



Poynton Update and News, Tuesday 2nd June 2020

Mayor and Deputy Mayor, 2020/2021



Following the first virtual Town Council Meeting on 28th May, The Town Council appointed Cllr Lee Podmore as the new Town Mayor and Cllr Hayley Whitaker is the new Deputy Mayor.

With the gradual easing of Covid-19 restrictions in its very early stages, Cllr Podmore, recognises the need to adapt the Mayor's calendar and planned activities for the forthcoming year. Mindful of the need to provide support to local businesses and organisations during this challenging time, the Mayor is exploring ways in which he can best assist in building on the magnificent

community support demonstrated during the lockdown period so far.

To read more about the new Town Mayor and his plans for the forthcoming year go to <https://www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk/poynton-town-mayor.htm>

Town Council Meetings and Committee Meetings

The Town Council is taking advantage of new regulations permitting councils to meet virtually during the coronavirus restrictions. The list of meetings can be found [here](#).

The schedule is for the period up to 1st September 2020. It is subject to change depending on Government guidance issued. The public can continue to ask questions of the Town Council under the public participation item at the start of each meeting. Participation will be by video or audio conferencing and you will need a PC, tablet, smartphone or telephone line to join the meeting.

Details on how to join the meeting can be obtained from the Clerk by emailing haf.barlow@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk. The Town Council's Planning & Environment Committee are still reviewing and commenting on all planning applications. Members of the public should contact the Clerk if they wish to make representations to the Town Council on any planning applications.

Council Community Support Team news

The CCST are now back on duty in the Poynton area and will be conducting regular patrols whilst observing the social distancing rules. "It's great to be back and we hope that all members of the community are keeping safe and well in these difficult times."

The team have also spoken with all local residential homes to issue the managers with a leaflet on recent scams issued by AgeUK in conjunction with Cheshire East Council. Find the leaflet [here](#).

The Team have also visited some of the vulnerable people in the community and checked on their welfare whilst observing social distancing.



Health and Wellbeing during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Healthwatch Cheshire East are conducting a survey about Health and Wellbeing during Coronavirus. Local NHS and care services in Cheshire are doing everything they can to keep us well during this crisis. They still value your feedback on how services are being delivered, which is why they have put together this short survey.

The survey asks how you have found accessing advice and support, how you have been affected by changes to health and care services, and about your mental health and wellbeing during the Coronavirus outbreak. This is designed to find out what has been good, what lessons could be learned, and what other support you may need during this time. The survey will be ongoing and people are encouraged to complete it more than once as the situation develops.

Take the survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7W255V8>



Support for unpaid carers

Cheshire East Council has launched a service that offers support to thousands of unpaid carers across the borough during the current Covid-19 crisis.

An unpaid carer is described as someone who provides their time and support, without payment, to family or friends who couldn't manage without help. This could include day to day living tasks or personal care to a family member or friend such as helping them to wash, get dressed, eat, taking them to appointments, or keeping them company when they feel lonely or anxious. Unpaid carers also include many children and young people who look after a brother, sister, parent or grandparent who has a disability or illness.

Working together with several organisations, including the Cheshire East Carers' Hub, and the charity Crossroads Together, the service offers ongoing support and reassurance for carers, recognising the value and the support they are providing during this difficult time.

The service includes:

- *Signposting carers to relevant services to help them in their role, including support for mental health;*
- *Providing information and advice and someone to call in a crisis; and*
- *Referring carers to relevant teams within the council where further ongoing support is required*

Cheshire East Crossroads Together is also offering urgent carer breaks for up to a maximum of three hours, to enable the carer to take some time out at this difficult time.

Carers can contact the hub by calling 0300 123 5034 or completing the 'I need help' section at cheshireeast.gov.uk/peoplehelpingpeople. View the poster <https://bit.ly/3glKOUv>

Cheshire East discretionary fund to support small businesses

Cheshire East Council launched a £4.28m discretionary fund to support small businesses on the 28th May. The scheme opened for applications on Monday (1st June) at 8am.



Information on Cheshire East business support can be found here <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/business/business-information/business-support-covid-19-coronavirus.aspx>



Mental health help

A free 24/7 NHS mental health helpline has been set up which is open to people of ALL ages in Cheshire East. This includes children young people and their families. These are difficult times for people of all ages and it is important for anyone who is struggling to know they are not alone. Information on the helpline can be found here <http://webstore.cwp.nhs.uk/MentalHealthHelplineCYPPoster.jpg>



Chester Road closure

Cheshire East Highways have announced that the temporary road closure on Chester Road, from the junction with Hazelbadge Road to outside number 66, has been extended until Wed. 10th June 2020.

The closure is necessary to enable Cadent to repair gas escape.

Location Map - <https://one.network/?tm=117346511>

Pedestrian access to any premises situated within the temporary closure will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained for emergency vehicles and residents where possible.



If you have any enquiries relating to the works please contact Cadent Gas on telephone number 0800 111 999.

Moggie Lane bridge update

The project has been delayed following difficulty sourcing some specialist materials as a result of the current C-19 situation. It is anticipated that the reinforced steel should be arriving this week.

The last estimate provided by Cheshire East for completion of the works was mid-June, but to date we do not have a confirmed date for re-opening the bridge. Cheshire East have renewed the highway drainage in all of the areas adjacent to the bridge, including outside the cottages.

You & Yours Counselling

You & Yours Counselling is a charity based in Poynton providing adults with individual and couples counselling sessions.

They have adapted their service for the current situation by offering video counselling with members of their skilled and experienced professional team of counsellors. To contact You & Yours either ring them on 01625 874225 or send them a message from the contact page of their website: www.you-and-yours.org.uk



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Citizens Advice

Citizen's Advice are taking calls 9-5 Mon to Fri. If you need help call: 01625 432847, 01625 708608, 07756 023 416

Please leave a message and you will receive a call back. You can also ring Adviceline on 03444 111444.

Email advice can be accessed at <https://www.citizensadvicecn.org.uk/email>



A message from the Friends of Poynton Summerfest 2020

After careful consideration the Friends of Poynton Summerfest have reluctantly decided to postpone this year's event, originally scheduled for Sunday 12th July.

There remains a great deal of uncertainty about the effects and duration of the Covid-19 epidemic, and about any future constraints on staging large-scale events of this kind. In the circumstances the Friends took the difficult decision to cease all current planning for this year's Fest, and will now look to find a suitable July date for the 2021 event. They wish to apologise to all those affected, including their regular stallholders and vendors, and in particular to the many residents and visitors who look forward to this popular community event, and who have attended in such large numbers since its inception.

Poynton Library news

We hope all our customers are keeping safe and well. While the library is closed, all items on loan are being renewed automatically.



Don't forget library members can access eBooks, eAudio books and eMagazines all for free. Go to <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/libraries.aspx> and click on the appropriate heading for details.

There are plenty of eResources (dictionaries and encyclopaedias) for children, students and parents to access for help with homework and assignments. Just go to the above link and click on eResources.

The Digital Summer Reading Challenge is coming soon!

Cheshire East Libraries are excited to be taking part in this year's all-new digital Summer Reading Challenge which is organised by The Reading Agency.

Although our library buildings are closed, we will be delivering the Challenge through our virtual services and e-lending platforms.

The theme this year is 'Silly Squad' which will offer families a chance to have fun and encourages children to read anything that makes them happy.

The countdown will begin on Monday 1st June culminating in the virtual launch of the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge website on Friday 5th June. The Challenge will run throughout the summer until September and children can take part for free.

Please look out for more information coming soon including posts on Twitter @CECLibraries and on each Cheshire East Library Facebook page. @PoyntonLibrary. Here you can also find lots of interesting items and activities for both adults and children such as online Rhymetimes and Storytimes, book reviews, Lego challenges, STEM and craft activities and much more.

For the latest press release from The Reading Agency about the Summer Reading Challenge please go to: <https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/the-summer-reading-challenge-is-asking-the-nation-to-join-the-silly-squad.html>



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