



14<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### **Poynton Relief Road**

Both Cheshire East and Stockport Councils have approved the new road, and the application will now be referred to the Secretary of State who will decide whether to hold a public enquiry or to grant permission. We will report further developments as these become apparent.

### **Draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF): consultation open until January 16<sup>th</sup> 2017**

There is still time for you to take part in this consultation until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (11.59pm). There are two large housing sites proposed within a mile of Poynton which would have a considerable impact on the town. You can view and comment via <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/info/20081/draftplan>.

Comments may be made via the online version above (or directly at <http://gmsf-consult.objective.co.uk>) or by email to [GMSF@agma.gov.uk](mailto:GMSF@agma.gov.uk) or to *Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team, PO Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2LA*. You can also follow the GMSF on Twitter: @GMSpatialframe. For further information contact the Greater Manchester Planning Team on 0161 237 4636.

### **Passenger surveys on local bus routes funded by Cheshire East Council**

Starting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017, a specialist company will be conducting passenger surveys on local bus routes funded by Cheshire East Council. This includes the P1. The purpose is to assess how services are used by local residents and ensure services meet their needs as far as possible. Surveyors will be asking passengers for a few simple details about their journeys. The surveys are anonymous and no names/addresses are requested. There will be no disruption to people's travel. The survey programme will run for several weeks. A report on the survey findings will be available in May 2017.

### **iTea and Chat – learn more about IT devices, 16<sup>th</sup> January**

Poynton library and Life links are running a free session for IT beginners, people who don't have any IT devices, or own devices but don't know how to use them, or aren't sure of the benefits of IT and the internet. There will be support and complimentary tea and coffee at the library on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 2pm to 4pm. Just turn or contact 0808 281 1052 or [info@lifelinksce.org](mailto:info@lifelinksce.org). The library has a new e-book service and all you need is a library card and a device (such as a mobile or tablet) to download the app onto, and then you download books to read where you want. The library or Life links team will help you.

### **Prayer for Poynton on 18<sup>th</sup> January**

Weather permitting, people from the churches of Poynton will be standing together on Park Lane blessing our town and its people as they did last January as part of Poynton Churches Together. Starting from Poynton Baptist Church, they will be focussing on different places and different prayer aspects e.g. outside the bank for financial issues, outside the shops for a successful year, for peace etc. You are welcome to join in.

### **Twining Association of Poynton (TAP) French Speaking Social Evenings, 25<sup>th</sup> January and 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

TAP hold monthly French speaking evenings to meet socially, have a drink, and endeavour to speak French at any level. It's not taken too seriously, it's free, and people help each other. The next French evenings are Weds 25<sup>th</sup> January and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 at the Poynton Royal British Legion, Georges Road West, starting at 7.30 p.m.

### **Business Jelly café, 26<sup>th</sup> January**

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. The next three cafés are on Thursdays 26<sup>th</sup> January, 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 30<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Cheshire Police Working Together meetings – have your say, 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Cheshire Police invite the residents of Poynton to attend the “Working together” meeting at Poynton Civic Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> January from 7.30pm to 9pm. The meetings are to give residents the chance to have your say on local issues and set policing priorities for the following month. It will also give Cheshire Police the chance to update local residents on recent issues and pass on crime prevention advice. The dates of the meetings are on the Cheshire Police website [www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk), via alerts from [www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk](http://www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk) or on the local twitter account @policemaccntpoy.

### **Poynton Live web-site**

There is a free to use website called Poynton Live at [www.poyntonlive.uk](http://www.poyntonlive.uk). The site is ‘the home for anything and everything about music in Poynton’: it promotes live music, theatre, dance and arts events in Poynton and is designed to highlight the amount of talent Poynton has, support our visitor economy as well as being an events guide for local residents and promoting local artists and our town. You can promote your own event or use the calendar to find listings of local diary dates and gigs.

### **Open Hands needs volunteer car drivers**

Open Hands provides transport for vulnerable and elderly people who find it difficult to use public transport to get to appointments. More drivers are needed so that Open Hands can fulfil the many requests they receive. You would be providing a valuable service to your local community, promoting your own personal sense of fulfilment, making new friends, be active and help people. You need your own car, a full UK driving licence and a criminal records check. You will be reimbursed for fuel and wear and tear costs. Contact Adelle Johnson on 01625 878589 or call into the Open Hands office in Room 4, Poynton Methodist Church in the Civic Centre car park between 10am and 12.30pm.

### **Learn to drive our minibus - free training session**

We have two places left on a free minibus driver training course. You need to be between 25 and 70 years old. Contact Phil Cunningham for information asap on 01625 872238 or [phil.cunningham@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:phil.cunningham@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk). We have volunteer opportunities waiting!

## January 2017

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	2pm-4pm	Poynton Library	<b>iTea and Chat</b> – learn more about IT devices
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Civic Hall	Planning and Environment Committee
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm-2.30pm	Civic Hall	<b>U3A monthly meeting.</b> New members welcome
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	7pm-9.30pm	Civic Hall	<b>Flower Club.</b> New members welcome
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup>	6pm-8pm	Park Lane	<b>Prayers for Poynton.</b> Starts from the Baptist Church
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-10.30am	Civic Hall	<b>New: Kickstarter 8by8.</b> Pre-school football. Contact <a href="mailto:info@8by8football.co.uk">info@8by8football.co.uk</a> or 07853 273578
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	8pm-12pm	Civic Hall	<b>New: Ceilidh</b> for dancers with or without a partner. Adults £9, under 16's £4.50. Tickets on the door or online <a href="http://www.poyntonceilidh.co.uk">www.poyntonceilidh.co.uk</a>
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8pm	Civic Hall	Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Royal British Legion	<b>French speaking social evening,</b> Twinning Association of Poynton
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am-12.30pm	Civic Hall	<b>Business Jelly café</b> for freelancers and small business people, wifi, refreshments, Poynton in Business host, £3
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	4pm-6pm	Civic Hall	<b>New: Restorative Yoga.</b> £12/£10 concessions. Call Emma 07977 886779
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Civic Hall	Community, Order and Public Safety Committee
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm-9pm	Civic Hall	<b>Police Working Together meeting</b>

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Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12 noon	Civic Hall	<b>Councillor and PCSO Surgery.</b> Drop-in 10am to 11am. Call 01625 872238 for appointments 11am to 11.40am
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Civic Hall	Finance and General Purposes Committee

Liz Osborn, Town Clerk, 01625 872238

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