

# SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

## AGENDA

For the meeting of the Sandbach Town Council to be held on  
Thursday, 18 December 2003 at 7.15pm  
in the Council Chamber, Westfields.

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The opening prayer will be read by Reverend Adrian Lloyd.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**
3. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2003**
4. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAYS 23 OCTOBER, 20 NOVEMBER AND 4 DECEMBER 2003**
5. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2003**
6. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 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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## 7. **FIRE SERVICE**

Mr Tony Williams, Fire Safety officer, will give a presentation on the Integrated Management Plan developed following the recent agreement within the Fire Service

## 8. **REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

### 8.1 **Governing Bodies of Primary Schools**

Ex Councillor Mr Bernard Brindley has resigned from his nominated position as governor at Sandbach County Primary School and the position is therefore vacant. A nominated replacement is required.

### 8.2 **Sandbach Partnership**

A report from Cllr Mrs M E Smith.

**9. POLICE CONSTABLE SUB-COMMITTEE**

The sub-committee met on 6 November and commented on the confidential document produced by Inspector Alan Holt. They met Inspector Holt on 11 December 2003 for which the minutes are attached for approval.

**10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE POLICE CONSTABLE SUB-COMMITTEE**

That the proposal to appoint a Police Constable for Sandbach is confirmed.

**11. LATHAM MEMORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

The sub-committee met on 17 November for which the minutes are attached for approval. The meeting planned for 8 December was postponed.

**12. QUALITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE**

The minutes of their last meeting held on 3 November 2003 are attached for approval.

**13. MATTERS ARISING FROM FINANCE MEETING ON 6 NOVEMBER**

**13.1 Precept for 2004/5**

To approve the Finance Committee recommendation for a precept of £82,400 (£79,825 2003/4) which is an increase of 3.2% on 2003/4.

**13.2 Sandbach Talking Newspaper**

To confirm a grant of £1,000.

**13.3 Sandbach C P School**

To confirm a grant of £1,250.

**13.4 Membership of Association**

To confirm that the Council budgets to join the Cheshire Association of Town and Parish Councils.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE**

**14.1 Sandbach Rotary – Seats of Remembrance**

They propose a scheme whereby Sandbach people could pay for seats of remembrance for loved ones with the entire organisation being done by Rotary. They seek the Town Council's approval for the scheme.

**14.2 Sandbach Rotary – Cheshire Railings**

They seek the Town Council's support to persuade the Cheshire County Council to refurbish the Cheshire Railings.

**14.3 CCC – Rights of Way**

A Report on the Rights of Way Improvement plan progress is attached.

**14.4 CBC - Reorganisation**

The Clerk has received a copy of the six Cheshire District Councils' report to the Boundary Committee.

#### **14.5 CCC - Reorganisation**

A letter and leaflet from the Cheshire County Council Chief Executive have already been distributed to members. A copy of their submission to the Boundary Committee has been received.

#### **14.6 The Boundary Committee**

They have sent copies of their draft recommendations report and their Overview report.

#### **14.7 Congleton Borough Council – Community Wardens**

David Dingle writes in the attached letter to explain the difficulties of recruiting Community Wardens.

#### **14.8 Congleton Borough Council - CCTV**

Mr Tony Potts gives his attached response to questions raised at the last Council Meeting.

#### **14.9 Congleton Borough Council - CCTV**

Mr Tony Potts' attached report tells of the successful use of CCTV.

#### **14.10 Congleton Borough Council – Senior Fraud Investigator**

He gives the attached information on fraud investigation and requests the use of the Council's notice board.

#### **14.11 Road Chef - Litter**

The response to the Council's letter is attached.

#### **14.12 Charlotte Peters Rock – Cranage Airfield**

Her letter of thanks is attached.

#### **14.13 CPRE – Quiet Lanes**

The attached letter seeks support for blanket speed limits in the countryside.

#### **14.14 CCC – Sandbach Library Extension**

The attached letter states that the proposed extension will be installed as soon as possible.

#### **14.15 CCC – Annual Town & Parish Council Conference**

The Council is invited to send two representatives to the conference to be held on 21 January at Northwich Memorial Hall.

#### **14.16 CCC – Winter Gritting Routes**

The Clerk has received a number of copies of the gritting guide for 2003/4.

#### **14.17 DEFRA – Equine Issues**

Attached is information from the Minister for the Horse.

#### **14.18 Police Forum Questionnaire**

They seek views on the current policing structure by 19 December.

#### **14.19 Manchester Airport**

Information about "Advice Days" is attached.

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

#### **15.1 338 – Cllr Sutton – Sandbach Town Hall**

That following the contribution made by the Town Council to the renovation of the building the Council should be eligible for a number of free lettings per year.

#### **15.2 339 – Cllr Mrs Price – George's Walk**

That the Town Council write to Congleton Borough Council regarding the area encompassing George's Walk Sandbach which has not yet been adopted by them.

#### **15.3 340 – Cllr N Price - Sandbach Festival of Scotch Common.**

To report to the Council progress on the above proposed event.

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

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for 5 February 2004.