

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 27th March 2023 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chair: Cllr Mrs N Wylie

Cllrs:, P Bailey, M Blackie, Lee Podmore, Mrs J Saunders, T Swatridge, John Waterhouse L A Clarke attended under SO52 for Cllr H Whitaker (Nominated and seconded)

Also in attendance: Will McKellar Citizens Advice, Sergeant H Percival

Officers in attendance: K McDowell (Deputy Town Clerk), G Thurgoland, (CCSO Supervisor), S Duke (Communities Coordinator.)

55. Anyone attending or present at the Committee meeting declares that they are making, or intend to make, an audio recording and/or film the meeting

The Chair confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted within a week when the draft minutes are produced.

There were no other declarations of a recording of the meeting.

56. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

57. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Ms H Whittaker, K Woolley.

58. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests.

59. To approve as an accurate record of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Community, Order & Public Safety meeting held on the 16th January 2023

Sharon Duke was present at the previous meeting.

Cllr Clarke pointed out 2 grammatical errors.

RESOLVED: With the amendment to the attendees to include Sharon Duke and the correction of two grammatical errors, the record of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Community, Order & Public Safety (COPS) Committee meeting held on the 16th January 2023 were approved as a correct record (10 for, 1 abs)

60. To receive and consider the action log for 2022-2023

The Deputy Clerk provided an update regarding the request for Stuart Hobson to attend a meeting to provide details behind the figures on his CCTV reports. It was confirmed by both the Deputy

Clerk and the CCST Supervisor that Stuart does not hold detailed information and that was held by the police but due to data protection could not share it.

It was agreed to mark the action completed but the Committee still requires to see the high level figures report.

RESOLVED: That the action requesting a visit from Stuart Hobson was closed and the action logs for 2022-2023 are received (NC)

61. To receive a verbal update from the Macclesfield North and Poynton Beat Management Police Team.

Sergeant Percival gave a verbal dated from 15th January 2023 to 27th March 2023
Highlights included...

- ASB incidents- 24 (14 previous period)
- Burglary- 6 (10 previous period)
- Commercial Burglary- 1 (0 previous period)
- Theft of Motor vehicle- 3 (2 previous period)
- Theft from motor vehicle- 1 (1 previous period) Smashed window- tools taken
- Theft other- 12 (13 previous period)
- Drugs- 8 (5 previous period)
- 4 Positive stop searches
- Criminal damage- 3 (9 previous period)

SID is not working as the software is no longer compatible.

TruCam:

21 activations (17 activations in the previous period)

TruCam Data

w/c 09/01/23 – Trucam taken for recalibration

w/c 16/01/23 – still away for recalibration

w/c 23/01/23 – Trucam not completed due to assisting with a warrant, scene guard and then working from home.

26/01/23 – Middlewood Road – 0 Activations

31/01/23 – Woodford Road – 12:45-13:45 – 0 activations

06/02/23 – London Road South – 10:40-11:10 – 7 activations highest 41mph.

11/02/23 - Macclesfield Road, Kettleshulme – 0 Activations

14/02/23 – London Road North – 0 Activations, backed up traffic, covid vaccine protest at St Georges/ Roundals

16/02/23 – Macclesfield Road, Kettleshulme – 0 Activations

w/c 13/02/23 – On annual leave

22/02/23 – Chester Road – 16:30-17:00 – 0 activations – heavy traffic and fading light.

08/03/23 – Chester Road – 10:30-11:00 – 0 activations – road works in the area and heavy traffic

08/03/23 -Middlewood Road – 0 Activations

18/03/23 – London Road South – 13:30-14:00 – 8 activations. Highest 44mph.

18/03/23 - London Road North – 6 Activations

A member asked Sergeant Percival if the Police had noticed any difference in the traffic through Poynton since the Poynton Relief Road opened. Sergeant Percival could confirm that they had seen a huge difference and it was quieter.

A member mentioned a planning application to change the existing kitchen showroom on London Road South to a takeaway. This is in an area where there is a concentration of takeaways and they can attract anti-social behaviour. Cllr Clarke asked if the Police were consulted by Cheshire East Council. Sergeant Percival explained that they wouldn't get involved until the takeaway was operating. Sergeant Percival used as an example, a particular takeaway on London Road South that was currently attracting anti-social behaviour. The Police linked into Cheshire East to have them look at their licence.

Cllr Mrs Saunders asked if there had been any further ASB in Barnaby Park. The Sergeant confirmed there had been an incident but it was not caught on CCTV, the CCSO team had reported it to the Police.

Sergeant Percival asked members about the funding for locking Barnaby Park. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the funding was due to run out at the start of the summer and it is unclear as to whether it will continue. Cllr Mrs Saunders spoke of the funding being stalled at present.

Sergeant Percival spoke of attending a meeting with the PCC and was advised to tell the Town Council there was funding available. The Deputy Clerk will inform the Town Clerk.

Cllr Podmore asked about incidents at Hockley Park. Sergeant Percival was unaware of any incidents.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report from the Macclesfield North and Poynton Beat Management Police Team is received (NC)

62. To consider the request from FIED for this committee to speak to the local Police to see if they will support an HGV weight limit in Poynton.

Cllr Clarke explained that HGVs are still coming through Poynton despite the Poynton Relief Road being open. It is the Town Council's view that a 7.5 tonne weight limit should be imposed on Chester Road and London Road North and South to stop to stop traffic entering Poynton. This was frequently mentioned in the planning documents for Poynton Relief Road, going back many years. However, when the Town Council raised the point with Cheshire East shortly before the relief road opened, the reply was that they were not going to fulfil this request as the Police were unlikely to enforce it. Sergeant Percival advised that there was such an order in Macclesfield and this was enforced and if such an order was imposed in Poynton, it would be enforced. The Town Council have referred it back to Cheshire East and Cllr Clarke has contacted David Rutley MP about the matter.

Sergeant Percival advised that she had been advised that in the first instance an HGV preferred route signage would be probably installed and before anything was made law, Cheshire East Highways would want to do a traffic count, but yes, the Police would enforce it but where practicable.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk confirms to Cheshire East that the Town Council have discussed this matter with the Police and if the required HGV weight limit is imposed, the Police will enforce it where practicable. (NC)

63. To receive and consider the report from the Citizens Advice North Cheshire.

Will McKellar from Citizens Advice North Cheshire gave an overview of his report. In the run up to Christmas, Citizens Advice saw a reduction in numbers because people park their problems until after Christmas. The figures for this quarter have risen regarding people asking for help. The main issues being presented are welfare rights, housing and debt. Welfare rights are mainly people looking to make applications for welfare benefits to supplement their income. This is countrywide.

From December, Citizens Advice Cheshire North are issuing money on behalf of people in Cheshire East who are struggling to pay their utility bills. This is paid out in vouchers directly to the utility companies. There were about 70 applications across Cheshire East. This resource is still available to people struggling to pay their bills.

Citizens Advice are seeing more people presenting with mental health issues as well as the problems that brought people to the citizens advice initially. Advocates have been to Poynton spending time with the advisor to assist the more complicated clients. Advocates are advisors who are trained to work with and support people with mental health problems.

The Chair thanked Will for his detailed report and Claire the Poynton advisor for the work that she does.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Citizens Advice North Cheshire is received (NC)

64. To receive and consider the report from mid January 2023 to mid March 2023 from the Town Council's Community Support Team Supervisor, Gary Thurgoland.
Members discussed the report.

The Chair asked, referring to the flour and eggs and graffiti at Glastonbury drive, if anyone had been caught. Cheshire East was contacted to remove the graffiti but no one had been found responsible.

Cllr Waterhouse asked about the UFO sighting. This was a report from a lady who sighted it over Brecon Park.

Cllr Clarke advised that there had been incidents of dog fouling on Capenhurst Close. The CCSO's will do another leaflet drop.

RESOLVED: That the report from mid January 2023 to mid March 2023 from the Town Council's Community Support Team Supervisor, Gary Thurgoland is received. (NC)

65. To receive and consider the report from mid January 2023 to mid March 2023 from the Town Council's Communities Coordinator, Sharon Duke and to agree the recommendations within

The Health & Wellbeing fair held at the Civic Hall on March 15th was a successful event, around 150 people visited the fair. Around 80 health checks were carried out by Healthy Hearts and the Health & Wellbeing Bus resulted in some referrals to other services. Mental health practitioners spoke to some people, regarding memory loss, who were too scared to go to their GP.

A meeting inviting groups who might wish to organise events and activities was not so successful. Two people came to the meeting. However, a flyer will be put together to promote what is already taking place. Regarding volunteer opportunities, there has been a good response to the Big Help Out

It was confirmed there was approximately £400 left from the Pollinator Project and would like to use this funding to give out seeds to local school children.

The Chair asked about the "Grieving When Caring Ends" session. Unfortunately, this did not go ahead, 1 person came forward and was spoken to directly.

RESOLVED: That approximately £400 remaining from the Pollinator Project is used to promote the Pollinator Project and to give out seeds (NC)

RESOLVED: That the report from mid January 2023 to mid March 2023 from the Town Council's Communities Coordinator and to agree the recommendations within is received (NC)

The Chair asked how the Youth Council was progressing. It was confirmed that the students are deciding how they want to structure themselves and what projects they would like to put forward and will report back to the working group.

66. To receive and consider the Police & Crime Commissioner’s refreshed Police and Crime Plan

RESOLVED: That the Police & Crime Commissioner’s refreshed Police and Crime Plan is received (NC)

67. To note the following actions taken under SO51.

- a) To receive the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation without submitting any comment from the Town Council

RESOLVED: That the actions taken under SO51 to receive the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation without submitting any comment from the Town Council is noted (NC)

68. Communication messages arising from this meeting

- Seeds to Primary Schools

The Chair announced that this was her last COPS meeting. She thanked the Committee for their support and thanked and praised the Town Council staff

Meeting end time: 9.15pm

Chair.....

Dated.....