

# SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

## AGENDA

For the meeting of the Sandbach Town Council to be held on  
Thursday, 16 October 2003 at 7.15pm  
in the Council Chamber, Westfields.

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The opening prayer will be read by Reverend Nick Blundell.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
  - 2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**
  - 3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2003**
  - 4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAYS 11 SEPTEMBER AND 9 OCTOBER 2003**
  - 5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2003**
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The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow questions from members of the public.

After the questions the Chairman will reconvene the Town Council Meeting.

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## **6. CCTV**

Mr Tony Potts will give a report on the operation of the Sandbach CCTV system and answer members' questions.

## **7. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

### **7.1 Governing Bodies of Primary Schools**

Cllr Mrs G M Thomas has been unable to take up her nominated position as governor at Elworth C of E Primary School and the position is therefore vacant. A nominated replacement for Cllr. Thomas is required.

## **8. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL DELEGATES / SUB-COMMITTEES**

## **9. SANDBACH PARTNERSHIP**

The attached letter is the response to the Clerk's re-iterated request for two representatives on the Partnership executive and the request for copies of progress reports.

## **10. QUALITY COUNCIL PROGRESS**

The Clerk has received the Society of Local Council Clerks remote learning package entitled "Working with your Council" and has joined the email

correspondence group set up by SLCC to coach clerks with their responses. The Clerk anticipates that he will have completed the course mid to end 2004.

Already a number of areas where the Council's procedures could be improved have been identified. It is recommended that the biennial review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations starts shortly.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 M6 FORUM – Chairman's Annual Report**

A copy of the report is attached.

### **11.2 CCC – Cheshire Household Waste Management Strategy**

A newsletter has been received.

### **11.3 Charlotte Peters Rock - Proposed RAF Cranage Exhibition**

Her letter of thanks for her reception at the last Town Council meeting is attached.

### **11.4 Albion Chemicals Group**

A copy of the information package sent to members of the public within their consultation zone concerning the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1999. They gave warning of the siren test held on 19 September.

### **11.5 CAD - Councils against Dumping**

Middlewich TC, Holmes Chapel PC and Sproston PC seek support for their campaign against a waste disposal site at Kinderton Lodge, Sproston.

### **11.6 Mr Glynn Robinson – Sandbach Cricket Club Appeal**

His letter stating his intention to present the case to the House of Lords is attached.

### **11.7 CCC – Richard Chiverton - Review of Minor Improvement List**

His reply to the Council's request for further information is as follows: -

“Unfortunately, as stated in my original letter, the background to some of these schemes has been lost through the passing of time. I have reviewed the relevant files and have been unable to find any further information on the two schemes within Sandbach. However, they will remain on the list to be used as an ‘aide-memoire’ in assisting the development of future Local Transport Plan programmes.”

### **11.8 Cheshire Community Council – Local Network Fund**

They ask whether we know of any voluntary groups working with children and young people, up to the age of 19 who could benefit from a grant of between £250 and £7,000. The information has been forwarded to Sandbach Youth Project.

### **11.9 Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Trust**

They write to ask if the Council would be willing to have Simon Yates, Chief Executive, to attend at one of our meetings to provide us with an

update of the work of the Trust and the developments that are going to occur over the next year or so.

#### **11.10 Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Trust**

They enclosed for our information a copy of the recently produced Annual Report and Accounts along with a copy of the latest Trust newsletter.

#### **11.11 CCC - Hamptons bridge replacement - progress update**

The Bridge Maintenance Engineer, Nic Wright, reported on 8 October: -

“Further delays with the manufacture and delivery of the pre-fabricated deck units means the bridge will not be ready for opening until week commencing 27 October. The deck units were delivered and erected earlier this week without any hitches, however the on-site steelwork erection is taking longer than predicted. I will update you again next week.”

#### **11.12 Cheshire Constabulary – Inspector Alan Holt’s progress report**

“The Chief Officer has given his support to the outline proposal to second a police officer to work with Sandbach Town Council in targeting local aspects of community concern agreed with the Divisional Commander. The division is now preparing a formal agreement, which subject to legal advice and negotiation with the Council will enable the appointment to be made in 2004. As this will be the first such appointment in Cheshire, it is in the interests of all parties involved to ensure that the ensuing arrangements cover all aspects of the role and meet the expectations of the Council and the Sandbach community.

Consequently, it is difficult to accurately determine the time-scale involved in reaching mutual agreement because of the detail involved, but it is anticipated that the draft version will be passed for Legal Service scrutiny by the 22nd October. The document will then be passed for the consideration of the Council and your own legal advice. It goes without saying that any proposed amendments will necessitate further legal advice on both sides.

This aside, it would not be unreasonable for us to anticipate agreeing the arrangements by early December, with subsequent appointment to be suit joint service requirements.”

#### **11.13 Mr Colin Pierpoint – Objection to the re-laying of the Cobbles**

He explains why he believes the Cobbles should not be re-laid.

#### **11.14 Mrs D Flint – the Event**

The Sandbach Today team have organised a youth version to be held on Saturday 25 October at the Leisure Centre from 10am to 3pm. There are 20 different organisations taking part. There will be static displays, activities and demonstrations throughout the day.

All councillors are invited to attend.

#### **11.15 CBC – Local Plan Review – Inspector’s Report**

A copy of the Inspector’s summary is attached.

## **12. MEMBERS' ITEMS – MATTERS AFFECTING THE TOWN OF SANDBACH**

### **12.1 332 - Cllr Moran - work-in-progress/pending items and projects**

It is proposed that any work-in-progress/projects that have not been brought before this Council since May 2003, are now considered as 'closed'.

### **12.2 333 – Cllr Darnes – Sandbach Transport Plan Phase 2 Implementation.**

It is proposed that an engineer from CCC is invited to give a presentation to the Town Council on the details of phase 2 of the Sandbach transport plan implementation.

### **12.3 334 – Cllr Robinson - Dr Charles Latham Memorial**

It is proposed that the Dr Charles Latham Memorial is relocated from Sandbach Park to Ashfields, the New Health Centre.

### **12.4 335 – Cllr Lloyd Griffiths – Services provided by STC**

It is proposed that a sub- committee is formed to investigate and report on the possible extension of the services provided by STC.

### **12.5 336 – Cllr Darnes – Relocation of CBC Offices**

It is proposed that the Council opposes the proposed relocation of the CBC offices from Westfields to the Junction 17 Business Park.

### **12.6 337 - Cllr Lloyd Griffiths – Motorway Services Boundary**

It is proposed that they are required to clear litter from their site.

## **13. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for 18 December 2003.