



Exercise of public rights and publication of unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return - accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

Residents have the right to inspect the Town Council's accounting records. Each year, the Annual Governance and Accounting Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by the external auditor (PKF Littlejohn LLP), appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR and Statement of Elector's Rights was published on the website with the formal notice on Friday 23rd June. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection.

These documents are available by appointment with Mrs Haf Barlow, Town Clerk, from Monday 26th June 2023 to Monday 4th August 2023.

Library proposal

The Town Council is extremely concerned about the proposed reduction of opening hours at Poynton library. The proposal is for the library to close all day Thursday and for half a day on Friday.

The Town Council does not support the closure and we would encourage Cheshire East to rethink the reduction of hours for this valuable, well used community asset. To make your voice heard, scan the QR code or follow the link bit.ly/3XwgfHE



Poynton Pool spillway update

Representatives from the Town Council and Friends of Poynton Pool made representations to the Cheshire East Economy and Growth Committee on the 6th June. We raised a number of concerns and asked detailed questions regarding the basis for the proposals. The questions raised can be found here: bit.ly/3Nh0hNO We hope that officers from Cheshire East will now respond to these detailed technical questions and agree to carry out further investigations.



If you haven't already, sign the preserve Poynton Pool petition <https://bit.ly/3Ntuvwb>.

Friends of Poynton Pool have also organised a community gathering at the Pool on Saturday the 1st of July to raise awareness about the proposed works. As part of this, they have also arranged a children's drawing competition. Learn more here: bit.ly/3CQ87YY

Bus support consultation

Cheshire East Council have launched a consultation regarding bus routes that are not seen as commercially viable by bus operators but are still deemed as important to run. In Poynton, this is the 391 or 392.

The council is asking for views on three new criteria. They are: **Contribution to carbon reduction, areas of deprivation** covered by the bus route; and **passenger numbers since the Covid pandemic**.

The public consultation will run for six weeks from 26 June until 6 August. You can complete the consultation online at: bit.ly/3CPs3Lj

Please make your views known so we don't lose our local services.



Former Vernon Infants School

Cheshire East Council is consulting with the Poynton local community over the potential disposal of a parcel of playing field at The Former Vernon Infant School. Specifically, a strip of playing field which is to the rear of the former school building. Any playing field disposal of land on a school site requires approval by the Secretary of State under Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. As part of the application process the Secretary of State requires that a period of consultation is undertaken prior to any submission. The period of consultation is 7 weeks. Information on the proposal can be found here: bit.ly/46mxvMD

The 7-week consultation period will run from 14 June to 2 August 2023. The easiest way to submit your views is by emailing SOCS@cheshireeast.gov.uk before the closing date of 2 August 2023.

Who are your community champions?

Nominations are invited for this year's Civic Service Awards. Just a handful of these are given each year to individuals or groups who have made a "sustained or significant contribution" to our community. There are also separate awards for Youth Civic Service in recognition of having "volunteered or shown leadership, initiative, enthusiasm and commitment to a worthwhile cause, of benefit to their peer group and/or the wider community".

The awards will be presented by the Mayor at the Civic Sunday reception on 17th September 2023. If you know of any deserving candidates, please collect a nomination form from the Civic Hall or print a copy from the Poynton Town Council website.

Entries can be sent in confidence haf.barlow@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk or by post to the Town Clerk, Poynton Town Council, Civic Hall, off Park Lane, Poynton SK12 1RB.

The deadline for nominations is 4pm on Friday 11th August.



Park Lane bench makeover

The Poynton Baptist Building Team (BIAS) have reworked the benches on Park Lane for Poynton Town Council. They're looking much fresher now!

Big thanks to Keith from Mates who donated all the equipment and varnish for the refurbishment project!

The brilliant BIAS team included Dave Dyball, head of BIAS, Robin Air, Martin Pope and Ian Cooper (Facilities Officer for the Town Council).



Have your say

An amended planning application 23/1971M has been submitted for 64 Dickens Lane, Poynton for demolition of existing detached dwelling and the erection of five detached dwellings including associated access and landscape works. The closing date for comments is the 28th June 2023. If you would like to comment on this application, you can do so by following the link: bit.ly/3NZJFe9



Little growers sunflower competition

Don't forget! Children are welcome to enter our sunflower competition to see if they can grow the tallest in Poynton!

At the end of the summer holidays, look for information on social media and in the PUN for information on how to send us your entries.

**CAN YOU GROW THE
TALLEST SUNFLOWER IN
POYNTON?**



Mayor's Charity

The Mayor is pleased to announce that he will be supporting the Mary Sunley canal boat trust this year. Information on the Mary Sunley can be found at <http://www.marysunley.co.uk/>. Further details on fund raising events and the work of this local charity will follow.



Free local football sessions and dance sessions continue

In partnership with Stockport County, Peaks & Plains, Cheshire East and Cheshire Police, Poynton Town Council's Community Support Team offer FREE football sessions for ages 10 to 16. This is not a league team or structured team coaching, just a fun session for all abilities. Sessions are on Wednesday evenings 6-7pm at Barnaby Park, Poynton. Click link for more info: bit.ly/43WMIhY



**FOOTBALL IN A
FUN, SAFE & RELAXED
ENVIRONMENT**

The youth dance classes continue to be quite a hit for our local youngsters. Why not take advantage of these FREE, fun sessions for 8-15 year olds. Fridays 6.30-7.30pm at the Civic Hall.

No need to book, just turn up! Click link for more info. <https://bit.ly/3B1ergz>



Funding for both of these initiatives has been secured until March 2024. Take full advantage of these sessions while they are on offer.

Bastille Day celebrations at Just-Ice café

Organised by the Twinning Association, enjoy sweet or savoury crepes sold throughout the day on *Friday the 14th July* and get to know more about the Twinning between Poynton and Haybes in the Ardennes.

For details contact the Secretary Glenys Parry-Jones at gpj.coppice@gmail.com



June-July 2023

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| Friday 30th June | Ceremony to celebrate the reopening of the Heritage Garden trolley | 11am, Heritage Garden, outside the Civic Hall |
| Sat 1st July | Councillor surgery | 10am Civic Hall |
| Sat 1st | Friends of Poynton Pool community gathering | 2-4pm, Poynton Park |
| Mon 3rd | Planning and Environment meeting | Civic Hall |
| Mon 17th | Finance and General Purposes meeting | Civic Hall |
| Mon 24th | Management and Establishment meeting | Civic Hall |
| Mon 31st | Planning and Environment meeting | Civic Hall |
| Wednesdays | Youth dance classes | 6:30—7:30 Civic Hall |
| Fridays | Dance sessions for ages 8-15 | 6:30-7:30 Civic Hall |

Haf Barlow, Town Clerk

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