

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016 AT THE  
CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs: M Beanland, L Berry, S-J Gilmore, I Hollingworth, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, Mrs S Horsman and Mrs N Wylie

Attending under SO 54: Cllr H Murray substituting for Cllr Mrs J Sewart and Cllr T Holbrook substituting for Cllr G King

21. Questions from members of the public

There were no questions from members of the public.

22. Apologies for absence

Cllrs G King and Mrs J Sewart

23. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

24. Previous meeting minutes

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 are approved as an accurate record (NC)**

It was proposed that agenda item 9 is taken as the next agenda item.

**RESOLVED: That agenda item 9, an application for a community grant from Projects 4 Poynton for the Christmas Fest 2016, is taken as the next item of business (NC)**

25. Application for a community grant from Projects 4 Poynton for the Christmas Fest 2016

Mrs Susan Warrington, London Road South, spoke on the application for a community grant of £3,500 from Projects 4 Poynton for the Christmas Fest

2016. It was noted that there has been an unexpected impact of the road management costs which are in the region of £800. Projects 4 Poynton continue to look for support from other sources too. Members considered the application and the following proposal was received:

- Projects 4 Poynton will explore the options and costs for road management
- To approve a maximum of £3,500 with any surplus to be rolled over to the following year
- The committee Chair, Vice Chair and one other committee member have delegated authority to make the decision.

**RESOLVED: That Projects 4 Poynton will explore the options and costs for road management. That a maximum of £3,500 with any surplus to be rolled over to the following year is approved. That the Chair, Vice Chair and one other committee member have delegated authority to make the decision (NC)**

*Cllr Beanland left at 8.15pm*

#### 26. Verbal update from the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

Insp. Catherine Mitchell and Sgt Brazendale attended the meeting to provide a verbal update on the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Sgt Brazendale reported that there have been 16 cases of anti-social behaviour. The incidents include dogs being aggressive, house party, family dispute, children fighting in the park, youths congregating and bollards placed on the road.

Sgt Brazendale was asked about the situation with the Poynton Sports Club. He explained that there has been progress with regard to a public space protection order. A draft proposal for public consultation is underway.

Sgt Brazendale noted that there have been no offences reported at Barnaby Park. The reports received by the policing team have been about children congregating on the park and the noise caused. The policing team ask the children to leave the park and they do respond. The issue at Barnaby Park is one of accessibility and the alleyway to the park enables children to get onto the park. Sgt Brazendale noted that although the policing team will always police the area it is difficult to maintain this with the current access through the alleyway.

Members discussed the issue and it was proposed that access to the alleyway is an agenda item on the next Planning and Environment committee meeting. This is to consider how to restrict access to the alleyway and to explore the option for residents to apply to the Highway Authority for a controlled gating order under section 129a of the Highways Act.

**RESOLVED: That the issue of access to Barnaby Park is an agenda item at the next Planning and Environment committee meeting. That the policing team with the support of this committee explore the opportunities of a gating order for the alleyway at Barnaby Park under section 129a of the Highways Act (NC)**

The following SID data was reported:

- Chester Road
  - Total number of vehicles was 30,024.
  - The average speed was 30mph.
  
- Middlewood Road
  - Total number of vehicles was 13,400.
  - The average speed was 28.2mph.
  
- Dickens Lane
  - Total number of vehicles was 26,500.
  - The average speed was 27.8 mph.
  
- Park Lane
  - Total number of vehicles was 56,411.
  - The average speed was 26.3 mph.

A member raised a resident's concern regarding the closure of Middlewood Road. The resident is concerned because vehicles are not taking heed of the road closed signs, there is no enforcement of the road being closed and members noted that the issue is confusing because there is a set of traffic lights in situ and the road has not been repaired by CE yet.

Sgt. Brazendale encouraged residents to make a report to the police as necessary. He clarified that it is an offence to enter a temporary road closure area. Sgt Brazendale will approach and liaise with Robin Johnson at CE on the issue.

It was confirmed that PCSO Jane Cummings is the school liaison officer and will forge links to work in partnership with Poynton High School.

Sgt Brazendale spoke on Operation Shield. This is a property marking scheme as a deterrent for burglaries and theft in an area. Nationwide good results have been reported as a result of Operation Shield. Sgt Brazendale explained that the cost of the kit required is £9 per household and must be bought in bulk with one point of payment for an area/estate. Members discussed this as an available option to residents and it was proposed that Sgt Brazendale would identify and gather information on the areas of Poynton that would benefit from property marking and this information will be considered at the next committee meeting.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal update from the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team is received (NC)**

27. Update from the Future of Policing in Poynton Task and Finish Group

Members received a verbal update from the Future of Policing in Poynton Task and Finish Group. The next step is to arrange a suitable date for councillors to see how Chester City Council run their warden system. Also Cllr Murray is due to meet with the Police Crime Commissioner on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal update from the Future of Policing in Poynton Task and Finish Group is received (NC)**

28. Report on the Citizen's Advice Bureau Outreach Service in Poynton from Will McKellar, Chief Officer, Citizens Advice Cheshire North

Will McKellar spoke on his report on the Citizen's Advice Bureau Outreach Service in Poynton.

He explained that there has been a negative impact of the universal credit system which is paid in arrears and this can result in associated debt issues for residents. The CAB provides residents with support in this area. There has also been an increase in domestic abuse issues. The CAB provides support to help explore the options available to residents. Will explained that in general although the issues experienced across areas are similar there is less support in affluent areas.

The financial positives within the locality as a direct result of the CAB interventions include helping residents manage their money, the increasing income amounted to about £180,000 during the first three quarters of 2016.

The Clerk will promote the CAB service provided on a Wednesday evening in the Poynton Post. The article will include the statistics on the service provided by the Town Council in conjunction with the CAB. The Clerk will organise a session for the Town Council reception and library staff on signposting residents to the CAB service.

The committee thanked Will McKellar for the report and the valued service provided by the CAB. The committee proposed to continue to subsidise the grant of £14,000. It was proposed that there is a recommendation to the Town Council to transfer the budget line to the COPS committee.

**RESOLVED: That the report on the Citizen's Advice Bureau Outreach Service in Poynton from Will McKellar is received with thanks. That an article as agreed is published in the Poynton Post. That the Clerk organise a session for the Town Council reception and library staff on signposting residents to the CAB service. That the Town Council continue to subsidise the grant of £14,000. That a recommendation to the Town Council to transfer the budget line to the COPS committee is approved (NC)**

29. Report from the Town Council's Communities Co-ordinator, Sharon Duke

The Town Council's Communities Co-ordinator, Sharon Duke spoke on her written report.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal update from the Town Council's Communities Co-ordinator is received with thanks (NC)**

30. Consider and agree any communication messages arising from the meeting

The following communication messages arising from the meeting were agreed:

- CAB service
- Report from the Communities Co-ordinator
- To arrange for a profile of Sharon Duke to be included in the Inside Poynton publication.

**RESOLVED: That the communication messages arising from the meeting as stated are approved (NC)**

Meeting End Time: 9.55pm