

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2017 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs: L Berry, Mrs S-J Gilmore, Mrs S Horsman, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, G King and Mrs J Sewart

SO 56, Cllr M Beanland, L A Clarke, C Gorst

75. 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 shorthand assistant confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted within a week when the draft minutes are produced.

76. Questions from members of the public

Mr Steve Clarke was in attendance.

77. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs N Wylie.

78. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

79. Previous meeting minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 27th February 2017 are approved as an accurate record (6 for, 1 abstention)

It was proposed that the community grant application from the Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trust is included on the agenda as an urgent item and considered as the next item of business. The application is to help fund safety equipment including the replacement of fire extinguishers, first aid kit, amongst others and this is to ensure the Trust can maintain the regular maintenance programme. The Trust would like to carry out this work in April/May 2017 to prepare for the start of the season and the next COPS meeting would be too late to take this item for consideration.

RESOLVED: That community grant application from the Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trust is included on the agenda and considered as the next item of business (NC)

The committee received and considered the community grant application for £300 from the Mary Sunley Trust. The application is for a contribution towards the overall budget and the maintenance program.

RESOLVED: That the community grant application for £300 from the Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trust is approved and awarded (NC)

80. Receive an update from the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

Sgt Percival provided a verbal update on the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team since the last meeting:

28th February to 31st March 2017 and 1st April to 23rd April 2017

Details about incidents of violence, break-ins, thefts, drugs, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour are available from the Clerk.

Speed Indicator Device data

Date from	Date to	Location	No of vehicles	Average speed	Max speed	Percentage over speed limit
12/03/2017	21/03/2017	Chester Road > Woodford	26111	26.3mph	55mph (9pm)	29%
10/03/2017	17/03/2017	Dickins Lane	9183	28.2mph	50.5mph (12pm)	39%
21/03/2017	07/04/2017	London Rd South>Macclesfield	48966	30.9mph	78.0mph (8pm)	52.6%
21/03/2017	07/04/2017	Middlewood Road	13826	29.1mph	74.8mph (8pm)	42.8%

There was an excellent arrest; two PCSOs became suspicious of four people on board a vehicle in Poynton. They attempted to stop the vehicle but it failed to stop. Three of the people were later arrested on suspicion of theft of the vehicle. They have been bailed pending further enquiries.

1st April to 23rd April 2017

Sgt Percival explained that from April 2017 the accounting rules for burglary have changed and the definition is residential burglary which includes shed break-ins and any break-in on the residential grounds. There is a separate definition to denote commercial burglary. The change in definition is reflected in the numbers provided.

There was an excellent arrest with two males arrested in the early hours of 11th April 2017 for theft from Brookside Garden Centre. Since then there has only been one shed break-in. The enquiries are ongoing to try and make forensic links.

Sgt Percival explained that the police are in the process of having more roads coded to be able to use the TruCAM. The TruCAM generates tickets that the PCSOs can issue. Where 50% of the vehicles are recorded as exceeding the speed limit the information is included on an enforcement database which means that the traffic officers will visit the area to carry out enforcement.

There was a request for the SID to be placed on Middlewood Road near Poolhouse Road.

Sgt Percival will follow up on the theft from the sheds at Headway Charity on Park Lane.

Sgt Percival confirmed that the Public Space Protection Order for Poynton Sports Club will go live from the 1st May 2017. The Chair requested that there are no further delays in the implementation. Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued for youths from aged 16 years and above. A member noted that from experience co-operation from the Sports Club and robust policing are required.

A member noted their concern of the theft from an elderly person at the cash machine at the Post Office and requested that the issue of CCTV is explored. The Clerk will write to the Post Office and the Royal Bank of Scotland to find out about CCTV to cover the two external cash machines in Poynton.

Residents were reminded to report any suspicious activity by dialling 101 and, if applicable, reporting the car registration number plate.

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

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

Cllr King provided the following verbal update on the Future of Policing in Poynton:

- The group met with Superintendent Peter Crowcroft on 28th March 2017.
- The police stated that they were reviewing several issues regarding the way they currently police Poynton including the booking on daily at Macclesfield.
- PCSOs powers are also under review with additional powers likely to be given to improve authority levels to possibly include: vehicles parked in a manner which causes an obstruction, issue penalty notices for the illegal sale of alcohol, enforce bye laws amongst others.
- It was confirmed that with effect from 2018 it was likely that two PCSOs fully funded by the Constabulary would be assigned to Poynton. However, these two officers could be extracted to deal with situations outside Poynton if deemed necessary by senior police staff.
- It was stated that if the Town Council require additional PCSOs these would have to be fully funded. Expected costs per additional Partner Funded PCSO would be in the region of £30,000 per officer.
- Should the Town Council decide to pay for Partner Funded officers these officers would not be subject to extraction from the area except in the case of situations pre-agreed.

Sgt Percival envisaged that additional powers for the PCSOs will be rolled out during the next six months.

Members discussed at length the parking issues and problems in the village. A member noted concern of the displaced parking from Bulkeley Road on the junction opposite Poynton Pantry which is particularly hazardous during school drop off and pick up times. Sgt Percival will follow up on the report.

Sgt Percival clarified the following with regard to on-going parking issues on Lower Park Road. Parking on the pavement is illegal and any parking on a pavement is obstruction. However, if cars are ticketed they will then park on the road and this may generate greater difficulties such as access in and out of the road particularly for emergency vehicles.

Members noted that, in general, residents should park in a neighbourly manner and should ensure consideration for others.

Cllr King noted that the Task and Finish Group will shortly review all options and prepare a report with recommendations for further review.

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

82. 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 Operation Shield pilot marking scheme is nearly complete for 19 properties on Woolley Avenue.

Sgt Percival noted that the working together/community meetings where community priorities are set have been poorly attended. A member suggested that future dates are publicised to residents well in advance through the PUN and the other forms of communication such as the Poynton News and Gossip site.

Dementia:

The Herbert Protocol; this is a proforma which all families and homes are encouraged to complete. The forms provide a means to record vital information on the person with dementia in one place, held by the family, should the person go missing. Sgt Percival noted that a company that also provide GPS tracking are considering offering a pilot programme which could possibly be trialled in Poynton.

Sharon informed members of the story of an elderly resident who struggled to get out and about. Through conversation and co-ordination, arrangements have been made for the resident to be collected and dropped off from home in the community minibus and to access a mobility scooter from the Civic Hall to help get around the village. Members noted that this is an excellent story enabling elderly people to retain their independence. The story will be publicised in an attempt to inform and encourage others who may find themselves in a similar situation.

Sharon will be promoting the CE Nominated Neighbour Project through the various community groups.

Sharon will provide Cllr Horsman-Johnson with the details of the minibus volunteer training course.

A member requested that information about how to sign up for the police alert emails is included in the PUN.

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

83. Receive and consider a community grant application for £1,500 from Higher Poynton Summer Fest organising group.

Mr Steve Clarke, a member of the Higher Poynton Summer Fest organising group, spoke on the community grant application for £1,500. He thanked the Town Council for their support for the event last year. Unfortunately, the event was rained off last year. The only fees are earned from the car park and stalls. The strategy is to reduce reliance on the grant.

A member proposed that this is a great community event and the application is granted under the same condition as last year including completion of the Town Council monitoring form with any unused funds returned to the Town Council.

It was noted that the expenditure last year was not covered under the insurance for the event. Mr Clarke explained that the insurance excess per stall was cost prohibitive. It was confirmed that there is a contribution to costs by The Boar's Head.

RESOLVED: That the community grant application for £1,500 from Higher Poynton Summer Fest organising group is approved (NC)

84. Receive and consider a verbal report from Cllr Geoff King about setting up a 'Just Good Friends' group for Poynton.

Cllr King spoke on the possibility of setting up a 'Just Good Friends' group for Poynton. Cllr King has explored the idea through a group called Inside Out in Lytham St Annes and has visited the group to explore and understand the work of the group and how it was first set up. Inside Out is now a hugely successful group delivering events for men and women who experience loneliness.

The Chair noted the considerable efforts of the Town Council in ensuring the elderly and frail are well catered for. The idea of a "Just Good Friends" group for Poynton would be a positive development.

It was agreed that Cllrs Mrs Saunders and King with Sharon will explore the idea further and report back to the committee.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Mrs Saunders and King with Sharon explore the idea of a “Just Good Friends” group for Poynton further and report back to the committee (NC)

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

The following communication messages arising from the meeting were agreed:

- The Police Working Together community meetings are posted in Poynton News and Gossip and the PUN.
- To add information about how to sign up for the police and fire alerts to the PUN.
- News flash of the Working Together meeting on 20th April 2017.
- Story of the elderly resident to the PUN, if she agrees.
- Police specialising in drug crime; residents are urged to report any suspicious incidents.
- Car crime; residents are encouraged to report the car registration plate.
- Inform residents that the Public Space Protection Order is in place and to contact 101 and to report the car registration plate.

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

Meeting end time: 9.25pm