



6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### Annual Town Assembly, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017

The Town Assembly is at the Civic Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm, with refreshments from 7.30pm. This is not a Town Council meeting, but the annual occasion when Poynton's electorate are able to raise and discuss local and topical issues, and if agreed by the majority of those attending, to put forward and vote on proposals relating to them. Cllr Mrs Sandra Horsman, the Town Mayor, will preside. The Council's Annual Report for the civic year 2016/17 will be presented and there will be an opportunity for representatives of our many local voluntary organisations to promote and provide updates on their activities.

Contact the Civic Hall or look at the web-site for the Assembly agenda and the Town Council's Annual Report for 2016/17. The record of last year's Annual Assembly is available on request.

### Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy

The consultation period for these documents finishes on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 5pm:

- Local Plan Site Allocations and Development Policies Document: Issues Paper
- Local Plan Call for Sites
- Community Infrastructure Levy: Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule
- Local Plan Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.

Paper copies of all the consultation documents can be viewed on the Cheshire East Council web-site and in Poynton library. Each consultation has its own comments form and responses can be submitted on-line or by email, hand or post. The Town Council urges residents to make your own submission.

### Hockley Park new play equipment

The new play equipment has been installed and work is now being carried out to re-instate the ground around the equipment. Subject to a safety audit and the ground conditions, we hope the play park will be ready to use within the next two weeks. There will be a formal opening by the Mayor at a later date. For further information, contact Phil Cunningham, Operations Manager, on 01625 872238 or e-mail [phil.cunningham@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:phil.cunningham@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk)

### Civic Pride campaign launched

The Town Council is launching the Civic Pride project. The Council, its partners and a number of voluntary groups already carry out a wide range of activities and functions that help improve the local environmental quality in the town and this brings current and future work together under one banner. We believe that more could be achieved through greater cohesion between activities, working together, community involvement and individual responsibility. The objectives are to promote strong, harmonious and resilient communities; support and maintain high quality amenity and sustainable environment; promote awareness of place and the sense of belonging; and to recognise community achievements.

If you would like to sponsor the logo or display it in your business or shop, please let us know. Activities and promotions will take place over the coming year. You are welcome to contact Phil Cunningham or Sharon Duke if you would like to be involved on 01625 872238 and there is further information on the website [here](#).

### **Parking charges at Nelson Pit car park**

Cheshire East is introducing parking charges at Nelson Pit from 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 although these will not take effect until the new pay and display machine are on site at the end of April/beginning of May.

Notices are going up on site in the relevant car parks and the Cheshire East Council web site for 14 days and in the papers for one week. Any queries should go to [richard.doran@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:richard.doran@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

These the new charges were opposed strongly by Poynton Town Council and resisted by the local Cheshire East councillors, Cllrs Howard Murray and Jos Saunders, for five years but in the end, it was a decision by the Portfolio Holder.

### **Community grant to Poynton library, Cheshire East Council**

The Town Council recently awarded a £1,000 grant to cover the costs of the Poynton Summer Reading Challenge, linked to the national event during the school summer holidays. The grant will enable the library to invite an author to attend, provide incentives to children and means events will be free, opening them to up to all families in Poynton.

### **Annual litter pick – Poynton Pick and Tidy group**

The litter pick took place on 18<sup>th</sup> March with a good turnout of nearly 40 people, despite the rain. Thank you to them for more than 40 bags of litter collected from around Poynton. A local resident along with the Council has set up a regular and active group to pick litter and tidy within the Poynton area. The group secured their own funding for equipment and you can contact them on facebook or via [phil.cunningham@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:phil.cunningham@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk) or 01625 872238.

### **Pot holes**

The Town Council is pushing Cheshire East Council to repair the potholes in Poynton roads, particularly the holes in Dickens Lane. You can report potholes or damaged road surfaces directly to CEC [here](#).

### **Business Jelly café, Thursdays 27<sup>th</sup> April and 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Do you work at home or run your own small business? Why not come along to the Business Jelly café to meet other freelancers and small business people, bring your lap top and work alongside others: free wifi, light refreshments, the chance to make new connections and meet the host from Poynton in Business. Drop-in at any time or stay from 9am to 12.30pm, last Thursday each month, charge £3.

## **Councillor surgery, Sat 6th May 2017**

This is your chance to meet your local Cheshire East and Poynton Town Councillor, and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). The next surgery is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May: drop-in from 10am to 11am or make an appointment for times between 11am to 12 noon on 01625 872238.

## **George Wells**

Members of the Town Council were sorry to hear of the death of George Wells. George gave a life time of service to the public and was rightly recognised with a PTC Civic Award for his very active interest in the Community Centre, the wider Poynton community and his long involvement in organising parking for the Woodford Air Show. His participation in the campaign to keep Poynton in Cheshire will also be long remembered. The Town Council offers its sincere condolences to his wife Beryl Wells and family members.

## **Wednesday Lunch Club – fortnightly volunteer opportunity**

The weekly lunch club provides a social group for older people who are frail and/ or have some memory problems. The small group benefits from the friendly environment and activities. We are looking for volunteers who can encourage members to get involved with playing games, doing quizzes, singing-along etc and who will prepare tea and coffee. The group meets from 10am to 2pm. There is a volunteer rota so we are looking for new volunteers to help each fortnight. You are welcome to volunteer with a friend, and you don't need any previous experience. Please contact Sharon Duke on [sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk) or 01625 872238 for an informal discussion.

## **Friday Shoppers bus welcomes new shoppers**

This volunteer-led service has been available for Poynton's older residents for many years. Our seniors are collected from home by the Council's minibus and brought to the village where they can do their weekly shop. After a brew and biscuits at the Civic Hall, they are returned home. The cost is a donation of £2 for the bus and 50p for refreshments. The group welcomes new 'shoppers' so please contact Reception on 01625 872238.

## **Blood donation, Civic Hall, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

NHS Blood and Transplant service visit the Civic Hall each month. They particularly welcome new blood donors: visit [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk) or call 0300 123 23 23 to make an appointment.

## **Cheshire Villages Great War Society exhibition, Civic Hall, Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10am to 5pm**

The exhibition is to remember and commemorate soldiers who lived in and around Poynton. The volunteer organisers are giving talks in local primary schools where pupils are producing home-made red poppies to create an impactful entrance to the exhibition, which will include medals, tankards, death plaques, letters from the King, army records, newspaper cuttings, photographs of soldiers and memorabilia. Free admission, light refreshments, all welcome.

## The Centre in Poynton, 107 Park Lane, Poynton, SK12 1RB

The first step in the refurbishment of the kitchen has been completed at the Centre thanks to a £14,000 grant from the ASDA Foundation. The Centre is now upgrading the heating system in the small hall following the recent upgrade in the North and West Rooms. With the support of the local community and with help from WREN, Round Table, Cheshire East and many others, they have invested close to £140,000 in the Centre over the past 18 months and the major building work to secure the fabric of the building is just about complete. The latest donation of £2,500 from Round Table will assist with the heating improvements going forward. The Centre thanks John Albutt of local business pxvi architects who oversaw the major works to the roof and structure of the Centre, giving his time for free.

A small team from TESCO at Handforth Dean recently painted part of the education block. Under the banner of Live@TheCentre the regular music nights continue on the last Friday of the month with all surplus proceeds going to the building fund:

<http://www.poyntonlive.uk/whats-on.htm>

The Centre are still seeking a Chairperson so if interested in joining the trustees, please get in touch on [info@thecentreinpoynton.co.uk](mailto:info@thecentreinpoynton.co.uk) or 01625 875555. The new website is [www.thecentreinpoynton.co.uk](http://www.thecentreinpoynton.co.uk), supported by local business Jason and team at Search & More.

The following events are in the Civic Hall.

<b>April 2017</b>		
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<b>Annual Town Assembly.</b> All Poynton residents welcome. Refreshments from 7.30pm
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Planning and Environment Committee
	8pm	Community, Order and Public Safety Committee
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	9am-12.30pm	<b>Business Jelly café</b> for freelancers, small business people, home-workers - wifi, refreshments, Poynton in Business host, drop-in, £3
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9-5pm	<b>Blood Donor session.</b> Appointments only 0300 123 2323
<b>May 2017</b>		
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am to 12noon	<b>Councillor and PCSO Surgery.</b> Drop-in 10am to 11am. Call 872238 for appointments at 11am, 11.20am, 11.40am
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am to 12 noon	<b>Mini First Aid.</b> Class for parents, carers etc cover choking, CPR, breaks, burns and more. £20. Contact <a href="mailto:kath@minifirstaid.co.uk">kath@minifirstaid.co.uk</a>
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Planning and Environment Committee
	8pm	Finance and General Purposes Committee
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am to 5pm	<b>Cheshire Villages Great War Society exhibition</b> Free entry, light refreshments
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Annual Town Council meeting
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8pm	Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee

Liz Osborn, Town Clerk, 01625 872238

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