



Poynton Update and News, 7th February 2019

Poynton Town Council precept for 2019/20

The Town Council sets an annual precept as part of the Council Tax to help pay for the many local services we provide. The Council has worked hard in difficult circumstances to keep the precept low and made savings wherever possible.

The Cheshire Police Commissioner, Mr Keane, has decided to end the previous scheme where the Town Council contributed £60,000 towards the cost of local Police Community Support Officers. The Town Council has ensured services are maintained by employing Council Community Support Officers directly in addition to funding one PCSO provided by Cheshire Constabulary. We have added an additional £10,000 to the community policing budget to provide for this bringing the total budget for policing to £110,000.

The Town Council's precept for 2019/20 is £469,913, an increase over the current year of £33,425 or 7.21% for a Band D home. The annual precept is £80.16 for the year, or £1.53 per week. This represents an increase of just over £5.39 per year or 10p per week. We believe that this represents good value for money when measured against all the additional services in Poynton which are provided by the Town Council. These include:

- Hockley and Brecon Close play areas
- The majority of Lady's and Prince's Inclines
- CCTV monitoring – 5 cameras in the centre of Poynton
- Graffiti removal
- Coppice Road allotments
- Employing three Community Support Officers and funding one Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to enhance the service provided by Cheshire Constabulary's two PCSOs
- Employing the Operations Manager post for a further eight hours, a total of 28 hours per week
- The Civic Hall, owned and maintained by the Town Council, is home to an increasing number of local voluntary organisations and clubs and needs maintenance and improvements
- The Time-Out café and Friday Shoppers group which provide social contact for many older residents
- Increased funding to increase the hours of the Citizens Advice service delivered from the Civic Hall
- Funding many local organisations and community events, including Poynton in Bloom, Higher Poynton Summerfest and the Christmas Fest
- The Town Council acts as Poynton's voice on many issues, including the Cheshire East Local Plan, defending the Green Belt and protecting the environment

The Communities Co-ordinator promotes health and well-being initiatives for both older and younger people, working with voluntary groups and service providers to ensure Poynton is a strong and resilient community. As a result of this, Poynton is now officially a dementia friendly town. Other work includes supporting the Poynton Area Community Partnership and the scheme to lend out mobility scooters and wheelchairs.

The Operations Manager and Village Ranger have a key role working with Cheshire East, pushing for road and footpath repairs and lighting improvements; dealing with residents' enquiries and litter problems; supporting the Pick and Tidy group; emptying bins and similar jobs maintaining Poynton's infrastructure.

Town Councillors receive no form of salary, attendance or other allowances and give freely of their time. Poynton Town Council's website is www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk



Poynton Neighbourhood Plan, Regulation 16 Consultation

Poynton Town Council have formally submitted the Poynton Neighbourhood Plan to Cheshire East Borough Council. The publicity period for the Poynton Neighbourhood Plan will be for six weeks between: 23.01.19 – 08.03.19 until 7pm. For more information please visit the Poynton Neighbourhood Plan section of Cheshire East Borough Council's website [here](#)

You can make representations to the consultation as follows:

- Consultation portal: <https://cheshireeast-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/np>
- Email: neighbourhoods@cheshireeast.gov.uk
- Or by post: Neighbourhood Planning Team, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach, CW11 1HZ.

Please send your representations on the Poynton Neighbourhood Plan by 7pm on 08.03.19. For further information please contact Cheshire East Council Neighbourhood Planning Team.

Planning application, Hazelbadge Road, Poynton

The consultation for the full planning application for 146 dwellings on land off Hazelbadge Road has re-opened and you can comment on the application. You can have your say and view the planning documents for this application (number 17/6471M) [here](#).

The Town Council's response can be viewed or downloaded [here](#).

Thinkuknow Introduction Course – FREE, Wednesday 20th March, 6pm – 9.30pm

Poynton Town Council's Community Support Team and Communities Co-ordinator have been liaising with P.C. Jane Commins from Cheshire Constabulary to provide Thinkuknow training.

Thinkuknow



This free training workshop will provide an overview of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (C.E.O.P.s), the main risks associated with online environments for children and young people and how the Thinkuknow education resources can help. The workshop is at Poynton Civic Hall - a Connected Communities Centre - on 20th March with registration at 6pm and the course starting at 6.30pm – 9.30pm. The training is available for community leaders who work directly with young people in the Poynton Area Community Partnership area of Poynton, Adlington, Pott Shrigley, Mottram St Andrew, Kettlethulme, Disley and Prestbury.

There are a number of requirements to attend the course – the details of which are on the poster which you can view [here](#). To book a place telephone 01625 872238.

Poynton Easy Access Scheme (PEAS)

Mobility scooters and wheelchairs (of various sizes) are available for hire at very competitive prices. Wheelchairs and scooters cost £2 for up to two hours, £4 for a full day and £10 for a week (wheelchairs) and £20 per week (scooters).

Visiting friends or family are welcome to borrow them and they are useful if you are recovering from an operation or condition which limits your mobility for a short period.

Call in to the Civic Hall or ring reception on 01625 872238 to check availability or to make an appointment for a mobility scooter induction session. Poynton Mobility Matters have kindly offered to support anyone who would like to build their scooter confidence by accompanying individuals on a short tour around the village.

Live Well Dance, free taster for carers, Weds 13th Feb, 1pm - 2pm, Poynton Civic Hall

A fun light exercise and movement session to help strength and balance, encourage mobility, improve co-ordination and minimise the risk of falls. No booking required, simply turn up. For more information call Jody on 01606 861770 or email jody@cheshiredance.org



Line painting

The mini roundabout at the Dickens Lane/London Road South junction has been repainted by Cheshire East Highways following pressure from Poynton Town Council. This was given priority following complaints from local residents.

Hockley Park new play equipment

The last piece of old play equipment has been removed and the park is currently closed. Work to install the new multi-play equipment has begun and we are hoping for the park to be open again by Friday 15th Feb, weather depending. For further information, please contact Phil Cunningham, on phil.cunningham@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk or 01625 872238.

Greater Manchester launches Spatial Framework consultation

Local residents are encouraged to give their views on Greater Manchester's Plan for homes, jobs and the environment after it was approved by Greater Manchester leaders. The consultation for the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) is open and will close on 18th March 2019. A drop in event will take place at Woodford Community Centre on the 4th March, 4.30pm - 8.30pm. You can give your views here: www.gmconsult.org

Christmas Fest thank you

The organising committee of local volunteers would like to thank the following Poynton retailers, who have kindly donated towards the cost of staging the next Fest later this year: The Acoustic Lounge, Angie's Boutique, Butcher's Block, Chris Evans Goldsmiths, Ciao Restaurant, Farmers Arms, Fire and Ice Cafe, Henry D Johnstone Jewellers, the Kabin, Lester and Brown Jewellers, Mates DIY, Michael Fox Opticians, Panache One London Road, Paul Taverner Gallery, Soho Delhi, Strawberry Pig, Tom Yam Thai Restaurant, and Zig Zag ladies fashions.

While for the time being the Town Council remains the principal sponsor by supporting the event with £5,000, there remains a funding gap for this year's Fest and for future years. Last year the street vendors, many of the stallholders, and the fairground operator made donations towards the event costs, for which the organising committee is also very grateful.

If any other Poynton retailers or eateries wish to contribute towards this popular community event further donations would be most welcome. Donations cash or cheque (payable to the Poynton Parish Plan Monitoring Group), can be left with the Civic Hall reception, in a sealed envelope addressed to "Mike Beanland, Christmas Fest Committee". All such contributions will be acknowledged in the local media and in Town Council communications.



Poynton library events

Weds 20th February, 10-11.30am, **Lego Special** (Magic and Wizardry) £1 per child. Booking essential.

Wednesday 27th February, 2pm, **Rhymetime** with the Bookstart Bear. The friendly blue bear will be here to help us launch our new Wednesday rhymetime. All babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers welcome. (This is in addition to our Thursday morning rhymetime).

Rhymetimes will take place on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm (from 27th February) and on Thursday mornings at 10.30am.

Advance notice – Tuesday March 26th, 7pm for 7.30pm John Lindley, former Cheshire Poet Laureate will be reading from his prizewinning new collection Love & Crossbones. Tickets £3.50 including a glass of wine. Book sales and signings after the event.

Following the public consultation last autumn, the library has new opening hours:

Monday 9am - 5pm	Thursday 9am - 5pm
Tuesday 9am - 7pm	Friday 9am - 5pm
Wednesday 9am - 5pm	Saturday 9am - 1pm

New course in mindfulness, compassion and self-care, Poynton Civic Hall

'You've got this' is a self-development short course aimed at helping develop skills in Mindfulness, compassion and self-care. Learn how to look after yourself amidst the chaos of life. Cost: £80. Starting 13th March 2019. To book please email htaylorpsychology@gmail.com

Activities and events at the Civic Hall

February 2019

Mon 11 th	8pm	Management and Establishment Committee
Weds 13 th	1pm - 2pm	Live Well Dance, free taster for carers. See above
Fri 15 th	1pm - 9pm	Blood Service - appointments only: www.blood.co.uk , 0161 251 4200
Mon 18 th	8pm	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting
Sat 23 rd	8pm - 11pm	Poynton Ceilidh. £9/£4.50. Tickets on the door or www.poyntonceilidh.co.uk
Mon 25 th	8pm	Town Council Meeting

March 2019

Sat 2 nd	10am to 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 4 th	8pm	Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee
Mon 11 th	8pm	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting
Sun 17 th	9.30am	Poynton 10K run. Sold out. Road closures will apply, further details to follow.
Mon 18 th	8pm	Community, Order and Public Safety Committee
Mon 25 th	8pm	Planning and Environment Committee
Sat 30 th	8pm - 11pm	Poynton Ceilidh. £9/£4.50. Tickets on the door or www.poyntonceilidh.co.uk

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