

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 24th MARCH 2025 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Podmore

Also in attendance: Cllrs P Bailey, D Belcher, J Saunders, T Swatridge, H Whittaker.

Officers in attendance: K McDowell (Deputy Clerk), L Freeman, (Senior CCSO), S Duke (Communities Co-ordinator), Jenny Lippmann (Marketing & Events Co-ordinator)

Other: Sgt H Percival

60. 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 when the draft minutes are produced. There were no other declarations of a recording of the meeting.

61. Apologies for absence

Will McKellar (Citizens Advice Service)

62. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

There were no declarations of disclosable or pecuniary interests.

63. To approve as an accurate record of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Community, Order & Public Safety meeting held on the 27th January 2025

A few typing errors were highlighted and amended.

RESOLVED: That the record of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Community, Order & Public Safety (COPS) Committee meeting held on 27th January 2025 were approved as a correct record. (6 For, 1Abs)

64. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

65. To receive and consider the following applications for Community Grants

- Macclesfield and Congleton District Scouts request £200 to cover room hire at the Civic Hall for a Poynton based St George's day event.
- Poynton Arts Festival request £1,000 for the balance of various expenditures for the 2025 event.

Members discussed the applications, the Deputy Clerk confirmed budget available for both requests.

RESOLVED: That the following applications for Community Grants were approved:

- **£200 to Macclesfield and Congleton District Scouts to cover room hire at the Civic Hall for a Community event.**
- **£1,000 to Poynton Arts Festival for the balance of various expenditures for the 2025 event (NC)**

66. To receive and consider the action log for 2025-2026 for the COPS Committee.

Members considered the action log.

RESOLVED: That the action log for 2025-2026 for the COPS Committee is received (NC)

67. To receive and consider the report from the Clerk on Citizens Advice drop in appointments

Members noted that residents contacting the Town Council because they cannot get through on the telephone to CAB will be asked by Reception for their contact details, and these will be passed on to CAB to make contact.

Also, when the CAB advisor is on site, they will advise Reception what availability they have each session to accommodate drop-in sessions that day and anyone dropping in will be given priority to see the advisor during these times.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Clerk on CAB drop-in services and the new process for drop in appointments is noted. (NC)

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

Sgt Percival advised the following incidents took place in Poynton between 24th Jan- 24th Mar 25.

- ASB incidents- 9 (7 previous period)
Repeat locations Wickfield Mews and Poynton Sports club.
- Burglary- 3 (1 previous period)
2 x Adlington, 1 Yew Tree Lane
- Commercial Burglary- 4 (3 previous period)
Suspects for the offences, Poynton Sports Club
- Attempted theft of motor vehicles- 4 (0 previous period)
- Theft from motor vehicle- 0 (1 previous period)
- Theft other- 5 (5 previous period)
- Drugs- 5 (2 previous period)
4 are part of an ongoing investigation, 1 positive outcome cannabis.
- Criminal damage- 1 (1 previous period)
- Shoplifting - 9 (8 previous)- repeat locations COOP, Waitrose

Trucam (Speed monitor)

20.01.25 – Dickens Lane – 0 Activations

03.03.25 – Dickens Lane – 0 Activations

03.03.25 – Middlewood Road – 0 Activations

08.03.25 – London Road North – 4 Activations

08/02/25 – Chester Road (Poynton) 11:15-11:35 – 0 activations
14/02/25 – Chester Road (Poynton) 15:30-15:50 – 0 activations
08/03/25 – London Road South (Poynton) 16:20-16:45 – 5 activations (highest 50mph)

RESOLVED: That the verbal report from the Macclesfield North and Poynton Beat Management Police Team 24th January 2025 – 24th March 2025 is received. (NC)

69. To receive a report from CCTV on incidents in Q3.

Members considered the report. Senior CCSO Louise advised that she had advised Stuart Hobson of the date of the next COPs meeting in the hope that he will be able to adjust his rota to attend and discuss his report in person.

RESOLVED: That the CCTV report for Q3 is noted (NC)

70. To receive a verbal update from Cllr Whitaker regarding the future plans regarding the future of CCTV in the Town as discussed at the Environmental & Community meeting held at Cheshire East 30th January 2025.

Cllr Whitaker gave an overview of the meeting and confirmed that the CCTV service is being retained (vote was unanimous). However, a few money saving options regarding variations of the service were considered. The value of the service was recognised with 20,000 incidents being recorded but it was noted that it is a discretionary service and not a statutory service. The final service option that was agreed has a £41,000 saving per year and involves a minor restructure that doesn't have any impact on the service. The Committee have contacted the Police & Commissioner to ask for some monetary support to run the service as the Police use the service more than any other in Cheshire East.

RESOLVED: The update regarding the retention of the CCTV service in Cheshire East with a minor restructure that does not impact on the current service was noted (NC)

71. To receive and consider an email from a resident regarding speeding on the upper section of Park Lane, Poynton.

Members discussed the email, the layout of the land, the local driving etiquette and that options to change drivers' behaviour were extremely limited. Once purchased, the possibility of installing the Speed Indicator Device (SID) at the location for a short period, will be considered.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk should draft a reply to the resident based on the discussions at this meeting and send around the Committee for approval under S051 (NC)

72. To receive and consider an email from a resident regarding the possibility of setting up a School Street for Poynton High School and First Steps Nursery.

Senior CCSO Louise provided further information on how a School Street works in practice. The initiative works by way of ANPR type cameras monitoring spaces outside of the school during school times and a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) would need to be in place for the area. She has confirmed that Cheshire East do not currently have a TRO in place and nor do they have "moving traffic offence powers" which are crucial to implement and enforce School Street.

However, an initiative called Safe Haven is currently being piloted outside Tytherington High Schools. Cameras will be placed on lampposts, which will be monitored live at a central CCTV station. Anyone parking on zig zags or no waiting outside the school would be remotely ticketed. Senior CCSO Louise has asked for Poynton to be considered if the pilot is rolled out.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk should draft a reply to the resident based on the discussions at this meeting and send around the Committee for approval under S051 (NC)

73. To receive and consider the report from January 2025 to March 2025 from the Town Council's Senior Community Support Officer, Louise Freeman and to consider the recommendations therein.

Louise provided an overview of the report. Members agreed that the Multi Sports sessions were a great diversionary tactic to steer young people away from ASB and agreed the recommendation to fund four additional sessions.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Senior CCSO is received and that 4 additional Multi Sports sessions at a total cost of £160 is funded by the COPs committee. (1ABS)

74. To receive and consider the report from February 2025 to end of March 2025 from the Town Council's Community Coordinator, Sharon Duke.

Members discussed the report.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Community Coordinator is received (NC)

75. To receive, consider and obtain agreement on potential future events from the Marketing and Events Co-ordinator, Jenny Lippmann.

Members discussed the report and noted the upcoming events. Members agreed it was important that Poynton is seen as an inclusive town.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Marketing and Events Coordinator is received. (NC)

76. To agree to purchase a new Union Flag for the Civic Hall Building for VE day at a cost of £150 from CIL money

The purchase was agreed

RESOLVED: That a new Union flag is purchased at a cost of £150 from CIL money in time for VE day (NC)

77. To note the decisions made by this Committee under SO51

- The SID purchased from Elan City is returned at a cost of £89 plus vat and a replacement is purchased from TWM at a cost of £2,111 plus vat.

RESOLVED: That the decision taken under S051 by this Committee to purchase a new SID from TWM at a cost of £2,111 plus vat and to return the one from Elan City at a cost of £89 plus vat is noted (NC)

78. To consider and agree any communication messages arising from this meeting.

RESOLVED: That the following items should be communicated

- **Dementia Action week**
- **Civic awards**
- **Volunteer Opportunities from recent fair**
- **Easter events**

Meeting end time: 21.15pm

Chair.....

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