

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD AT 8PM ON MONDAY 9TH JULY 2012 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Sewart

Cllrs M Beanland, Ms. R Horsman, P Hoyland, Alex Smith

Attending under SO51: Cllr H Murray as substitute for Cllr Mrs J Saunders

Attending under SO53: Cllr M C G Sewart

Also in attendance: Inspector Jez Taylor

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PART A

7. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. L A Clarke and Mrs J Saunders

8. Absent

Cllrs B Lewis and N Cowan

9. Declarations of Interest

None

10. Minutes of the previous meeting

Page 10 - Cllr Ms R Horsman asked if Total Garage had been approached about adhering to the one way traffic system along this section of Clumber Road. The Clerk said he will be contacting them soon.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (3 - 2 abs)

11. Ageing Well Coordinator for Poynton

The Chairman explained that the idea of a Co-ordinator who would be responsible for Poynton's elderly residents was first suggested several years ago. At the same time Council decided to appoint a Youth Co-ordinator, but the Committee agreed to

defer this role until the Youth Co-ordinator position was well established. An Ageing Well Co-ordinator for Poynton is now even more important given the growing proportion of elderly residents in the village. The Chairman highlighted the salient points in the report. The Chairman added that while there has been verbal approval from Cheshire East Council for this position, there has been no financial commitment. The recommendations are clearly expressed in the report.

Cllr Hoyland said he agreed and supported the proposal, but raised his concerns about the risk of the role falling into an advocacy type of position. For this reason recruitment to the position and supervision would be very important.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and its recommendations forwarded to the Town Council for approval (NC)

12. Policing update from Insp. Jez Taylor, Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

Insp. J Taylor explained that the speed gun has been utilised in key areas. In the last month more than 25 tickets were issued.

PCSO Mandy Simpson will be leaving Poynton for Disley, and PCSO Chris Luke will return to Poynton. The Chairman wished her well.

Insp. Taylor informed the Committee that plans have been put together for the five week summer break. This includes fishing on a Tuesday afternoon and sports activities at Barnaby Field on a Thursday afternoon, as in previous holidays. The activities will begin on 24th July 2012.

Insp. Taylor reported that there had unfortunately been a couple of burglaries which occurred during the day. It was important for people to remain vigilant and security conscious and to remember to close windows when the house is vacated. The police are following strong lines of enquiry.

The PCSOs have continued with school talks primarily around the subject of road safety. They have also attended the recent summer community events in the area.

Insp. Taylor informed the committee that the newly-appointed PCSO Melissa has undertaken a mapping exercise which might be of interest to the Town Council. Starting at the Poynton police station she has worked her way through the premises that are used for communal purposes, and has made contact with the owner/organiser to gain a list of all the activities and facilities provided at that site. This has revealed a huge amount of activity undertaken in the village, and this will allow better contact and understanding between the policing team and organisers.

Cllr Beanland raised the concern of a resident who had called about their child playing ball on a grassy verge, but was asked to stop by another resident on the Bird Estate. There is a sign stating that ball games are not permitted. Cllr Beanland asked who polices this type of area. Insp. Taylor explained that byelaws likely

govern these verges. The sign acts as a deterrent and are unenforceable unless someone is causing a problem.

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

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

Poynton Bike Scheme

Erica explained that she had discussed the possibility of bike maintenance sessions with Phil Howard, owner of the new bike maintenance shop on School Lane. The costs are outlined in the Youth Co-ordinator's report. Cllr Murray suggested that this could be offered as a module as part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme for local youth organisations such as the ATC or alternatively as a vocational course. Cllr Mrs Sewart suggested that the sessions could be an open course for anyone to attend. The Committee discussed further ideas and a suitable venue at a reasonable cost to deliver a bike workshop.

The Clerk suggested advertising the possibility of a bike maintenance workshop to help gauge demand. Feedback could then help to decide on the best way forward.

RESOLVED: That the Youth Co-ordinator advertises the prospect of a bike maintenance workshop to gauge demand (NC)

Embrace the Games

This was held on 6th June 2012 and despite the wet weather was fairly well attended. Cllr Murray commented on how well this was organised.

Looking Ahead

Cllr Hoyland asked how the Youth Co-ordinator could look to raise her profile at out of area Sixth Form Colleges attended by Poynton residents. The Youth Co-ordinator explained that she is currently looking to raise her profile further a field.

Cllr A Smith asked if the Youth Co-ordinator has alternative methods of communicating apart from electronically, because there may be some people who do not have this access. The Youth Co-ordinator explained that her physical presence in schools is a good way of developing communication and also through organised events. She intends to explore ways of linking with those difficult to reach children.

Cllr Murray asked about the Youth Co-ordinator's links with the more traditional organisations such as Guides and Scouts, because these are the original groups that the role was intended to assist. Erica confirmed that she has established communication and contact with these groups.

Cllr Mrs Sewart asked about the email that was to follow on from the company involved in maintaining a database of bike marking, following the recent bike marking event on Park Lane. Cllr Mrs Sewart said that she had not received any confirmation to date. The Youth Co-ordinator confirmed that she would follow this up with PCSO Chris Luke.

RESOLVED: That the Youth Co-Ordinator's report is received with thanks (NC)

14. School Lane and Queensway Revitalisation Working Groups

RESOLVED: That the transfer of the School Lane and Queensway Revitalisation Working Groups from COPS, as the parent Committee, to the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development (FIED) Committee (formerly known as Parks, Buildings and Highways) is noted and approved (NC)

15. Correspondence from the Cheshire Police Authority

The Committee received the correspondence from the Cheshire Police Authority concerning its abolition (with effect from 22nd November 2012), and the introduction of a Police and Crime Commissioner in its place.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence from the Cheshire Police Authority is received (NC)

16. Dog Fouling

The Committee discussed the use of stencil and chalk spray kits to deter dog fouling. Following consideration of the issue in Poynton Councillors proposed only to receive the literature provided.

RESOLVED: That the literature on the use of stencil and chalk spray kits to deter dog fouling is received (NC)

PART B (Removed)

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18. Town Council's website

Following the written report concerning management of the Town Council's website the Chairman suggested that the recommendations contained in it are accepted.

Cllr A Smith suggested that a new website could be set up and this can then be followed by the termination of the agreement with the current webmaster. The Clerk felt that the current webmaster needs to hand over control since he has the passwords and mechanism to manage the Town Council website. Cllr A Smith explained that a new site would not require the existing passwords, and could be a way around this. Cllr Hoyland said that the Town Council needs a responsive webmaster. The Clerk explained that the current webmaster has not been proactive but reactive. It is intended that the new webmaster would be proactive and carry out improvements and enhance the website as part of his fee. Following discussion the Committee agreed with all the recommendations, and decided that the timing of recommendation 6 (b) is left to the Clerk to decide.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations in the report concerning the Town Council's website are approved (NC)

Cllr Mrs Sewart raised a concern about councillor's contact details and photos being freely available on the website.

The meeting concluded at 9.25pm