

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD AT 8PM ON MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

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

Attending under SO53: Mrs S Horsman, H Murray and R West

Also Attending: Sgt Mick Warren, Community Police Sergeant

19. Apologies for Absence

None

20. Absent

Cllr B Lewis

21. Declarations of Interest

None

22. Minutes of the previous meeting

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 be approved as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (6 - 2abs)**

23. Policing Update

Sgt Mick Warren provided a verbal update on policing issues in place of Insp. Jez Taylor. He explained that the PCSO's have been concentrating their efforts on speeding issues for the last three to four months, with particular attention to London Road North and South. Since the completion of the Village Revitalisation Scheme speeding has become an issue, with 47 speeding tickets given out in recent weeks. Sgt Warren explained that with the continued targeting and emphasis in this area, plus further driver engagement days, it is hoped to reduce driver speeds.

Sgt Warren informed the meeting that the PCSO's held a session recently at the Poynton Children's Centre. This was to help educate the young on road safety. The

PCSO's will continue to promote road safety education across the area because it is a priority.

The Crime Prevention Day held on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2012 on Park Lane was very well attended, and is also a helpful source of gathering intelligence in general.

Regarding the recent fatal collision on London Road North, Sgt Warren explained that the enquiry is still on-going and a toxicology report is currently awaited.

This month a drink driver has been arrested on Chester Road and a car was seized on Parklands with no tax.

Sgt Warren confirmed that he was aware of the problem with skate boarders in the Civic Centre car park. He explained that he would be investigating the best way to tackle this issue. The Clerk clarified that there is an agreement between Cheshire East and Waitrose for the management the car park. The Clerk explained that this has been brought to the attention of Waitrose of many occasions. The Clerk is meeting with the Waitrose manager this week specifically about the skate boarding to discuss a way forward.

Alcohol was seized last weekend and Sgt Warren said that an operation similar to last year's "Unlink" may be utilised to deal with proxy buying, perhaps around end of September. Funding would need to be discussed.

The Chairman brought the issue of the rise in graffiti to Sgt Warren's attention. He said he would follow this up.

Sgt Warren reported that PCSOs Chris Howard and Rob Massey have been successful in applying to become police officers. This means that two very experienced PCSO's will be leaving the Poynton team. Sgt Warren confirmed that suitable and experienced replacements would be found. The Chairman explained that the Town Council part funds the PCSO's, and she hoped that the level and quality of policing in Poynton would continue. Sgt Warren explained to the meeting his proposals to provide suitable short and long term coverage for Poynton to ensure continuity. He also assured the meeting that temporary cover would be provided from staff in Macclesfield, and that Poynton would not suffer from a shortage of suitable policing, particularly coming into a busy time of the year.

On the issue of speeding, especially along Chester Road and London Road North, Cllr A Smith asked if there were any statistics available to allow a comparison of speeding before and after the introduction of the Shared Space Scheme. Sergeant Warren explained that the only information would be SID data. Cars travelling into Poynton from the Macclesfield direction past the Vernon Arms and cars travelling past the Bulls Head out of Poynton in the direction of Hazel Grove are the two main areas of concern, and where the majority of tickets have been issued for speeding.

Cllr Mrs Horsman raised the issue of drivers not waiting at the two roundels at Fountain Place to allow pedestrians to cross the road. Councillors discussed this and Cllr Murray explained that the stop rate in the Shared Space area is in fact very good, at some 50% for the "next car". Councillors agreed that pedestrians too need

to be educated on the design and functioning of the Shared Space Scheme and be more proactive. Unlike zebra crossings, pedestrians do not have the absolute right to cross.

Cllr Mrs Sewart brought to Sgt Warren's attention the increase in the number of mobile advertising vehicles on London Road which tend to remain in place for most of the day, and are a real eye sore. The Clerk explained that he is intending to raise this matter at the PVRS Steering Group this week.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal policing report from Sergeant Warren is received with thanks (NC)**

#### 24. Update from the Youth Co-ordinator, Erica Adkins

The Youth Co-ordinator, Erica Adkins, provided a written update. Following an issue raised by Cllr Murray at the previous COPS meeting on whether enough comprehensive information about youth activities is being provided for young people in Poynton, Erica explained that she has access to such information. Following discussion it was agreed that Erica Adkins would update and complete details to provide a comprehensive live directory which would be very worthwhile.

On the issue of bike lights Cllr Hoyland recommended a challenging way in which to encourage the use of bike lights by children. This is a serious issue, and making it "cool" to have bike lights and wear a helmet when cycling is extremely important. An imaginative and creative way in which to educate children on the use of bike lights would be most beneficial. The Chairman proposed that the Youth Co-ordinator, Erica Adkins, and Sgt Warren work together to develop an initiative and the meeting agreed Town Council funding of up to £250 towards this.

**RESOLVED: That the written update from the Youth Co-ordinator is received with thanks; that Erica Adkins and Sgt Warren work together to discuss ways to encourage the use of bike lights by children, with funding approved of up to £250 (NC)**

#### 25. Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2013/2014

The meeting discussed in detail the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2013/2014. Councillors agreed that there were many areas in which the document needs strengthening, including the need to involve references to planning and licensing.

The meeting proposed a collective Poynton Town Council response to the brief questionnaire at the end of the Strategy document would be the best way forward, which has a deadline of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012. The Chairman will work with Cllr Mrs J Sewart and the Clerk to develop a response to the report.

**RESOLVED: That the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Strategy document is received; that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk be given**

**delegated authority to develop a response, incorporating the various points raised by Councillors (NC)**

26. Cheshire East Local Healthwatch consultation

A copy of the full report is held by the Clerk.

**RESOLVED: That the Executive Summary of the Cheshire East Local Healthwatch consultation is received (NC)**

27. Appointment of an Ageing Well Coordinator for Poynton

The Clerk had circulated in advance a written update for Councillors. The Chairman and the Clerk are due to attend a meeting with a NHS Clinical Projects Director on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The Chairman will report back on the meeting. Meanwhile she is making every effort to identify match funding for this post. The proposal is to prepare and submit a report to a future Town Council meeting.

**RESOLVED: That the written update concerning the post of Ageing Well Coordinator for Poynton is received (NC)**

28. Home Services Scheme in Poynton

The Clerk provided a written update concerning the Home Services Scheme in Poynton.

**RESOLVED: That the report on the Home Services Scheme in Poynton is received (NC)**

29. Cheshire East CAB North Councillor Interest Group

The meeting received a reminder about the inaugural meeting of the Cheshire East CAB North Councillor Interest Group to be held at Macclesfield Public Library on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm, with refreshments from 12.30pm. Committee members who are interested to attend were asked to contact the Clerk.

**RESOLVED: That the reminder about the inaugural meeting of the Cheshire East CAB North Councillor Interest Group is received (NC)**

30. 'Men In Sheds' open morning

The Clerk provided a verbal update on the 'Men In Sheds' open morning which was held at the Civic Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012. This was reasonably well attended. A room at the Community Centre has been identified as a suitable location for this project. The Clerk will now write to all the ministers of religion in the village

asking them to include information about this project in their parish notices. The intention is that if this gains some kind of momentum then the project could be launched in the New Year.

The meeting went on to discuss this worthwhile project and the range, communication and socialisation of men it could benefit.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal update on the “Men in Sheds” open morning is received (NC)**

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm