
- Waitrose are kindly supporting the event by providing goody bags for participants.

- The Methodist Church have kindly offered the use of their toilet facilities as well as tea/coffee/cake stall for spectators.
- Poynton Leisure Centre is keen to set up a stall with a view to promoting a regular running event.
- A representative from the Cheshire Youth Foundation has offered to help with various tasks on the day and will also have a stall on the day to recruit adult volunteers for Poynton Fire Cadets.
- A local Poynton company, Evoid, will be setting up a water station.
- All local businesses in Poynton have been informed of the event by letter, providing them with an opportunity to be involved. Gasciogne Halman and Prestbury Travel have so far expressed an interest in sponsoring the event.
- The Mayor confirmed that she will be available to support and open the event.

The Chairman commended Mr Birtles on sponsorship and the support he has generated for the event.

Cllr Gorst asked about car park capacity on the day. The Clerk confirmed that the Vernon School Infants overflow car park will be opened and Waitrose staff have been asked to park there. Participants have been encouraged not to travel by car if possible.

Cllr Gorst asked if it might be possible to use the Town Council's community minibuses to shuttle people to and from the event. Members agreed this was a good idea although the limited capacity of the vehicles may be an issue. Mr Birtles will follow up with the Sports Club regarding their parking facilities too.

Cllr A Smith asked if there was a contingency plan in case of bad weather. Tom explained that only if the weather was very cold and icy would it cause a problem. There is no contingency plan in place. Cllr A Smith asked if the insurance is invalidated if there is ice or snow. Mr Birtles said that public liability insurance is in place and it will be important to ensure that appropriate steps are taken in terms of the risk assessment he has provided.

The Clerk confirmed that Park Lane will not be closed on the morning of the event. Runners will be channelled to the side of the road by marshals.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update from Tom Birtles is received with thanks (NC)

58. Community Grant for the 2015 Higher Poynton Summerfest

Mrs Pat Clay, Chairman of the Friends of Higher Poynton Summerfest, was present, to request a community grant from the Town Council for the 2015 event, taking place on Sunday 12th July.

Cllr Hoyland asked if it was still the strategy for the Summerfest to ease off the funding support of the Town Council. Mrs Clay explained that it was hoped more sponsorship would be received, but this has not been the case. Approaches were ongoing with Pets at Home and local company Bailey Streetscene. The event is taking the following steps to raise funds:

- Increase in car parking from £2 to £3.
- A bar which will add additional revenue by providing a percentage of the takings.
- The cost of stalls from Cheshire East had unexpectedly risen to £700 for this year and £800 for the following year. Instead pitches will be provided by the organisers, to be charged at a cost of £35 for a single and £60 for a double.
- The Chairman explained that this year's request for funding, at £3,000, is £200 lower than last year, and the Town Council provided a grant of £5,500 to the Christmas Fest last year, which is considerably more.

The Clerk confirmed that there is provision in the Town Council's budget for sponsorship of the Summerfest. Cllr Hollingworth asked if Poynton in Business have been approached. The Clerk will arrange for this to take place.

RESOLVED: That the request for a £3,000 community grant for the 2015 Higher Poynton Summerfest is approved (NC)

59. Policing Update

Inspector Steve Griffiths provided a verbal update on policing for the last four weeks.

- Various counterfeit notes have been passed around local stores, and police are making enquiries.
- There was a robbery on Copperfield Road in January. Two males have been arrested.
- There has been one arrest for supplying drugs in Poynton.
- PCSOs have been working in the local primary schools and the High School, focussing on the dangers of alcohol, and legal highs at parties.
- Steve Lee is a new PCSO in Poynton who has settled in well. There will be two new PCSOs starting in Poynton soon.
- SID was deployed on:
 - Clifford Road on 14th and 25th January with just under 15,000 vehicles passing through. The average speed was 17mph and the maximum 37mph.
 - Gloucester Road on 25th January to 9th February, with just under 5,000 vehicles passing through with similar speeds.

Cllr A Smith commented on the excellent analysis, statistics and data which demonstrates how and when the roads are used. He suggested that the same sort of analysis for other roads in Poynton would provide very useful information and detail.

Cllr Clarke raised the issue of the SEMMMS road project, which will impact traffic flows and perhaps lead to theft of construction equipment. Inspector Griffiths said that companies usually have their own security in place.

The Chairman raised that the issue again of large numbers of vehicles using Anglesey Drive and South Park Drive to avoid congestion on London Road North at peak times – mainly in the morning. The installation of a 'No Access' sign was raised at a recent LAP meeting. The SID could be deployed to provide vehicle data and time of entry. Inspector Griffiths said that the police would support the enforcement of a sign if installed and for the police to take action. The Clerk explained that two options to deal with this issue had been put to Cheshire East, one a 'Resident Only' sign and the other a 'No Through Access' sign. Both options had been rejected as impractical.

Cllr Hollingworth asked what sort of signage is provided to warn of the upcoming major roadworks in the area. The Clerk explained that signs and advance warnings are provided. There is an informative SEMMMS website too.

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

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

The Town Council's Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Trish Hill, presented her written report.

Men in Sheds

The Clerk added that Mates have donated 20 litres of paint for the Community Centre room to be used for this project. The Chairman asked that a letter of thanks is forwarded to them – Trish said this had been done.

On a wider discussion of Men in Sheds and Ladies in Sheds groups, Cllr Hoyland noted that the premise of Men in Sheds is that this is primarily for men suffering from social isolation. He asked about the plan/strategy in terms of targeting those harder to reach men. Trish Hill explained that one of the original ideas was to make the Men in Sheds mobile, identifying other venues and using community transport. The Chairman suggested it would be better to bring people in to a ready fit for purpose venue. A letter drop to advertise the service and use of the community transport to bring people into the existing venue would be a good way forward.

Cllr Gorst asked if the Men in Sheds can be advertised in the Poynton Post. Trish Hill said that the scheme is in its early days and evolving. Once the scheme is more firmly established it will need to be promoted.

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

61. Cheshire Fire Authority

RESOLVED: That the Cheshire Fire Authority Draft Five Year Strategy consultation is received and noted (NC)

The meeting concluded at 9pm