

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD AT 8PM ON MONDAY 21ST MAY 2012 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Cllrs. M Beanland, L A Clarke, Ms. R Horsman, P Hoyland

Attending under SO53: Cllr Mrs S Horsman

Also Attending: Inspector Jez Taylor

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs J Sewart and A Smith (Cllrs N Cowan and B Lewis absent)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (NC)

4. Policing update from Insp. Jez Taylor

Insp. Taylor began by informing Council that bike safety has been an area of focus for the local policing team. The bike marking day recently held in Poynton was successful, with 49 bikes marked.

The onset of fine weather has meant that a few more local youths have been loitering and some alcohol seized.

Insp. Taylor reported that there has been a change in the local policing team. PCSO Chris Luke has moved to Disley for the next few months. This will help him gain more experience in a different setting. In the meantime PCSO Melissa Mellor has joined the Poynton team.

On the issue of speeding, Insp. Taylor said that tickets continue to be issued. Along London Road North and South over 80 had been issued in the past month, and on Chester Road about 5 tickets were issued. Cllr Mrs Saunders asked how many tickets were issued for obstruction along Park Lane. Insp. Taylor replied that 5 tickets were issued.

Cllr Mrs S Horsman said she had received many complaints of speeding on Bulkeley Road/Clumber Road. The Clerk informed Council that a Cheshire East Highways Engineer visited this area about a week ago. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order has been in place for the last 18 months since the route was a main diversion during the Village Revitalisation Scheme. As a result of the double yellow lines along the whole of Clumber Road there had been complaints from residents of Styperson Way, who found that vehicles were causing obstruction on their road and driveways. The Clerk said that the solution proposed by the Highways Engineer is to remove some of the double yellow lining opposite Styperson Way as far as opposite the Vernon Primary School entrance, thereby providing some parking space. This is in the hope that it will prevent indiscriminate parking on Styperson Way. The Clerk said that an added benefit of this proposal is that it may also act as a traffic calming measure.

Cllr Ms R Horsman raised a resident's concern that Total Garage personnel are turning the wrong way on to Clumber Road, where this section of road is one way.

Cllr Clarke raised concern of illicit barbecues at Poynton Pool. Insp. Taylor confirmed that this would be monitored. The Clerk added that the CE Rangers have responsibility for this area, and he will make them aware.

Insp. Taylor updated Council on the incident on Park Lane involving the collision of a 4 year old boy and Sprinter van which was turning left from Bulkeley Road into Park Lane. Insp. Taylor informed the meeting of the circumstances of the incident. The young boy sustained no major injuries. The Clerk also provided feedback from the father of the boy who had attended the May Council surgery.

Cllr Mrs Saunders asked Insp. Taylor if there was any feedback regarding the proposed move of the police team to the fire station in Poynton. Insp. Taylor said the matter rests with senior staff for resolution.

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

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

The Youth Co-ordinator, Erica Adkins spoke to her written report.

Bike Scheme

The next bike safety day will be held at the 'Embrace the Games' event in Poynton on 16th June.

Embrace the Games

Cllr Mrs Saunders asked if all the funding for the 'Embrace the Games' event had been received. Erica Adkins said that to date she had received £250 from Cheshire East. Funding from the Co-operative can take up to 15 weeks so it might come

through in the next few weeks. Also Peaks and Plains have offered an additional £250 towards raffle prizes.

Cllr Mrs Saunders noted that the Lacrosse sports group were very well received at a previous event and said it was important to ensure they are contacted for this event too.

Child Protection Policy

To ensure that the Child Protection policy was aligned with that of Cheshire East, Erica Adkins informed Council that she had contacted the Cheshire East Safeguarding and Child Protection Board and also the Youth Federation, who confirmed that this was a good policy, being both concise and comprehensive.

Cllr Hoyland added that it was important to ensure that the standards were consistent with the Cheshire East policy, and Cllr Beanland had concerns about this too. Erica Adkins confirmed that she had checked with the Child Protection Team and their process.

The Clerk noted that the telephone numbers that feature throughout the text should also be added to the useful contacts list at the end for ease of reference.

RESOLVED: That the revised policy is approved, subject to the suggested amendment (NC)

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

6. Media release

Council received the text of a media release from the Cheshire Police Authority dated 20th April 2012 concerning a reduction in crime figures.

RESOLVED: That the text of a media release from the Cheshire Police Authority is received (NC)

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm