

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016 AT THE CIVIC HALL,  
POYNTON.

PRESENT

Vice Chairman: Cllr G King

Cllr Mrs S Horsman

SO 54 Cllr M Beanland substituting for Cllr Mrs J Saunders

41. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

42. Apologies for absence

Cllrs L Berry, Mrs S-J Gilmore, T Holbrook, Mrs Horsman-Johnson, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart and Mrs N Wylie

43. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

44. Previous meeting minutes

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 are approved as an accurate record (NC)**

45. Receive a presentation on Doorstep Crime Awareness including the Nominated Neighbour Scheme from Paul Urwin, Community Protection Partnerships and Communities, Cheshire East Council

Paul Urwin, Community Protection Partnerships and Communities, Cheshire East Council presented on Doorstep Crime Awareness including the Nominated Neighbour Scheme. The presentation noted the following points:

- The scheme is preventative.
- The work is to address cold callers and distraction burglaries.
- The emphasis of the Nominated Neighbour Scheme is to discourage, particularly old and vulnerable people living on their own, from answering the door to cold callers.

- Paul shared the sticker that can be displayed in the window to discourage cold callers, a leaflet providing more details on the Nominated Neighbour Scheme and further literature on the scheme for residents which is freely available.
- Although there has been some success through the preventative work residents across various areas have fallen victim; losing large amounts of money to rogue traders.
- Paul warned residents not to deal with cold callers. This is a common issue and cold callers can often be rogue traders and professional criminals.
- Cold callers from out of the area can target an area as part of their criminal activity.
- Although cold callers/rogue traders may display identification this is not reliable since identification material can easily be fabricated.
- Residents are encouraged to report incidents by calling 101.
- Paul also recommended the booklet, “Avoiding Scams” published by Age UK as a useful document.

The committee agreed that the information is publicised through the following:

- Poynton Post.
- The local church networks.
- The Friday shoppers group.
- Men in Sheds.
- PUN.
- Inside Poynton Magazine.

Sgt. Brazendale offered the support of the PCSOs to help raise the profile of the scheme and the dangers of responding to cold callers and rogue traders.

The Clerk will co-ordinate a presentation for the U3A group.

**RESOLVED: That the presentation on Doorstep Crime Awareness including the Nominated Neighbour Scheme from Paul Urwin, Community Protection Partnerships and Communities, Cheshire East Council is received with thanks. That the Clerk will publicise the scheme as discussed (NC)**

46. Receive an update from the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Sgt Brazendale provided a verbal update on the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team since 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

He noted that the police have identified the following three priority areas:

- Operation Blue Christmas
- Theft and Burglary
- Anti-Social Behaviour

#### Operation Blue Christmas

The operation is to address seasonal crime. This includes high visibility patrols around retailers particularly jewellers and in general more patrols in estates.

#### Theft and Burglaries

The priority is to address the recent spike in theft and burglaries. There have been seven burglaries within 35 days. The areas targeted include South Park Drive, Park Lane,

Ragley Close, London Road North, Balmoral Drive and Southmead Drive. Police are investigating the incidents. The police have requested extra police patrols/resources at night. Vehicles have been stolen from the Adlington Estate. The approach is police hardening. The incidents are being investigated by the CID. Vehicle owners are requested to ensure vehicles are secured.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

There have been 22 incidents of ASB since 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The following SID data was reported for the period 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016:

- Chester Road towards Poynton
  - Total number of vehicles was 99,016.
  - The average speed was 28.5mph.
  - The highest speed was 74mph.
  
- London Road North towards Poynton
  - Total number of vehicles was 47,593.
  - The average speed was 27.1mph.
  - The highest speed was 65mph.
  
- Middlewood Road, from 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016
  - Total number of vehicles was 27,614.
  - The average speed was 28.7mph.

Sgt Brazendale will identify the time of day for the highest recorded vehicle speed.

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

#### 47. Receive a verbal update from The Future of Policing in Poynton Task and Finish Group

Cllr King provided the following update from the Future of Policing in Poynton Task and Finish Group:

- A meeting with Sarah Boycott, Assistant Chief Constable is scheduled on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016.
- A report will be published following that meeting.

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

#### 48. Receive an update from the Town Council's Communities Co-ordinator, Sharon Duke

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

It was noted that Christmas Fest was a positive and well attended event.

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

49. Consider a community grant application for £1,000 from Poynton library, Cheshire East Council

**RESOLVED: That consideration of a community grant application for £1,000 from Poynton library, Cheshire East Council is deferred as an agenda item to the next COPS meeting (NC)**

50. Review the COPS provisional budget for 2017/18

It was proposed that the review of the COPS provisional budget for 2017/18 is deferred until after the ACC meeting due to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016. This is to enable a full assessment of the potential impact of the meeting and that this item is resolved as a SO51 decision.

**RESOLVED: That the review the COPS provisional budget for 2017/18 is deferred as a SO 51 decision to be taken after the ACC meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (NC)**

Members agreed that the Town Council due to budgetary constraints should proactively seek funding towards the Christmas Fest. It was proposed that a letter from the Town Council is distributed to businesses to note that in future a contribution is required from businesses to fund and hold the Christmas Fest.

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk will draft a letter from the Town Council to local businesses requesting a contribution towards the cost of the Christmas Fest. That the letter will be received for approval at the next Finance and General Purposes committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (NC)**

It was noted that there has been a modest increase in income for the shop mobility scheme. The Communities Co-ordinator is working proactively to publicise the hire of of wheelchairs and scooters.

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

The following communication messages arising from the meeting were agreed:

- Presentation by Paul Urwin, Community Protection Partnerships and Communities, Cheshire East Council presented on Doorstep Crime Awareness including the Nominated Neighbour Scheme.
- SID information.

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

Meeting End Time: 9.30pm