



Putting Poynton First – Your Town Council

The overriding aim of the Council is to help provide a safe prosperous and pleasant village which is a special place for residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy.

Poynton Town Council is made up of 18 Councillors who are residents of the village. They are all unpaid volunteers who offer their services freely to give something back to Poynton.

The reports of the Mayor, Town Council Committees and Town Council representatives to outside bodies are attached. Here are some of the highlights of what has been achieved and additional activity that will occur over the coming year. Full details and much more are in the reports.

Town Mayor

Mayor Gabor Bartos has attended over 50 civic functions where he has represented Poynton and promoted our village. In the process, he has raised a significant amount for his chosen charity, Macmillan Cancer Support.

First World War commemorations, a Poynton Cycling event and the Poynton Springboard music festival will be important dates for your diary over the coming year.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Despite having to take over funding from Cheshire East Council for the provision of CCTV and Air Quality monitoring, and offering many additional benefits including part-funding of an extra PCSO, the amount of additional Town Council precept for a Band D household has been kept to just 12p a week.

Planning

The final draft of the new Cheshire East Local Plan to 2030 proposes that Poynton should have only 200 new houses plus 3 hectares of employment land. It also supports a Poynton Relief Road.

In order for Poynton residents and the Town Council to have a say in the future development of Poynton, the Town Council has initiated the launch of a Poynton Neighbourhood Plan.

Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development (FIED) Committee

The revitalised village centre has helped to virtually eliminate empty shops and increase the number of shoppers in the village.

A Town Council-funded “Welcome to Poynton” video is used regularly to promote Poynton and its businesses.

Poynton In Business thrives as a group dedicated to promoting Poynton’s 200 businesses to both residents and visitors alike. The inaugural Poynton Awards for Customer Excellence nominated by residents and awarded to Poynton businesses have proved hugely successful.

The forthcoming improvements to the Civic Hall and library complex, a joint project with Cheshire East, will help to safeguard library services in Poynton.

Work will soon be starting to carry out repairs to the Shared Space areas

Community, Order and Public Safety (COPS) Committee

The Appointment of an Adult Health and Wellbeing Coordinator has provided a dedicated service to the high proportion of elderly residents in our village.

Poynton participated in the global Older Persons Day initiative receiving both national publicity and excellent feedback from residents.

The west of the village now enjoys a regular, frequent bus service, whilst the east has a more frequent service which enables access to both Poynton and Hazel Grove Stations.

Our support for the local police Community Action Team continues with appointment of a 5th PCSO.

We have been successful in obtaining grant funding for a ‘Shopmobility’ scheme and for two minibuses which will be used for community transport.

Management and Establishment Committee

The annual Civic Awards are decided by this Committee, which also deals with staffing and workload issues.

Communications

There are many ways to keep in touch with your Town Council, including the e-mail newsletter, known as the PUN, the Town Council website (www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk), the Youth Coordinator’s blog, the Town Council’s Twitter account. You can also raise any issues or concerns by attending Council meetings on Monday nights, coming to the monthly Town Council surgeries, e-mailing, writing or just calling in to talk to the Civic Hall team. The Clerk can provide you with more detail on all these communication channels (malcolm.adams@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk, T. 01625 872238)