



Poynton Update and News, Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2023/2024

At the Annual Town Council meeting on 15th May 2023, councillors elected Cllr Patrick Bailey to the role of Poynton Town Mayor with Cllr Hayley Whitaker as Deputy Mayor. A welcome from the new Mayor can be found [here](#).



Poynton East and West Ward election results

Following the elections on Thursday the 4th of May, 14 councillors have been elected.

East Ward

Patrick Bailey, David Belcher, Kevin Booth, Laurence Clarke, Jos Saunders, Tim Swatridge and Hayley Whitaker

West Ward

Michael Beanland, Mark Blackie, Simon Lees, Peter Oakes, Lee Podmore, Mike Sewart and John Waterhouse.

Councillors Sarah-Jane Gilmore, Kenneth Woolley, Jo Sewart and Nikki Wylie, have all stood down before the election. The Town Council would like to thank them for their commitment and support to Poynton over the years.

Town Council and Town Council Committee meetings are at the Civic Hall on a Monday evening at 8pm. You can find details by clicking [here](#). Residents are very welcome to attend all meetings.

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.



Our first Seed and Plant Swap

There was a great turn out for our community event in the Heritage Garden outside of the Civic Hall. Lots of residents attended to share their seeds and plants, and it was lovely to see so much gardening conversation in such a relaxed atmosphere. The sun even had its hat on for us!

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.



Unveiling of commemorative stone

Thank you to all who attended the Mayor's unveiling of the stone commemorating the life of Queen Elizabeth II in the newly renamed Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Garden.



Dementia Action Week events

On Wednesday the 17th, with support from Holland Court and many local businesses, CCSO Louise organised a Time for a Cuppa event, selling cakes, raffle tickets and a 'Name the Monkey' stall to raise funds to support Dementia UK's Admiral Nurse scheme. With generous donations from the community, over **£723.55** was raised—over £300 more than last year's total! We are very proud of Louise for this fantastic achievement.



On Friday 19th, a free dementia friendly concert was organised with great success at Poynton Civic Hall. The event was a sell out, with a beautiful performance from dementia specialist and soprano Katy Allan. Everybody was encouraged to sing along (and gladly did so) with lashings of tea and cake to enjoy too. The event was a joint effort between Poynton Town Council, Poynton Golden Memories and Bollington, Disley, Poynton Dementia Steering Group, with funding from North East Cheshire Community Partnership.

Poynton Players: Sandi Toksvig's 'Silver Lining'

A hilarious comedy by well-known writer and broadcaster Sandi Toksvig. It tells the tale of a group of extraordinary yet forgotten women, who come together one treacherous night to recreate The Great Escape - senior-citizen style.

On one dark and stormy night in the upper day room of the Silver Retirement Home, five elderly women are trading stories of their remarkable (or sometimes unremarkable) lives. With the storm floods rising and no rescue team in sight, the ladies are faced with the sudden realisation that in order to survive they are going to have to do what they have done for their entire lives - do it themselves!

Council Community Support Team (CCST) News

This month our CCSO's have been out and about on their wheels, making them much more mobile about the town.

The team have continued to support the community, including a surgery at the Acoustic Lounge, assisting with evidence for a shoplifting offence (resulting in an arrest) and two intergenerational events, where children from Vernon School visited Linkers at Poynton Baptist Church and residents of Holland Court.



Free local football sessions and dance sessions continue throughout the spring

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. Come along and have a kickabout! Click link [here](#) for more info.



**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. **Please note that the session on Friday 2nd June will not be going ahead.**

No need to book, just turn up! Click link [here](#) for more info.



Free Online Sessions available—Sign up now

Confidence to Care at End of Life – 2 hour session

Suitable for carers. This session will touch on some of the things that may happen at end of life and give carers the confidence to care and to find out about the natural process of death and how to offer comfort. To book a free place, follow this [link](#).

Next session: 15th June at 2pm

An Introduction to Supporting Loss, Grief and Bereavement – 1 hour session

Suitable for anyone who in their work/volunteering, need guidance in how to support others affected by a bereavement.

To book a free place, follow this [link](#).

Dates: 25th May at 9:30am, 5th July at 9:30am 19th September at 2pm, 8th November at 9:30am

Upcoming improvement projects at Lyme

The National Trust have provided us with the following information regarding projects at Lyme.

Proposals are now live which outline vital work planned at Lyme over the course of the next few years. This is the first step in a long-term plan to upgrade facilities and infrastructure which will make the site and neighbouring communities more resilient to extreme weather events. The first stage proposes to move the existing car park and return the area to rich grassland habitat which will restore the historic setting of the house.



Future plans include looking at efficiencies at the admissions hut to reduce congestion on the A6, as well as more sustainable ways to visit Lyme. You can find out more about the project on the website by clicking [here](#), via the attached newsletter, or by picking up a paper copy of the newsletter from Poynton Civic Hall. Please send any questions to us at Lymeprojects@nationaltrust.org.uk

Mental health information sheet

Poynton Town Council and partners are supporting Mental Health Awareness Week by offering an information sheet. It has lots of contact information about local mental health and wellbeing support services, groups and organisations. A copy can be collected from reception at Poynton Civic Hall.



Book that party, meeting or hobby group

Did you know that you can hire a room to do all of this at Poynton Civic Hall?

With newly renovated rooms including new heating, lighting, air conditioning and a digital projector monitor in our Chamber, we have seven rooms to choose from depending on your reason for hire.

Main Hall with stage (Capacity 200 theatre style or approx. 100 - 150 in a table setting) Ideal for children's parties, dance, theatre shows, band concerts, craft fairs, sports and exercise etc.

Red, Green & Blue Rooms (Capacity 12 people board room style) Ideal for a business meeting or hobby / activity/ night class group

Plum & White Rooms (Capacity 4 people) Ideal for counselling services, 1-1 meetings or interviews

Council Chamber (Capacity 25 boardroom style or 50 Theatre style) Ideal for larger meetings, Interest talks, baby classes etc

All rooms can be set up with tables and chairs to your desired configuration – just ask.

We have overhead projectors, whiteboards boards, a large digital screen in the Council Chamber, a new kitchen and free Wi-Fi available for use as part of your booking fee.

With ample free parking, Poynton Civic Hall is the ideal location for your event, party, meeting, concert or even wedding reception.

For details, hire rates and availability please call Civic Hall reception on 01625 872238 or email kate.mcdowell@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk or view our webpage here [Hire The Civic Hall](#).



June 2023

Mon 5th	Facilities, Infrastructure & Development meeting	8pm, Civic Hall
Mon 12th	Planning and Environment meeting	8pm, Civic Hall
Mon 19th	Town Council meeting	8pm, Civic Hall
Mon 26th	Community Order & Public Safety Meeting	8pm, Civic Hall
Sun 11th	Poynton Concert Band Summer Concert	7:30pm, Civic Hall
12th—17th June	Poynton Players: Silver Linings	Booking line—03336663366

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