

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Podmore

Also in attendance: Cllrs P Bailey, D Belcher, T Swatridge J Waterhouse, Ms H Whitaker.

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

Guests: SGT H Percival & Will McKellar(CAB)

44. 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.

45. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs J Saunders

46. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

There were no declarations of disclosable or pecuniary interests.

47. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

48. To approve as an accurate record of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Community, Order & Public Safety meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

All spelling mistakes and grammatical errors were highlighted.

**RESOLVED: That the record of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Community, Order & Public Safety (COPS) Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were approved as a correct record subject to the minor amendments being made (NC)**

49. To consider the grant monitoring form for Christmas Fest 2023

Members considered the grant monitoring form.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the underspend of £1,454.29 had been repaid into the Town Council bank account.

**RESOLVED: That the grant monitoring form for Christmas Fest 2023 is received (NC)**

50. To receive and consider the action log for 2022-2023 for the COPS Committee

Members considered the action log and commented on the action point regarding Waitrose painting bays and signs. The Chair suggested that we ask Waitrose to consider using a different colour paint to help define the short stay area they have leased.

**RESOLVED: That the action log for 2022-2023 for the COPS Committee is received and the Deputy Clerk should contact Waitrose to ask if they will consider using a different coloured paint to define their short stay parking bays (NC)**

51. To receive a verbal update from the Macclesfield North and Poynton Beat Management Police Team 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.

ASB incidents - 18 (20 previous period) repeat incidents = a number were firework related.  
10 of the 18 incidents reporting are ASB involving children.

Burglary- 4 (3 previous period) 3 of these were attempts.  
Commercial Burglary - 1, (0 previous period)  
Theft of Motor vehicle - 0, (1 previous period)  
Theft from motor vehicle -1, (1 previous period) - tools stolen from vehicle.  
Theft other- 6 (4 previous period)  
Drugs - 1 (4 previous period)  
Criminal damage - 3 (7 previous period)

**RESOLVED: That the verbal report from the Macclesfield North and Poynton Beat Management Police Team 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 is received. (NC)**

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

Will gave an overview of his report confirming that Citizens Advice were quiet over Christmas as people park their problems. In the run up to Christmas, the standout problem was an increase in people with debt.

The Deputy Clerk pointed out to Will that people were coming into reception being unable to make an appointment using the telephone numbers the CAB provided. Will confirmed that they are refining their telephone service to a freephone number, but the CAB can be reached on 01625 432847 at present.

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

53. To receive and consider the report from November 2023 to mid-January 2024 from the Town Council's Community Support Team Supervisor, Gary Thurgoland.

Members discussed the issues with the road traffic management company at Remembrance. The Deputy Clerk confirmed they had received a refund and that quotations from different companies will be sought before the next event.

The CCST have been approached by Brookside Garden Centre to ask if they would conduct a surgery on their premises. As the Garden Centre is on the border with Poynton and Hazel Grove, agreement was being sought by the Committee. Members concluded the surgery would be a good idea.

Members asked if CCST could chase Cheshire East Environmental Health regarding the rubbish build up behind Poynton Bargain Store to see if any action has been taken.

**RESOLVED: That the report from November 2023 to mid-January 2024 from the Town Council's Community Support Team Supervisor, Gary Thurgoland is received and that Environmental Health is contacted to see if any action has been taken or is planned regarding the rubbish build up behind Poynton Bargain Store (NC)**

54. To receive and consider the email from the Cheshire East CCTV team and their offer to relocate the School Lane camera, free of charge, as part of the Cheshire East roll out of a new wireless CCTV system

Gary Thurgoland read out an email received from Stuart Hobson from Cheshire East CCTV team concerning the upgrade of cameras throughout Cheshire to a higher-grade camera and wireless system. Stuart has confirmed that CCTV in Poynton, in his opinion, is perfectly placed except the camera at School Lane. Feedback on usage on that camera has dropped. Stuart suggests relocating this camera to opposite Aldi, it can be moved free of charge as part of this roll out.

Sergeant Percival was reluctant for the School Lane camera to be moved as it is the only one servicing that end of the village. She would also argue that if there has been a reduction in activity reported at School Lane, then the camera is doing its job. She advised that there is a lot of activity from School children going to the COOP at lunchtime. They can see how many kids are on school lane and zoom in.

However, Sergeant Percival agreed that whilst a camera at Aldi would also be useful the camera at School Lane was a deterrent against traveling crime. Criminals use that route as a way out of the village.

Sergeant Percival suggested if any camera was to be moved then it may be an idea for the camera at Wetherspoons to be relocated a short distance to outside Aldi.

A member suggested asking for a second camera and leaving the existing camera on school lane.

**RESOLVED That the existing CCTV camera on School Lane remains in place. (NC)**

**RESOLVED: That Gary Thurgoland contacts Stuart Hobson to ask for statistics on the value and usage of all the CCTV cameras in Poynton, to consider if an alternative camera to the School Lane one is more appropriate to be moved free of charge as part of the wireless rollout. Once received info to be passed around the Committee plus Sgt Percival with a recommendation under S051 (NC)**

**RESOLVED: That Gary Thurgoland requests a quote to supply and install a 7<sup>th</sup> Camera to be positioned opposite Aldi. (NC)**

55. To receive and consider the report from November 2023 to mid-January 2024 from the Town Council's Communities Coordinator, Sharon Duke

Sharon gave a brief overview of the report highlighting recent events to support parents and young people with mental health.

**RESOLVED: That the report from November 2023 to mid-January 2024 from the Town Council's Communities Coordinator, Sharon Duke is received (NC)**

56. To review and consider the reports from the Marketing & Events Co-Ordinator and the recommendations therein:

- a) Poynton Pooches day
- b) Easter & Spring Events
- c) D Day Event

d) PUN Update

Members considered the reports and all agreed these events are a very good idea and are raising the profile of the Town Council

**RESOLVED: That the reports from the Marketing & Events Co-Ordinator and the recommendations therein are received and agreed. That the Committee thank Jenny for some great ideas. (NC)**

57. To receive and consider a report from the Community Support Supervisor on repairing or replacing the Speed Indicator Device

Members considered the options.

- Repair existing SID
- Buy a new one.
- Not have one at all
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Sergeant Percival advised that a SID device can collect data on speeding which can be used if residents complain about certain roads but acknowledged that modern cars often have a speed warning alarm built into their cars which highlights where they are.

**RESOLVED: That**

- **the Town Council postpone the repair/replacement of the Speeding Indicator Device (SID)**
- **the Deputy Clerk contacts Bollington and Adlington Town Council in the first instance to see if they have a SID and if it could be borrowed if needed in Poynton If this is not possible the Town Council will consider what to do with the SID and this item will be put back on the agenda. (1Abs)**

58. To receive and consider the emails from David Rutley MP and a resident regarding traffic concerns on Park Lane and the possible deployment of the Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Members discussed the contents. Sergeant Percival advised that she would ask the PCSOs to carry out speed monitoring (if safe to do so) along the road if the Deputy Clerk can ascertain further details on times and places the speeding takes place.

**RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk contacts the resident to ask for times and exact places the speeding is happening so the Police can carry out monitoring (if safe to do so) (NC)**

59. To receive and consider an email from a resident regarding an increase in anti-social behaviour on a Friday Evening on Hazelbadge Road.

Sgt Percival confirmed that they have had no additional reports of ASB in that area since December 23. In December there was a two-week consecutive period where there were multiple issues were reported and the Police upped patrols. The lack of recent reports could be because of:

- The December patrols did the trick and the ASB has now ceased.
- Residents have stopped reporting incidents.
- The weather has been too cold for them to congregate. It is hoped that when residents move into the new houses the ASB will no longer be a problem in that area.

**RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk contact Cllr Beanland and ask him to respond to the resident and advise no reported incidents of ASB since December 23 and ask them to keep reporting any to Police (NC)**

60. To note the response submitted under SO51 on the relocation of outpatient services out of Poynton.

**RESOLVED: That the response submitted under SO51 on the relocation of outpatient services out of Poynton is noted (NC)**

61. To review the strategic plan priorities which have been assigned to the COPS Committee

Members reviewed the strategic plan. The Deputy Clerk confirmed the lead Councillors.  
Communication & events – Cllr’s Belcher & Oakes  
Partnerships – Cllr H Whittaker

**RESOLVED: That the strategic plan priorities which have been assigned to the COPS Committee is noted and received (NC)**

The Chair recommended that an urgent matter of business regarding the 391/392 bus service is added to the agenda.

**RESOLVED: An urgent matter of business regarding the local bus service should be added to the agenda (NC)**

62. A member discussed an email received from the bus company which stated that Poynton has only recovered 51% usage from pre covid levels and the email implies the service is at risk. The Town Council are being advised to advertise and promote this service, use it or lose it. The member advised that within the email, the bus company state that the current service timings, end to end, are unrealistic, causing delays and this is being reviewed. The member felt this could be a contributing factor as to why people are not using the service. It was noted that bus timetables are the most requested item at the Town Councils reception desk.

**RESOLVED: That Cllr Whitaker will respond to the bus companies email regarding the usage of the service and express concerns as to why this is still low post covid (NC)**

62. Communication messages

- The bus service, use it or lose it once a response has been received from Cllr Whitakers email.
- CAB Service phone numbers and services.
- Scam awareness

Meeting end time: 21.40pm

Chair.....

Dated.....

