

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2017 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs: T Holbrook, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, Mrs S Horsman, G King and Mrs J Sewart

Also in attendance: Inspector C Mitchell, Will McKellar

38. Anyone attending or present at the Committee meeting declares that they are making, or intend to make, an audio recording and/or film the meeting

The clerk confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking.

There were no other declarations.

39. Questions from members of the public

Mr A Ikoku, Hazelbadge Road, asked if double yellow lines could be installed in Hazelbadge Road. Cllr Howard Murray, attending as a member of the public, explained that the amount of money allocated to parking across the whole area is limited and it would take about two years because of legal aspects and bureaucratic processes. Even one objection would mean the process has to start again. The cost is a minimum of £4,000 so this work is not prioritised. Mr Ikoku was concerned a child might be hurt and he has frequently seen cars parked within 10m of a junction. The chair spoke about the limited budget covering a wide area and that elsewhere there are serious issues where there are no foot paths.

Mr Ikoku confirmed train passengers park all day. Insp Mitchell confirmed she will ask the police community support officers (PCSOs) to pay particular attention and use powers against offenders parking too close to the junction.

Mr Ikoku spoke about vehicles parking between the junction and the side road. Insp Mitchell explained the police will consider if a car is causing an obstruction and check if the driver has driven on a pavement and an officer has seen this. If cars are not parked illegally the police provide education including through schools.

Mr Ikoku spoke about the intention to build 150 houses with Hazelbadge Road as the sole access road and likely problems arising. A member spoke about double yellow lines being problematic as they are enforced by a civic enforcement officer from Cheshire East Council, not the police.

Insp Mitchell offered to meet Mr Ikoku with police colleagues.

Mr Ikoku spoke about the gathering of youths at the field end of Hazelbadge road. He has seen people exchanging items through car windows. Insp Mitchell spoke about PCSOs working later now so hopefully this will impact, backed up by police constables. She encouraged residents to report issues to 101 so that areas of concern show up on police systems the following day. PCSOs can use yellow cards as a warning and have had some success with these.

Cllr Murray said that if people are on town council land the council can move them on after dark. Insp Mitchell explained that the police do deploy officers on calls to 101 and have plans to deal with Halloween and Bonfire night, including writing to parents and trying to provide alternatives. Cllr Murray said the town council funds PCSOs so Poynton is better off than it might have been.

Insp Mitchell referred to Barnaby Park, outside Sovereign House and Queensway as areas where concerns have recently been raised about anti-social behaviour. Insp Mitchell will ask the PCSOs to patrol there.

40. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs S-J Gilmore, T Lorde and Mrs N Wylie.

41. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None were declared.

42. Previous meeting minutes

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 are approved as an accurate record (4 for, 2 abstention)**

43. Receive a report on the Citizen's Advice Outreach Service from Will McKellar, Chief Officer

Will McKellar referred to the two reports submitted and the meeting with Cllr Saunders, Cllr Gorst and the clerk about the hours of service and the budget. The original agreement with the town council when the service started in September 2009 did not provide details of hours of service delivery. Mr McKellar's verbal report refers to the last 12 months, a combination of both written reports.

The service has dealt with 222 unique clients of which a number return with a new issue or a continuation of the original issue, so the actual number of contacts is nearly 350 and the number of issues presented is 444. The service tries to deal with the causality of issues. 37% are related to welfare benefits and sickness benefits. The service brings about £40,000 into the locality. Quarter four in 2016 was low in numbers as usual. Numbers have remained consistent over the years. It can take three hours in Poynton for dedicated casework plus follow up work afterwards without the client present to engage with third parties etc.

Cllr Saunders stated that following the meeting in June, the breakdown of costings and case-studies were very helpful.

**RESOLVED: That the committee support the application and £14,471.20 is allocated from the 2017/18 budget (NC).**

44. To receive and consider a community grant application for £3,500 from Projects 4 Poynton for the Christmas Fest 2017

Mrs Susan Warrington, Projects 4 Poynton, spoke to the grant application form. Preparations continue but there is a worry there is not enough money. There is no lessening of interest in the village for the Fest. The group sent a letter immediately after last year's Fest to local shops asking for money and have just sent another letter. The group may build up a reserve but cannot guarantee this.

Malcolm Adams, Projects 4 Poynton, stated that the Fest does not have the same revenue raising opportunities as the Summer Fest from car parking. There will be a personal follow up visit to all the business.

The clerk confirmed that she has drafted a letter to take to businesses who do not respond to the Project 4 Poynton's letters and visit.

Mrs Warrington stated that businesses are benefitting financially from the hard work of a few volunteers. Projects 4 Poynton will be targeting follow up visits to the eating houses. Some businesses provide non-financial contributions.

**RESOLVED: That the grant application is approved and that £3,500 is given to Projects 4 Poynton (NC)**

45. Receive a verbal update from the Macclesfield North and Poynton Beat Management Police Team

Insp Mitchell provided the verbal update on the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team for the period 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The most significant event was the murder which involved Poynton Pool taking much police resource including from Poynton.

Violence: 7 in total during this time period.

Burglary: 6 (1 previous month).

Commercial Burglary: 0 (0 previous month).

Theft of Motor vehicle: 1 (1 previous month).

Theft from motor vehicle: 1 (1 previous month)

Theft other: 4 (1 previous month)

Of note: Theft of lead Park Lane, theft of purse in Aldi (card then used at ATM).

Individuals target older vulnerable people and distract with a question so there will be a small awareness campaign. Sharon Duke, communities co-ordinator, invited PCSOs to the Time-Out café or the Friday morning shoppers group. Cllr King will approach Golden Memories and Cllr Horsman will ask U3A to circulate information.

Drugs: 0 (3 previous month).

Criminal damage: 2 (2 previous month). Of note: 2 vehicle keyed in Chester Road parked near to station

Anti-social behaviour: 20 incidents (63 previous month). Of these, 10 involve youths. Repeat location was 3 at Barnaby Park, 2 at Sovereign House, 2 at Queensway.

Tru Cam data:

18/09/17 – London Rd North 08:54-09:50 – 41 vehicles in excess of 35mph, 6 vehicles in excess of 40mph including one at 49! Sent to Central Ticket Office

27/09/17 – Middlewood Rd 08:40-10:00 – 1 TOR (38mph) and 2 advice at roadside.

28/09/17 – Middlewood Rd 08:15-09:15 – 2 TORs (39 and 40mph) and 3 advice at roadside.

13/10/17 – Chester Road 15:19-15:40 – 1 activation at 44mph. Sent to Central Ticket Office. Enforcement taken place in area where 2 RTCs occurred in 4 days.

14/10/17 – London Road South 16:13-17:13 – 52 activations including 8 vehicles above 40mph. Sent to Central Ticket Office.

97 ticketed/ processed during this period in Poynton

The following SID data was reported:

Date from	Date to	Location	No vehicles	Av speed	Max speed	% over speed limit	85% mph
23/09/17	3/10/17	Chester Road (towards Woodford)	29411	26.3	59 (11pm)		32
22/9/17	14/8/17	Dickens Lane	1939	26	70 (6pm)	16.9	30.1
10/8/17	23/8/17	Middlewood Road	13588	28.4	57 (10pm & 1am)	39.1	34.3

Road Traffic collision: 8 during this time period.

A SID will be placed on Middlewood Road.

There are plans in place for Halloween and the school holidays to discourage anti-social behaviour.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal update from the Macclesfield North and Poynton Beat Management Police Team is received (NC)**

46. To receive and consider the letter and map from Janette McCormick, Acting Chief Constable, about the allocation and funding arrangements for PCSOs, dated 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017

A member noted that Poynton West and East are two-member wards based on their population but the allocation is to be one PCSO per ward, as it is for one-member wards elsewhere.

**RESOLVED: That the letter is accepted (NC).**

47. Receive a verbal update from the Future of Policing in Poynton task and finish group

**RESOLVED: That the Future of Policing in Poynton task and finish group report after their meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October to the COPS meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (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.

The Health and Wellbeing Fair had more people attending than last year because it was held in conjunction with the flu clinics and with the patient participation groups from both health centres.

Cllr King reported that Men in Shed's revenue since their inception is just under £3,000 and they have put £1,000 back into good causes in the community.

A member noted that there is litter pushed behind the cable boxes and the communities co-ordinator will ask the litter pickers to check there regularly.

A member asked what stage of the Alzheimer's journey does the town council provide support for? The communities co-ordinator confirmed that some services are provided as social activities for those with dementia and their carers at the early to the medium stage. The dementia awareness steering group involves dementia reablement workers who work with people who need more support than they could get from a group. The aim is to cover all aspects of the dementia journey.

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

49. To receive and consider the letter from Fiona Reynolds, Director of Public Health, CEC about a three-year agreement for the CCTV service, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

The clerk will invite all members to take up the offer of a visit to the CCTV control room at the end of November.

**RESOLVED: That the letter is received and the town council will confirm one year agreement (NC)**

50. To receive and consider the community grant monitoring form from Poynton library.

**RESOLVED: That the detailed and useful report is accepted (NC)**

51. Receive and note the income and expenditure report for April to September 2017 for the Community Order and Public Safety Committee.

The clerk spoke on the income and expenditure report to date for 2017/18 for the Community Order and Public Safety Committee.

**RESOLVED: That the income and expenditure report for April to September 2017 for the Community Order and Public Safety Committee is received and noted (NC)**

52. Consider and agree any communication messages arising from this meeting.

The following communication messages arising from the meeting were agreed. To:

- Display leaflets about the Orbitas service
- Put information in the PUN about the Remembrance poppies displayed on street lights
- Publish the need for residents to be aware of distraction risks in supermarkets
- Ask residents to be considerate and not to park anti-socially as well as legally.

Insp Mitchell will ask the PCSOs to walk down Park Lane each morning and put this on social media.

A member confirmed that no-one can park in the shared space area. A member confirmed that the police have powers to issue tickets for obstruction if a car crosses a footpath and parks in an obstructive way.

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

Meeting end time: 9.25pm