MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 15TH JUNE 2026 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Podmore

Also in attendance: Cllrs D Belcher, T Swatridge, J Waterhouse, H Whitaker,
Cllr L Clarke attending under SO52 substituting for Cllr Saunders.

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

Other: Sgt H Percival, Macclesfield North & Poynton Police
W McKellar, Citizens Advice Bureau

1. 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.

2 .Apologies for absence

Cllrs P Bailey, J Saunders
Sharon Duke (Community Co-ordinator)

3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

There were no declarations of disclosable or pecuniary interests.

4. To approve as an accurate record of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Community, Order & Public Safety meeting held on the 16th February 2026

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Community, Order & Public Safety (COPS) Committee meeting held on 16th February 2026 were approved as a correct record. (5 for, 1 Abstention)

5. Questions from members of the public.

Members of the public were in attendance to discuss
- The Community Grant application for the Heritage Garden
- Agenda item 9 regarding issues on the Hazelfields development

RESOLVED. That agenda items 6 & 9 regarding issues on the Hazelfield development are taken as the next matter of business (NC)

6. To receive and consider two Community Grant applications from:
   - Heritage Garden £500
   - Crown Green Restorations £3,000 or any part thereof.

A representative of the Heritage Garden group gave an overview of the work they do and what the grant would be used for.

The representatives from the Crown Green Restorations came to the Town Council on the 8th June 2026 and gave an overview of what the grant would be used for due to a mix up in the Committee dates. Cllr Whittaker gave a brief overview of their request and the fact the refurbishment will bring community bowling to Poynton.

RESOLVED: That the following Community Grants were awarded:
- **£500 Grant to the Heritage Garden Group**
- **£500 Grant to the Crown Green Restorations for seed fertilizer, lawn aerator, and fuel for the lawn mower. (NC)**

7. To receive and consider a complaint from a resident who attended the Planning Committee to report speeding and potential drug dealing on the Hazelfields development

The resident was invited to speak but first wanted to bring the Committees attention to a lack of dog blood donors and asked if the Council would promote this. It was agreed that this would be looked into separately to this meeting.
The resident confirmed that there were issues with speeding and drug dealing on the estate and she was concerned that people were not buying houses there because of the ongoing problems. Sgt Percival took the residents contact details and confirmed on of her officers would be in touch to take down the details and they would address her concerns.

RESOLVED That the resident concerns around speeding and drug dealing on the Hazelfields estate were noted and the local police would contact her for further details and to address any issues. (NC)

8. To receive and consider the action log for 2026-2027 for the COPS Committee

Members discussed the outstanding actions.

RESOLVED: That the action log for 2026-2027 for the COPS Committee is received and the Senior Council Support Officer should chase Cheshire East regarding the

request to extend parking restrictions at Fountain Place and ask them to reply within 1 month (NC)

9. To receive Q4 report from Citizens Advice.

Will McKellar gave an overview of the previous quarter's work and highlights. Citizens Advice helped Poynton residents maximise their income by an additional £96,168 to alleviate hardship and were able to signpost users to other professional services in health care and social care. It was also noted that they have now merged with Crewe and cover the whole of Cheshire East but the local delivery in Poynton remains the same.

RESOLVED: That the Q4 report from Citizen's advice is received. (NC)

10. To receive and consider the request from a resident for double yellow lines on Towers Road.

Cllr Whitaker gave an overview of the resident (who had attended the Town Council meeting the previous week)'s request and Councillors discussed the road conditions and layout.

RESOLVED: That Poynton Town Council ask Cheshire East to extend the yellow lines on both sides of Towers Road for 20m around the bend until the road runs straight on either side of the road and advise the resident of this action and that any resolution from Cheshire East could take up to 2 yrs (N/C)

11.To receive and consider a report and funding request from the Deputy Mayor on Cardiac Risk in the young (CRY)

Cllr Whittaker gave an overview of the report in the Deputy Mayors absence.
Two days of CRY screening costs £15,000.

RESOLVED: That COPS recommend the following:

- **Recommend to F&GP Budget setting meeting on 12th October 2026 to budget £15,000 in 2027/2028 to fund two days CRY screening next year.**

- **Recommend to F&GP meeting on 20th July 2026 to contribute £5,000 towards as an opening donation to Cry fundraising from 2025/2026. (NC)**

12. To receive and consider a report from Cllr Belcher on FIT Therapy Falls, Prevention and Wellbeing Program in Care Homes.

Cllr Belcher gave an overview of his report and the work of BDP and the funding Priorslegh Medical Centre have been given to a trial project of Falls Prevention in two local care homes. The group would like to continue to provide the program and will continue to raise funds as they have approached Everybody Health & Leisure and CEC and their decision will be known soon. Cllr Belcher will provide a further update in the September COPS meeting and may ask the Committee to consider recommending to F&GP supporting the funding efforts.

RESOLVED: That the report from Cllr Belcher on the BDP Care Communities FIT Therapy Falls, Prevention and Wellbeing Program in Care Homes is received. (NC)

13. To receive and consider a report from Cllr Clarke on poor health outcomes in East Cheshire.

Cllr Clarke gave an overview of his report and highlighted that East Cheshire has much the worst overall score of all the NHS Trusts in Northwest England and some scores the worst in England.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council:

- **Writes to the East Cheshire NHS Trus, asking them to explain these figures and list the actions taken so far and those planned to resolve both the poor hospital performance and the exceptionally high death rates.**

- **If no satisfactory response is received, to refer the matter to the Secretary of State for Health**

- **To ask the Secretary of State for Health to request the Secretary of State for Local Government suspend both the "grey belt" rules and the increased housing targets (NC)**

14.To receive and consider a verbal update from the Macclesfield North and Poynton Management Police Team.

Sgt Percival confirmed the following incidents since the last time meeting in February.

- ASB incidents- 25 (7 previous period)
  Of note there has only been one incident reported on Barnaby Park since the gates have been locked, that incident was youths on the path. Incidents tend to rise in the Summer months when the weather is warmer and when the park is not locked.
- Burglary- 2 (0 previous period)
  Attempt only - door damaged.
- Commercial Burglary- 3 (4 previous period)
  Building on Barnaby Park, theft of oil Park Lane
- Theft of Motor vehicle- 1 (0 previous period)
  Steamroller for building site Tansy Road
- Theft from motor vehicle- 3 (0 previous period)
  Number plates and a solar panel off van roof.
- Theft other- 5 (11 previous period)
- Drugs- 8 (3 previous period)
  2 x Fast parcels (importation) delivered locally.
- Criminal damage- 11 (7 previous period)
- Shoplifting 26 (20 previous)
  Arrest and charge of prolific shoplifter.

Repeat locations, COOP, Aldi, Morrisons, Waitrose

Trucam - Deployed London Road South- 16 activations

RESOLVED: That the report from Sgt Percival, the Macclesfield North and Poynton Management Police Team is received (NC)

15. To receive and consider the email update from the Police Crime Commissioner.

RESOLVED: That the update from the Police Crime Commissioner was received (NC)

16. To receive and consider the response from the Countryside Ranger regarding the request to waive the fee for the use of Poynton Park for the Poynton Show.

In the interest of fairness to others, the request was refused.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk writes to Poynton Show Organisers to advise them that the Countryside Ranger Service have been unable to waive the fee for the use of Poynton Park for the Poynton Show (NC)

17. To receive and consider the year end report for Poynton Library.

Councillors discussed the report and found the high usage statistics very interesting

RESOLVED: That the report is shared with the public on social media with a message to keep supporting the library (NC)

Cllr Whitaker left the meeting

18. To receive a verbal update from Cllr Waterhouse on the CVS AGM & VCFSE Alliance Network event he attended on 10th June 2026.

Cllr Waterhouse attended to Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise Alliance network event where they showcased the work they did in the community and struggles with finding investment. They also promoted a new Civil Society Covenant which has a new principles-based arrangement for resetting relationships between Government and the VCFSE.

RESOLVED: The report from Cllr Waterhouse on his attendance at the Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise Alliance network event was received (5 for, 1 Abstention)

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

Cllr Whitaker returned to the meeting

It was noted that the CCSO team have dealt with 166 incidents this quarter and parking issues remain high along with the traffic issues on Clumber Road which have been

particularly high when London Road North was closed as all traffic was funnelled that way. Councillors discussed the request from Cheshire East parking enforcement for the PTC CCST to carry out joint patrols in Poynton to share information with the Parking Enforcement Officers. It was felt that due to the vast differences between job roles, and the public perception of the CCST a static meeting at the Civic Hall using Google Maps as a reference would be the preferred way forwards.

The Chair proposed the recommendation in the report "If necessary and appropriate to offer a few half hour joint patrols to members of Cheshire East parking enforcement team or offer informal meet ups to discuss any issues" and it failed as there was no seconder, so the amended recommendation below was proposed and approved.

The funding request to continue the diversionary youth activities was also discussed and members agreed that it was paramount that these continue as per Sgt Percival ASB incidents in Poynton have risen and the fact that all sessions are well attended by the target age residents.

RESOLVED: That the report from Senior CCSO Freeman was received and

- **Cheshire East Enforcement should be invited to periodic static meetings in the Civic Centre to share information and no joint patrols should be carried out.**

- **£440 from COPs current budget is awarded to keep the multisports going until March 2027 and a further £1,520 to fund then up to March 2028.**

- **Recommend to F&GP Budget setting meeting on 12th October 2026 to budget for a full year's funding (after any shortfall following any outside funding) for other CCST free youth diversionary activities in 2027/2028 at a cost of to be advised at the time (NC)**

20. To receive a verbal update from Cllr Sewart on the Bus Partnership meeting he attended on Wednesday 3rd June at Macclesfield Town Hall

RESOLVED: That this item is deferred to the next COPS meeting in September 2026. (NC)

21. To receive an update from Cheshire East ward councillors on any Community Order, Public Safety issues concerning Cheshire East Council that may impact the Town Council.

Cllr Whitaker confirmed that there was a new enquiry into Leisure Centres that was publicised in the first cabinet meeting. She has been told it is going to be different to the last one, carried out by an outside agency and will be looking to see if Leisure centres are serving the community needs as they should.
She also confirmed that herself and Cllr Saunders continue to pursue yellow lines for Willow Close and advancing safety work at Dickens Lane.

RESOLVED: The update from Cllr Whitaker regarding issues concerning Cheshire East Council that may impact the Town Council is received (NC)

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

Councillors briefly discussed the report.
RESOLVED: That the report from the Communities Co-Ordinator is received (NC)

23. To receive and consider the report from Feb 2026 – June 2026 from the Marketing and Events Co-Ordinator

The Marketing & Events Co-ordinator gave a brief overview of her report and confirmed her main focus was Bio-Diversity events throughout the Summer and the Poynton Awards. The upward trend in Social Media followers was applauded.

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

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

- Library end of year report
- PTC is looking into Poor Health Outcomes in East Cheshire NHS Trust

25. To resolve to exclude the press and public on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of confidential nature of the business to be transacted

Will McKellar left the meeting.

RESOLVED: That to resolve to exclude the press and public on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted is accepted. (NC)

26. To receive a restricted response from the Cheshire East road safety Team Leader (now retired) regarding Road Safety issues on Park Lane.

RESOLVED: That a response should be chased from the replacement Team Leader regarding the Safety Issues on Park Lane (NC)

Meeting end time: 09:55pm

Chair…….

Dated……