



Royal Bank of Scotland Poynton branch closure

Poynton Town Councillors along with our Town Clerk met earlier today with the Area Director and Poynton Branch Manager of Royal Bank of Scotland to express both disappointment and concern regarding the recently announced closure of the last bank branch in Poynton scheduled for November 2018.

It was a frank and open meeting where we said that the decision of the Royal Bank of Scotland board took no account of both the social impact on our older residents and the impact on local business. We pointed out that we are a growing town with additional housing planned over the coming years. We also asked why our branch was closing when both RBS and National Westminster (both part of the same group) were remaining open in Hazel Grove despite their close proximity. On this point the Area Director said he had not been given any insight into the selection of branches that were designated for closure.

Local Manager, Andrea Dalton, made a commitment to provide individual reviews to customers and businesses designed to offer personalised and practical support to those affected by this planned closure. She also has plans to meet with Poynton Post Office management with a view to supporting them in offering as much support to customers as possible.

The Town Council suggests that if you have any concerns about your future banking arrangements, you contact the branch where staff will be available to take you through the options that are available to all account holders.

Pick and Tidy group - get drastic on plastic! Saturday 5th May, 10am

The Poynton Pick and Tidy Group are holding another pick and tidy event on the 5th May which will have a special focus: 'Get drastic on plastic'. The group are working in partnership with Ansa Environmental Services who will be holding a stall providing advice on plastic reduction, recycling, reducing food waste and composting.

You will get lots of tips on taking care of your environment and receive useful freebies too! Meet at 10am at the Civic Hall. All equipment provided. Thank you to the volunteers who litter picked on 7th April and collected several bags of litter. Contact: email pickandtidy@yahoo.com, Facebook 'Poynton Pick and Tidy' and Twitter 'pick_and_tidy'.

Over the Garden Fence, Saturday 12th May 2018, 12 o'clock - 1 pm

Poynton Dementia Steering Group invites you to Over the Garden Fence, a much loved, dementia friendly play by HayLo Theatre. Light snacks and drinks will be available after the performance and the chance to meet people and groups providing local dementia and other support services.

All welcome. **FREE** event but booking is essential. Contact Poynton Town Council on 01625 872238.

Over the Garden Fence has the power to change attitudes and behaviours about dementia and delivers a message of compassion and understanding in a highly entertaining way.



Poynton Civic Pride Awards 2018

The Town Council welcomes nominations for the Civic Awards and Youth Civic Awards. These are awarded to Poynton residents and young people who have made a significant and/or sustained contribution to the community of Poynton. The Town Council welcomes nominations for individuals who have civic pride and deserve recognition. There is a short form for your nomination here <https://www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk/Site/images/civic-awards-2018/civic-service-nomination-form.pdf>

Or you can email your nominations to Liz Osborn at liz.osborn@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk or drop them off at the Civic Hall. The closing date is Tuesday 12th June. The awards will be presented by the Town Mayor at the Civic Sunday reception on Sunday 15th July.



Adult and older people's specialist mental health services - consultation to 29th May 2018

The Clinical Commissioning groups and Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Trust are proposing changes to services and a new model of care. The consultation on the proposals is online here <https://www.easterncheshireccg.nhs.uk/> or email mlcsu.consultation@nhs.net or ring freephone 0808 169 1189 for a paper copy of the consultation document. There are public events where you can have your say: 4th May at 2.30pm in the Canalside Conference Centre, Middlewich and 23rd May at 6.30pm at Macclesfield Town Football Club.

Local Transport Plan, consultation to 25th June 2018

Cheshire East Council is consulting on a new Local Transport Plan which considers all forms of transport over the next five years. Find out more by visiting the consultation web-site www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localtransportplan or attending the exhibition at the Civic Hall on 24th May from 2pm to 7pm.

South East Manchester Multi Model (SEMMM) Strategy 'issues and consultation'.

The Town Council responded to this consultation in April 2018. The key issues outlined by the council that needed to be addressed as part of the strategy were traffic congestion, air and noise pollution, poor public transport and delays to the A6MARR and Poynton Relief Road. The Town Council reiterated that the proposed new developments will generate more traffic and put pressure on the current infrastructure and all new developments should contribute towards the infrastructure such as the Poynton Relief Road but also pedestrian and cycle links. For more information, please contact Haf Barlow, Deputy Town Clerk, on 01625 872238 or on haf.barlow@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk

The Heritage Garden

The Garden, between the library and Priorslegh, was officially opened by local resident Theo Eaves on 14th April. The Town Council would like to thank the volunteer group for getting the garden this far: for design work, moving the rubble, doing the planting, applying for funding and so on. There is an ongoing need for practical support and fund-raising so if you would like to find out more, contact the group via reception at the Civic Hall on 01625 872238.



Volunteer walk leader training

The training is being organised by Everybody Sport & Recreation, Age UK and Poynton Area Community Partnership and is delivered by Walking for Health. It is on Wednesday 16th May: 09:30: arrival – tea/coffee, 09:45: start, 16:00: finish. The venue is Poynton Civic Hall. Free long stay parking available towards the rear of the building. Please bring weather appropriate clothing and footwear. To book your place contact Lee Malkin, Sports Development Manager, Everybody Sport & Recreation, on 07843 339800.



Tree preservation orders, Dickens Lane

Following a request from the Town Council's Planning and Environment Committee and a resident, the tree preservation order for Sprink Farm, Dickens Lane has been made by Cheshire East Council for three trees and an area of woodland.

How your business or organisation can be recognised as dementia friendly

Have you taken steps to become more dementia friendly? There is a very straightforward application process to achieve public recognition with stickers for your shop window and a logo for your web-site: contact Sharon Duke, Communities Co-ordinator, on 01625 872238 or sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk. The next application closing date is 10th May.

Inclines Woodland Management Plan revised: trees and shrubs planted

The Town Council commissioned a revision of the Woodland Management Plan in October 2017 and as a result tree felling has been carried out on the upper part of Prince's Incline to thin out the coverage to make way for new tree planting. 15 new trees and 30 shrubs, all native, were planted with the help of the Rapid Response Team. The Town Council would like to thank the Team, a group of volunteers from the local area who gave up their Saturday morning.

The Inclines Management Plan is here on the Town Council web-site <https://www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk/documents/inclines/Inclines-Report-and-Risk-Assesment-Oct-2017.pdf>. Contact Phil Cunningham, Operations Manager, on 01625 872238 or on phil.cunningham@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk for information about the Inclines.

Councillor surgery, 6th May and 2nd June 2018

This is your chance to meet your local Cheshire East and Poynton Town Councillor, and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and raise any issues about Poynton. The next surgeries are on Saturdays 5th May and 2nd June: drop-in from 10am to 11am or make an appointment for 11am, 11.20am or 11.40am on 01625 872238.

Activities and events at the Civic Hall

May		
Sat 5 th	10am	Poynton Pick and Tidy Group – Get drastic on plastic! Community event. All welcome. Meet at the Civic Hall
Fri 11 th	1pm - 9pm	Blood Service Appointments only: www.blood.co.uk , 0161 251 4200
Sat 12 th	12-1pm	Over the Garden Fence. A dementia friendly play by Haylo Theatre. Free event. To book your place call 01625 872238
Mon 14 th	7.30pm	Planning and Environment Committee
Mon 14 th	8pm	Annual Town Council Meeting
Weds 16 th	9.30am - 4pm	Volunteer walk leader training To book contact Lee Malkin Tel- 07843 339800

Liz Osborn, Town Clerk

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