

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD AT 8PM ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs. M Beanland, L A Clarke, R Horsman, P Hoyland, Mrs J Sewart, A Smith

Attending under SO53: Cllr H Murray

Also Attending: Insp. Jez Taylor and Insp. Steve Griffiths

PART A

41. Absent

Cllr B Lewis

42. Declarations of Interest

None

43. Minutes of the meeting of 8th October 2012

Page 116 - Cllr Mrs Sewart noted that the mobile advertising vans taking up parking bays on London Road had virtually disappeared from Poynton. This was following action taken by the Clerk on this matter.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October 2012 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (4 - 3 abs)

44. Poynton's Community First Responders (CFR)

Ken Woolley and Bill McCracken provided a briefing on the CFR service in Poynton. They explained that they work in conjunction with the ambulance service. Mr Woolley explained that his main concern is the lack of volunteers. At present he and Mr McCracken are the only two Community First Responders. In the next three to four months two young ladies will be ready to join. The aim is to have six to eight Responders by this time next year. The process is lengthy from the time of the application through to completion, and can take as long as 12 months. The commitment required by a Responder is 16 hours a month. Mr Woolley explained that they have been active in having defibrillators placed in Poynton and training people to use these. He is also training Year 10 pupils at Poynton High School in the use of emergency life support.

Another area of concern is finance. The Rotary Club and Round Table groups have supported the work of the First Responders and this year Waitrose have also provided some assistance. However on-going financial support is vital for the service to continue. Mr Woolley asked the Town Council for advice and suggestions on how and where to source funding for 2013 and beyond.

Cllr Murray recognised the good work of the First Responders as an established part of the community. He asked about the type of qualifications and characteristics required to become a Responder. Mr Woolley explained that the application process includes a CRB check, with basic training of 30 hours plus a further 8 hours spent with an ambulance crew. The individual then needs to work with the First Responders for a further 6 months until confident in the role. This would be suitable for a caring person who wants to make a difference in the community.

On funding, Cllr Murray provided several suggestions including the care and retirement homes, bequests, sports and health centres. Poynton Town Council could also help in trying to raise the profile of First Responders, and there might also be interest in the role of Responder within job clubs as a source of retraining.

The Chairman agreed that raising the profile of the First Responders was essential. The Chairman concluded that the best way forward would be for Mr Woolley to liaise with the Clerk, using the PUN as a vehicle to help publicise the work of the First Responders. The profile of the organisation could also be raised through community events and church newsletters. The Clerk will also contact the Youth Co-ordinator, who is adept at accessing third party funding.

The Chairman thanked the First Responders for attending, and asked them to keep the Town Council informed.

RESOLVED: That the briefing from Poynton's Community First Responder Service is received (NC)

45. Verbal policing update

Insp. Jez Taylor explained that this will be his last COPS meeting as he is moving to a new role, managing partnerships across East Cheshire. He introduced his replacement, Insp. Steve Griffiths.

Insp. Taylor said that PCSO Steve Davenport, currently based in Macclesfield, will be joining the team in Poynton, together with PCSO Chris Jackson from Disley. Sgt Mick Warren will be spending more time in Poynton, and for the next month there will be a PCSO on duty everyday to manage the transition and continue to provide an efficient and effective service in Poynton.

Insp. Taylor explained that Operation Unlink is continuing. The PCSOs have been concerned by the sheer quantity of alcohol seized from youngsters in the last six months. This is an on-going issue.

The two 'mischief' nights, Halloween and Bonfire Night, had both been relatively calm. The PCOSs have put in a lot of work and been proactive and the supermarkets have also been supportive in terms of not selling flour and eggs to youngsters.

On Bonfire Night at Poynton Pool there were some parking issues, mainly concerning Glastonbury Drive. Bars were present at the event this year, and no alcohol was allowed into the event. Insp. Taylor explained that there was some concern that the theme of the event and profile might have changed somewhat from a family event. The Clerk suggested that perhaps a meeting between the police and the Round Table might be useful to discuss feedback and lessons learnt from this year's event. Cllr A Smith noted that formal feedback would be helpful, and although the profile of the event might have changed, it might not necessarily be negative. Insp. Taylor confirmed there was no increase in anti-social behaviour.

Insp. Taylor commented that SID had been deployed at Middlewood Road and London Road North. There was a minor incident at the Dickens Lane roundabout last week. Cllr Murray confirmed with Insp. Taylor that this was the first reported incident in the last 12 months.

On speeding issues, in the last four weeks 37 cars were caught driving in excess of 35mph on London Road North and South and Chester Road.

Insp. Taylor reported that there has been a spate of about 13 car break ins in the last six months. These tend to be condensed incidents in one or two night periods. He also informed the meeting of the 'UK Cash' scheme which is being used fraudulently. The elderly have been targeted and premises have been informed. The Chairman asked for this information to be included in the next policing newsletter.

In thanking Insp. Taylor Cllr Murray Cllr Murray commented on the new way of working with the police which has developed in Poynton. Some initiatives have been the first across Cheshire such as the outstanding newsletters, use of SID, speed guns and the CCTV mapping. Insp. Taylor assured members of continuity in service with his successor.

The Chairman explained that the PCSO Service Level Agreement is due for review in April 2013. This is a three year agreement. The Chairman suggested that in the next week or so a meeting is arranged to discuss roles and responsibilities, and also for rotas to be available on a monthly basis. In addition she asked that the Chairman and the Clerk are kept especially aware and informed during this changeover period to be able to respond efficiently to any issues raised by residents.

On behalf of the Town Council the Chairman thanked Insp. Taylor for his hard work and welcomed Insp. Griffiths.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report by Insp. J Taylor is received with thanks (NC)

46. Mini Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Members discussed the merits of a mini Speed Indicator Device (SID) for use in Poynton. Information had been forwarded by Sgt Warren.

Cllr Murray asked if the police would be able to support the use of the mini SID set at 20mph rather than 30mph in the Shared Space area. Insp. Taylor explained this might be possible dependent on the location.

Cllr Mrs Sewart asked if the smaller SID would be as effective as the larger SID. Insp. Taylor replied that this will supplement the existing SID. The smaller SID needs to be fastened to a post and would be suitable for use in the Shared Space area - it was also more aesthetically pleasing. Members discussed the utilisation of the SID and the data it will provide. Insp. Griffiths confirmed that the police will take full responsibility for managing and looking after the SID. The Clerk explained that the cost of up to £2,500 can be covered by funds from the COPS earmarked reserve.

RESOLVED: That the purchase of a mini Speed Indicator Device (SID) is approved and funding authorised up to £2,500 (NC)

47. Update from the Youth Co-ordinator, Erica Adkins

The Clerk explained that Erica Adkins was unable to attend the meeting and had sent her apologies. She had provided a written report and is in the office tomorrow if members would like to ask any questions. The Clerk said she was clearly engaged, busy and effective.

Cllr Sewart said that she was impressed with developments in the Youth Safety Project. Cllr Murray agreed and said he too was very pleased.

RESOLVED: That the written update from the Youth Co-ordinator, Erica Adkins, is received (NC)

48. Annual Poynton Christmas Fest

Cllr Beanland presented a bid from the Parish Plan Group for a Town Council Community Grant to help fund the annual Poynton Christmas Fest to be held on 4th December 2012. He explained that the cost last year was £4,750, and the expectation is that costs will be around the same for this year. There are some funds remaining in the Parish Plan accounts from various events. Cllr Beanland explained that the Parish Plan has suggested that the existing money (about £1,000) in this account is used towards the £4,750.

On discussion of first aid provision at the Fest members suggested that the Poynton Community First Responders could be requested to attend this event, with a contribution towards their funds. Cllr Hoyland agreed that they are very committed

and need more support. Cllr Beanland will contact and liaise with the First Responder service.

RESOLVED: That the bid from the Parish Plan Group for a Community Grant of £3,750 is approved, and hat support for the Poynton Community First Responder service to provide first aid cover at the Christmas Fest is agreed (NC)

PART B

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