



POYNTON UPDATE AND NEWS

July 21st 2016

Flooding Community Drop in

This will be held on Tuesday 26th July from 4pm to 7.30pm in the Civic Hall. Present will be members of Cheshire East (CE) flood risk management team, representatives from CE Highways, United Utilities and the Environment Agency. Anyone who was affected by the flooding is welcome to attend. The CE flood risk management team will deliver some of their interim findings about what happened on 11th June and listen to residents' experiences and concerns. No need to book. Further information from Claire Nicholls on 020 302 50495

Annual Civic Awards

The Town Council would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2016 Certificates of Civic Service and the Certificates of Youth Civic Service, which were presented by the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs Sandra Horsman, at the civic reception on Sunday 17th July. Three people will be presented with their awards on a future occasion. The awards were presented in recognition of a sustained and significant contribution to the community to:

Pat Clay, for her work organising the Higher Poynton Summerfest.

Geoff King, for his commitment to saving and reviving the Community Centre.

Keith Lambert, for promoting Poynton events, supporting the Community Centre with time and materials and leading the campaign to try to prevent the bank closing.

David Maiden, for his fund-raising work with the Round Table, in particular the Bonfire and Fireworks party.

Glenys Parry-Jones, for her work with the Twinning Association of Poynton, which recently led to the new Twinning link with Haybes in France.

Mark Warburton, for his long-standing contribution to the young and older sporting community, including Poynton Football Club.

The Youth Civic awards were given to:

Charlotte Hall, for her work with Rainbows and the Gilbert and Sullivan show.

Libby Harkins, for her work with Rainbows and Guides, St Paul's church and Christian Aid week.

Emma Wylie, for gymnastics coaching, work with Brownies and in a special school.

Twinning with Haybes

Further to the formal approval by the Town Council of Poynton's twinning with the town of Haybes in the French Ardennes district, the Twinning Association of Poynton (TAP) hosted a delegation of visitors from Haybes in early July, led by their Mayor, M. Benoit Sonnet. There was a packed four day programme of visits and events to showcase Poynton's heritage and various attractions in the surrounding area. A particular highlight was an official reception at Poynton's Civic Hall at which the Mayors of Poynton and Haybes, Cllr Mrs Sandra Horsman and M. Benoit Sonnet, signed the Twinning Agreement, a successful conclusion to all the work and prior contacts made between Poynton and Haybes.

The Twinning Association was delighted to welcome its new found European friends and twinning partners, and now looks forward to a successful and lasting friendship between the two communities.

The TAP Committee will place particular emphasis on a schools' exchange programme, and will also actively promote cultural and other links between societies and organisations in both our communities where there are common interests. The Committee would also encourage Poynton's residents to visit and discover Haybes for themselves, to realise the benefits of twinning, and take advantage and build on the relationships and goodwill that already exist.

Further information about Haybes can be gleaned from the Haybes Town Council website here: www.haybes.fr (in French) while updates about the twinning programme can be had from the TAP [Facebook page](#).

Town Council accounts 2015-16

Residents have the right to inspect our accounting records and all other documents relating to them and these are available until 28th July 2016 if you call in or ring the Civic Hall on 01625 872238. There is further information [here](#).

Closure of Poynton NatWest bank branch

Poynton Town Council, alongside local businessman Keith Lambert (of Mates DIY shop) and David Rutley MP, met recently with National Westminster Bank to urge them not to close their Poynton Branch. We believe that this will cause serious problems for the many local people and businesses who bank there. Travel to the NatWest branches at Hazel Grove, Bramhall and Macclesfield involves journeys of several miles along heavily congested roads. Poynton has many older people who do not use online banking, and shops need to deposit cash and cheques each evening.

Despite a petition of two thousand names collected by Keith Lambert, we regret that the bank has ignored the strength of local opinion and refused to reconsider their decision. They have agreed to explore ideas put forward in an attempt to mitigate some of the effects of the closure and we are awaiting their proposals.

Police and Crime Commissioner's consultation

David Keane, the new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), has launched a public consultation to listen to the views of stakeholders and the wider Cheshire public, to ensure

that his Police and Crime Plan reflects the policing priorities of Cheshire's diverse communities. There is a short online survey [here](#). The PCC web-site is www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk or ring 01606 364000.

Men in Sheds

The group meets on Wednesday between 10am and 12 noon at the Community Centre and is looking for new men to join in. You can use the group's tools and equipment, learn new skills or practice yours and enjoy tea and the newspapers in a very friendly environment with other men for £3 a week. They make wooden bird boxes and candle holders to sell from the Civic Hall or directly, and invite commissions for any small job that needs doing eg chair covering, box making etc. Call in to meet the group or ring 01625 876 966.

National Scams Awareness Month

Citizens Advice and Trading Standards are running their National Scams Awareness Month (SAM16) in July. A scam is a scheme designed to con you out of your money and may arrive by post, phone or email. The campaign aims to give consumers the skills and confidence to identify a scam, share experiences and take action by reporting suspicious activity, the prevention of residents becoming scam victims and identifying and supporting known and suspected scam victims. It is believed only 5% of scams are reported.

If you are concerned about a scam or possible scam, drop-in to the CAB at the Civic Hall on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm, Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm or Thursdays 11am to 12.30pm, or make an appointment for Thursday before 11am on 01625 872238.

P1 bus information

Cheshire East Council have announced that High Peak are now running the P1 bus service, formerly operated by GHA Coaches until they suddenly ceased trading last week. Timetables will remain the same unless specified. It is possible, however, that some journeys may be missed and they ask residents to bear with them during this difficult period. There is information here: <http://www.highpeakbuses.com/news/gha-coaches-service-p1-and-19>

Volunteer opportunities

We have added a few volunteering opportunities to our web-site so please take a look if you would like to train as a minibus driver (no charge), are interested in gardening or meeting new people [here](#) or ring the Civic Hall on 01625 872238.

Civic Hall Summer offer

Need a big space to let the kids burn off some energy with their friends? During the school summer holidays, we are offering use of the main hall, including kitchen area, for only £15 per hour. It's a good space to host a birthday party, and you could bring a picnic, play equipment, hire a bouncy castle (there is easy rear access for vehicles and a high ceiling), play badminton or have a disco. Short notice bookings are available. Contact Reception on 01625 872238 or reception@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk

July 2016			
Mon 25 th	8pm	Civic Hall	Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting
Thurs 28 th	9am to 12.30pm	Civic Hall	Business Jelly café: meet other freelancers and small business people, wifi, light refreshments, make new connections, meet the Poynton in Business host, £3.
August 2016			
Mon 15 th	8pm	Civic Hall	Planning and Environment Committee meeting
Mon 22 nd	8pm	Civic Hall	Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting
Sat 27 th	8am	5pm	The Poynton Horticultural and Agricultural Show
September 2016			
Sat 3 rd	10am to 12 noon	Civic Hall	Councillor Surgery. Cheshire East and Poynton Town Councillor and a Police Community Support Officer. Drop-in from 10am to 11am, bookable appointments from 11am to 12 noon. Ring 01625 872238
Mon 5 th	7pm	Civic Hall	Planning and Environment Committee meeting
	8pm	Civic Hall	Town Council meeting

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