

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE
CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs: L Berry, Mrs R Horsman-Johnston, T Holbrook, Mrs S Horsman and G King

Attending under SO 56: Cllr M Beanland substituting for Cllr Mrs N Wylie, Cllr H Murray substituting for Cllr Mrs J Sewart and Cllr L Podmore substituting for Cllr Mrs S J Gilmore

Also in attendance: Sgt. Brazendale and Insp. Mitchell

64. Questions from members of the public

Mr Ian Richardson, 30 Balmoral Drive, attended the meeting to inform the committee that while walking on Hazelbadge Road with his child a car mounted the pavement and travelled at speed into the private road. Mr Richardson expressed his concern about the congestion caused by the parked cars on Hazelbadge Road.

Sgt. Brazendale informed Mr Richardson that the PCSOs are well aware of the issues on Hazelbadge Road. Options and recommendations are being considered. PCSOs have stepped up patrols in the area providing regular updates. From the information gathered by the PCSOs it has become apparent that not only visitors to the area but residents are also parking their cars on the road. Sgt Brazendale explained the congestion issue which has been exacerbated by the introduction of charges at the car park at Poynton train station which has caused displaced parking.

Mr Richardson was concerned that a child may be hurt given the traffic situation on Hazelbadge Road. Sgt Brazendale asked Mr Richardson to provide him with the details of the vehicle and he will follow up.

Mr Walter Long raised his concern about a clash of dates between the Rotary event, Party in the Park, which is scheduled for the same day as the Town Council Family Fun Day event.

RESOLVED: That the date of the Town Council Family Fun Day event is changed to avoid a clash of dates with Party in the Park (NC)

It was proposed that Item 7 on the agenda was taken as the next item.

RESOLVED: That Item 7 from Mr Dave Jacks is taken as the next item on the agenda (NC)

65. Verbal update and consider a request for a grant for £350 from Mr Dave Jacks for Glastonbury Drive Pocket Park

Mr Jacks informed the committee of his developments with regard to the Glastonbury Drive Pocket Park. Since he last attended the Town Council meeting, a resident association has been established, a Facebook page developed, work carried out on a design for the area, a bank account has been set up and he is now in the process of applying for funding. The main part of the funding will come from Wren for £15,000 but to qualify for that funding 11% (£1,650) is required. To date Poynton Round Table have donated £1,000. Further funds beyond this will also be required and further funding initiatives are on-going. Mr Jacks requested Town Council support to help raise as close to possible to the £650 required for the application for Wren funding.

Following consideration it was proposed that £350 is provided to help raise funds for the Wren funding application.

RESOLVED: That a grant for £350 for Glastonbury Drive Pocket Park is approved (NC)

66. Apologies for absence

Cllrs: Mrs S J Gilmore, Mrs T Lorde, Mrs J Sewart and Mrs N Wylie

67. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None.

68. Previous meeting minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 14th December 2015 are approved as an accurate record (7 for, 2 abstentions)

69. Receive a verbal update from the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

Sgt. Brazendale introduced Insp. Mitchell to the committee.

Sgt. Brazendale provided a verbal policing update. Since December 2015 the priority has been tackling vehicle crime and burglary. Sgt Brazendale reported

that there has been no rise in burglaries of dwellings. Operation Quirky went live with resources deployed throughout Poynton and other areas. As a result, crime has been low with only a few garage break-ins and one vehicle entered. A male from Stockport has been arrested and charged for a garage break in. There was also a dwelling burglary where two males were disturbed, arrested and charged.

Recently, there has been an increase in reports of anti-social behaviour with eggs being thrown in the Barnaby Road sandy path area. Incidents at Barnaby Park have reduced.

The two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) have been deployed as follows:

- London Road North in the direction of Poynton, 9.12.15 to 27.12.15
 - Total number of vehicles was 45,609.
 - The average speed was 30.2mph.

- London Road North in the direction of Hazel Grove, 9.12.15 to 27.12.15
 - Total number of vehicles was 67,880.
 - The average speed was 29.5mph.

- Middlewood Road, 31.12.15 to 19.1.16
 - Total number of vehicles was 17,109.
 - The average speed was 27 mph.

- Chester Road in the direction of Woodford, 17.1.16 to 30.1.16
 - Total number of vehicles was 49,380.
 - The average speed was 29.2 mph.

- London Road South in the direction of Poynton, 17.1.16 to 30.1.16
 - Total number of vehicles was 34,180.
 - The average speed was 27.2 mph.

Is it apparent from arrests why individuals come to Poynton and is there anything we can do by way of advice for residents to help deter crime?
The location of Poynton close to the Manchester border remains an issue. Prevention is key and in general residents are far more security conscious.

Insp. Mitchell explained Operation Shield which is a prevention tool is being used in rural areas and works best where there is a concentration of properties. Properties are marked with DNA and the area marked as an Operation Shield area. There is a cost per household. The Chairman requested that details of Operation Shield are forwarded to the Clerk for consideration.

Insp. Mitchell was asked to assist with the recommendation for fencing at Barnaby Park. The Town Council have approved funding for appropriate fencing for the park. The installation of the required fencing has been delayed

by Cheshire East Council and Insp. Mitchell confirmed that she will follow up on this issue with the Crime Prevention Adviser, Mark Cotton.

Is there evidence to support additional CCTV coverage in Poynton?

There are areas of Poynton that can be better supported by CCTV.

Cllr Podmore, having been contacted by a resident, questioned the traffic speed in Poynton.

Sgt Brazendale reported that the traffic management unit have assessed the problem and recommended continued monitoring. Sgt Brazendale provided the SID data for Chester Road for a period of 14 weeks between February 2015 and June 2015. There were no accidents reported on Chester Road last year and in July 2015 the traffic management unit assessed the situation. The traffic management unit suggested investigation work which had already been completed by use of the SID. There is no justification from the data to deploy traffic officers with speed guns and take limited resources from areas experiencing fatalities. From the SID data there is no evidence over 14 weeks that there is a speeding issue on Chester Road. Sgt Brazendale confirmed that the SID data provides average speed and the graphs produce detailed information all of which is considered by the police.

The Chairman proposed the yearly contribution of £9,250 for the provision of CCTV in Poynton. Members noted that the quality of CCTV monitoring is a real concern. Sgt Brazendale reported that CCTV provides invaluable information in police efforts.

RESOLVED: That the yearly contribution of £9,250 for the provision of CCTV in Poynton is approved (8 for, 1 abstention)

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

70. Receive an update from the Future of Policing in Poynton Task and Finish Group

Cllr King reported that the Task and Finish Group are waiting for a response and information from Chester West and Chester who have a warden scheme in place. Also the Group will consider the response that the Clerk has received recently from other areas through the Clerk's network.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report from the Policing in Poynton Task and Finish Group is received (NC)

71. Receive an update from the Town Council's Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Trish Hill

Members received a written report from the Town Council's Adult Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Trish Hill.

A member expressed concern about the funding for the Men in Sheds provision. The Chairman confirmed that the situation will be monitored.

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

72. Receive a report from the Town Council's Youth Coordinator, Louisa Thorman

Members received a written report from the Town Council's Youth Coordinator, Louisa Thorman.

It was proposed that the Clerk contact Louisa Thorman about a change to the date of the Family Fun Day event which clashes with the Rotary, Party in the Park.

RESOLVED: That the written update from the Youth Co-ordinator is received and accepted. That the Clerk contact the Youth Co-ordinator about a change to the date for the Party in the Park (NC)

73. Note the CCTV database incidents report for the first, second and third quarters, 2015

Members considered the CCTV database incidents report for the first, second and third quarters 2015 which is compiled by the CCTV Control Room Manager and provides a breakdown of information by category. It was requested that in future information on the level of crime solved by the use of CCTV is provided.

It was proposed that the following comments are taken back to the CCTV Control Room Manager by the Clerk:

- To gain clarification on the categories.
- To gain information on the actual outcome of the information.
- To gain information on the length of time the operator has been on live.

RESOLVED: That the CCTV database incidents report is received. That the comments stated above are followed up by the Clerk (NC)

Meeting End Time: 9.25pm