

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Podmore

Also in attendance: Cllrs P Bailey, T Swatridge, J Waterhouse, H Whitaker.
Cllr P Oakes attending under SO52 substituting for Cllr Belcher.

Officers in attendance K McDowell (Deputy Clerk),
S Shaw (Admin Officer)
L Freeman (Senior Council Community Support Officer)
W Robinson (Council Community Support Officer)
S Duke (Communities Co-ordinator),
J Lippmann (Marketing & Events Co-ordinator)

Other: W McKellar, Citizens Advice Bureau
S Hobson, Cheshire East CCTV
J Sharp, Cheshire East CCTV

39. Recording of the Meeting

The Chair confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted when the draft minutes are produced. There were no other declarations of a recording of the meeting.

40. Apologies for absence

Cllrs D Belcher, J Saunders (attending alternative Council meeting)
Sgt H Percival

41. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

There were no declarations of disclosable or pecuniary interests.

42. To approve as an accurate record of the minutes of the previous meeting of the
Community, Order & Public Safety meeting held on the 27th October 2025

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Community, Order & Public Safety (COPS) Committee meeting held on 27th October 2025 were approved as a correct record. (NC)

43. There were representatives present from Cheshire East Council CCTV team. The Chair proposed taking agenda items 13 and 14 as the next matter of business.

RESOLVED. That agenda items 13 and 14 regarding CCTV matters are taken as the next matter of business (NC)

44. To receive, consider and agree a response to an email from Stuart Hobson on the location of CCTV cameras near School Lane and the response from Sgt Helen Percival.

Stuart Hobson gave a comprehensive overview of the problems his team had encountered with some of the cameras in Poynton over the past year. He apologised for the unacceptable level of service and outlined the steps they have taken to ensure the problems do not reoccur.

He praised the unique collaborative working partnership that is in place between CCTV and the Council Community Support team and stated it was a role model relationship.

It was noted that Cheshire Police wanted to keep the camera at School Lane and because it was not logistically possible to keep a fixed camera at the location this will be replaced with a mobile camera as they are easier to install .

RESOLVED: That the update from CCTV was received and that a mobile camera will be installed at School Lane to replace the fixed camera. (NC)

45. To Note that the CCTV invoice for 2025-2026 has been reduced to £6,375.35

Due to the service levels being missed and a reduced package being offered over the previous year a discount of £4,000 has been applied to the invoice due.

RESOLVED That the CCTV invoice for 2025-2026 has been reduced by £4,000 to £6,375.35 due to the inconsistent service over the past year. (NC)

46. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

47. To receive and consider two Community grant application forms for Party in the Park 2026 and the arts Festival 2026.

Poynton Arts Festival have requested a grant of £1,250 towards Insurance, programme printing and advertising. Councillors agreed to support this.

Party in the Park requested a grant of £1,500 to cover the cost of hiring generators and power distribution equipment in the park. The Deputy Clerk made Councillors aware that the Grant fund budget had £1,345 in total left to allocate. Councillors agreed to grant £1345 to Party in the Park.

The Deputy Clerk also reminded Councillors that at an earlier meeting it was recommended that any surplus from the 2025 Community Grant budget would be given to Poynton Show. This was now not possible as there was no surplus.

This Committee will now recommend to F&GP that an amount of up to £2,500 could be paid to Poynton Show out of any end of year budget surplus.

It was noted that Cheshire East Ranger Service have been approached to waive their fee of £1,700 for the show to use Poynton Pool as a showground. A response has not yet been received.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council award the following grants:

- **£1,250 to Poynton Arts Festival to be paid from the 2026 budget after 31.03.26 (1 abs, 5 for)**
- **£1,345 to Party in the Park. (NC)**
- **Poynton Show – This Committee recommends to F&GP that an amount up to £2,500 could be paid to Poynton Show from any 2025 budget surplus (NC)**

47. To receive and consider the action log for 2025-2026 for the COPS Committee

Members discussed the outstanding actions.

RESOLVED: That the action log for 2025-2026 for the COPS Committee is received (NC)

48. To receive Q3 report from Citizens Advice.

Will McKellar gave an overview of the previous quarters work and highlights. Citizens Advice helped Poynton residents maximise their income by an additional £55,000 to alleviate hardship and were able to signpost users to other professional services in Health care and Social Care

RESOLVED: That the Q3 report from Citizen's advice is received. (NC)

49. To receive and consider the report from Just Drop In on services, support and funding.

Councillors read and discussed the report from Just Drop In on their ongoing work in the community.

RESOLVED: That the report from Just Drop In is received. (NC)

50. To note the Cheshire East Council Bus Partnership Newsletter for Winter 2025.

Councillors read and discussed briefly the latest Cheshire East Council Bus Partnership Newsletter.

RESOLVED: That Cheshire East Council Bus Partnership newsletter is noted. (NC)

51. To note that the next Bus partnership meeting will be held next on Wednesday 3rd June at Macclesfield Town Hall from 10.45 am – 12.45pm and agree which councillor should represent the Town Council.

Councillor Bailey offered to attend this meeting. He also highlighted how he is lobbying for smart live updates on phone for bus information.

RESOLVED: That the next Bus Partnership meeting being held on Wednesday 3rd June at Macclesfield Town Hall will be attended by Cllr P Bailey on behalf of Poynton Town Council. (NC)

52. To receive and consider the Income and Expenditure Report for Q1-Q3

Members considered the Income and Expenditure Report for Q1-Q3.

RESOLVED: That the Income and expenditure report for Q1-Q3 is received (NC)

53. To receive and consider a report from Senior Community Support Officer, Louise Freeman

CCSO Freeman gave an overview of her report, highlighting key events. The CCSO team have dealt with 138 incidents this quarter and parking is still the top issue. Collaboration with local policing, highways and enforcement is ongoing with issues on Clumber Road traffic island and

Diversionary activities are well used and popular. A further grant of £1,000 was requested to continue the Multisport programme to year end.

The Team is now fully staffed with its newest recruit CCSO Robinson who is already proving himself an asset to the team.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council's Senior Community Support Officer, Louise Freeman report is received. (NC)

That the request for £1,000 to continue with Multisports for children until December 2026 is agreed. (NC)

54. To receive and consider a report regarding unsafe parking on Clumber Road.

Cheshire East Highways have declined to take any action. The solution would be placing obstacles on top of the island to prevent it being used as a parking space. These need to be low level to not obstruct vision when crossing the road. Planters are proposed.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council's Senior Community Support Officer, Louise Freeman investigate the cost of, and any permissions needed to place a low planter on the traffic island on Clumber Road to deter vehicles from parking on it. (NC)

55. To consider a verbal report from the Chair regarding parking on Glastonbury Drive.

Recently a Protest group held a rendezvous on Glastonbury drive as part of a protest day in Greater Manchester. This caused the only road into the Glastonbury drive Estate to be completely blocked, and emergency vehicles would have been unable to pass. Other local seasonal events also have the same impact on this road.

CCST Freeman said the Police were aware of the protesters in advance as they had been alerted by Greater Manchester Police. An Officer was dispatched to speak to the group who advised him that they were moving on shortly. No further action was deemed necessary. CCST Freeman has also spoken to the Police and Cheshire East Council regarding to possibility of parking restrictions on the road but has been informed that this would not be possible and would be cost prohibitive.

RESOLVED: CCSO Freeman was thanked for her update on the parking issue on Glastonbury Drive due to the protesters using it as a meeting point and it was noted that now no further action would be taken. (NC)

56. To receive and consider the report from November 2025 to Mid-February 2026 from the Town Council's Communities Co-Ordinator, Sharon Duke.

Sharon gave an overview of her work over the last quarter including a highlight of A Concert to Remember. A community music initiative with the support of Cllr Saunders is being explored and developed. Two brand new programmes are in the early stages of development and are ready for Working groups to be established. The first is a Community Connect event, bringing together businesses and individuals who want to support the community both financially and in-kind.

Mayor Cllr Oakes has also been learning about Cardiac Risk in the Young (C.R.Y) Screening with Sharon and they are now working hard to try and bring this invaluable screening service to the young people of Poynton. It will require a team effort and significant fundraising to try and make this happen in 2027.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Communities Co-Ordinator is received and two working groups will be set up to organise the Community Connect event and Cardiac Risk in the Young Screening weekends (NC)

57. To receive and consider the report from the Marketing and Events Co-Ordinator and obtain an agreement on potential future events

The Marketing & Events Co-ordinator gave an overview of her report highlighting Feathered Frenzy which is happening this week in the Civic Hall, aimed at children with an educational and fun experience all about Birds.

Due to the popularity of the children's events in School holidays, Jenny is aiming for an ambitious programme of a weekly event in the summer holidays. Biodiversity will run through as many of the events as possible. The reception area noticeboards have been given a makeover, and plans are in place to drive social media interactions as well as some new advertising for the Civic Hall facilities.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Marketing and Events Co–Ordinator is received (NC)

58. To note the decisions made by this committee under SO51

- That the Town Council agrees to approve the cost of the CSAS Training Course for the new employee.

RESOLVED: That the decision made by this Committee under SO51 to agree to approve the cost of the CSAS course for the new CCSO is noted(NC)

59. To consider and agree any communication messages arising from this meeting.

No communication messages were agreed from the meeting.

Meeting end time: 09:40pm

Chair.....

Dated.....