



## Poynton Update and News, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Job vacancy - Building supervisor (ad hoc, casual, part-time) at Poynton Town Council

The town council has an immediate vacancy for a building supervisor at the civic hall in Poynton to work on a casual basis. The post will require weekend working (usually a Sunday) but with some Saturday and weekday late afternoons and evening work as well.

The civic hall provides excellent facilities to host a variety of community and private activities, celebrations and parties. The job includes looking after groups who hire rooms in the civic hall, managing the building during this time, opening up the building and locking up after the hirers have left. There is a physical element of setting up and packing away furniture and the post holder will therefore need to have a flexible approach to work and be able to manage the practical demands of the role. In addition, the supervisor must be able to develop good relationships with all building users and visitors.

The salary is the national minimum wage, rising to the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) SCP 6 - 8, depending on experience, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, payable monthly.

If you would like to join this dynamic team to help continue to deliver high quality services to hirers we would like to hear from you. For a full job description, employee specification and application form, or for further information, please email Haf Barlow, the deputy clerk, on [haf.barlow@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:haf.barlow@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk) or ring 01625 872238, or call in to the civic hall between 9am and 4.30pm. CVs will not be accepted. The closing date for applications is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 9am.

### Keeping Poynton safe - policing

The police and council update;

- Please report incidents, such as those reported on social media, to the police.
- The police are putting out extra patrols at the moment but request and require the help of residents too. You should dial 999 if a police presence will make a difference and dial 101 if a police presence will not make an immediate difference to the situation.
- There are purse bells available from the police community support officers. These are small bells that you can attach to your purse or bag.

### Breastfeeding welcome award

The town council has received this award from Cherubs, as has Poynton library. This award is for our commitment to welcoming breastfeeding in all areas of our premises.

Further information is available from any member of staff and <http://www.cherubsbreastfeeding.co.uk/>



### Parking

The town council would like to ask residents and visitors to be considerate and not park anti-socially, as well as legally.

### Christmas and New Year opening hours

The town council will be open as usual through the festive season, although closed on the bank holidays and there will be no evening activities from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December.



### **Consultations: Call for sites, Community Infrastructure Levy and Planning for the right homes in the right places**

The town council has responded to these consultations. For further details, please contact Haf Barlow, deputy clerk, on [haf.barlow@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:haf.barlow@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk)

### **Remembrance poppies in Poynton**

Following a grant from the town council, Men in Sheds organised red poppies: designing and liaising with a local company to produce them, along with drilling holes for them to be fixed to posts. Volunteers from Poynton Royal British Legion helped town council staff put up and take down the poppies. It was a joint project between community and the town council, receiving many positive comments.

### **'Joining Forces' for veterans of the armed forces**

Are you 55+ years of age and did you serve in the armed forces? Age UK Cheshire East's 'Joining Forces' are there to support older veterans by offering advice and information referring you to other services. For information please contact [mike.askew@ageukcheshireeast.org](mailto:mike.askew@ageukcheshireeast.org) or on 01625 612958.

### **The Centre in Poynton AGM**

The community centre on Park Lane recently held elections at the AGM. David Rutley MP accepted the role of honorary president, Alan Russell is chair, Roy McGregor is vice-chair, Derek Burton is treasurer, Barbara Horridge is secretary, Kevin Bell is centre manager and the other trustees are Keith Lambert, Lawrence Bamber, Graham Smith and new trustees Lynda Wilson and Kevin Booth. The centre building has been upgraded thanks to grants, the generosity of local people and income from usage which has increased by 41% although more funding is needed, particularly for the main hall. More information from <http://thecentreinpoynnton.co.uk/>

### **Wednesday lunch club**

There are two places available in the weekly group for people who are physically frail and/or with some memory problems. The group provides a caring, stimulating and friendly environment for ten people and a break for their carers. It meets weekly from 10am to 2pm with a hot lunch provided and is run by experienced volunteers, managed by Poynton Town Council in partnership with Age UK Cheshire East and costs £20 a week. Transport by car can be arranged. For a no obligation chat to find out more, contact Sharon Duke on 01625 872238 or [sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk)

### **Activities in the civic hall**

The Rhythm Time Young Baby course starts on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 12.45pm and is a special introductory music based course for babies aged 0-6 months. The course is six weeks and costs £30 in total. Other classes are a toddler class at 1.30pm for 14 months – 3 year olds and then a regular baby class for babies aged 0-14 months. Contact Frances Donkin 01270 884583.

### **Poynton relief road: compulsory purchase order and side roads order**

There is a small display in the civic hall reception of the documents relating to these orders. Any objections must be made by 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Further information from [http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways\\_and\\_roads/roadworks/major-projects/poynton\\_relief\\_road/poynton-cpo.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways_and_roads/roadworks/major-projects/poynton_relief_road/poynton-cpo.aspx)

### **Qualified town clerk and deputy clerk**

Liz Osborn and Haf Barlow have both gained the certificate in local council administration (CiLCA). This qualification for local council officers demonstrates the required national occupational standards.



## Christmas Fest, 5th December

The organising committee of local volunteers thanks the many residents and visitors who flocked to Poynton's annual Christmas Fest. This was the 11th time the Fest had been staged, and it seems to have been enjoyed by all. The committee would like to thank their principal sponsor, the Town Council, the many local businesses and stallholders who contributed towards the cost, the fire brigade, the police, First Responders and Poynton Round Table.

The committee would like to state that it was surprised and disappointed to discover that a large-scale commercial funfair had been allowed to set up on the privately owned Co-Op car park. It considered the sheer size of the fun fair, as well as the associated food vending, to be out of keeping with the traditional and small-scale nature of the Fest. It was however powerless to act since it was completely unaware of the fun fair until discovering it in situ on the morning of the Fest. In spite of committee representatives voicing their concern, the operators of the fun fair were not prepared to compromise or change their plans. The Fest organising committee would like to reiterate their thanks to all those who supported Poynton's local businesses and stallholders on the night, and wish everyone all the very best for Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

## Christmas and New Year

The town council would like to wish all Poynton residents and visitors a very merry Christmas and happy 2018.

## Activities and events at the Civic Hall

### December

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm 8.15pm	Planning and Environment committee meeting Town Council meeting	
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Royal British Legion Band. Family Christmas Concert	Adults £7.50 Under 16's free 01625 876865
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	2pm – 3.30pm	Carers Trust4All. Singing together	Helen Smith 0333 3231990 hsmith@carerstrust4all.org.uk
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Joel Wilding, The Sound of Musicals	Tickets £3.50 01625 872473 www.joelwilding.co.uk
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	1pm	Hullabaloo, Male Voices Choir	Free event, just turn up
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4.30pm 7.30pm	Elf Gremlins	Aspect Cinema, £5 adults, £3 children info@aspectcinema.co.uk

### January

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	1pm to 9pm	Blood Service	Appointments only: <a href="http://www.blood.co.uk">www.blood.co.uk</a> , 0161 251 4200
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12 noon	Joint Town Council, Cheshire East Council and Police working together surgery	Drop-in 10am to 11am. Call 01625 872238 for appointments at 11am, 11.20am, 11.40am
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Planning and Environment committee meeting	
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 12 noon	*NEW* Young Ballerz, Children's football academy	<a href="mailto:Youngballerzfc@gmail.com">Youngballerzfc@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.youngballerz.co.uk">www.youngballerz.co.uk</a> 07411 632114
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting	

Liz Osborn, Town Clerk

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