

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

AGENDA

For the meeting of the Sandbach Town Council to be held on
Thursday, 1 April 2004 at 7.15pm
in the Council Chamber, Westfields.

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 MEETINGS HELD ON THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2003 AND 5 FEBRUARY 2004**
4. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2004**
5. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL URGENCY TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2004**
6. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAYS 8, 22 JANUARY, 12 FEBRUARY AND 4 MARCH 2004.**
7. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2004 AND 26 FEBRUARY 2004**

The Chairman of the meeting will adjourn the meeting to allow questions from members of the public.

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

8. **MR SIMON YATES, NHS**
He will present a progress report on the Mid-Cheshire Trust's activities.
9. **CO-OPTION OF MEMBER TO FILL THE VACANCY IN NORTH WARD**
Following the advertising of the vacancy there were no applications received by the Returning Officer. The Council is required to co-opt a member to fill the vacancy.
10. **NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL 2004/2005**
11. **GOVERNING BODIES OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS**
Nominations are required for the position of governor at each of Sandbach County Primary School and Elworth C of E School.

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL DELEGATES / SUB-COMMITTEES

12.1 Latham Memorial Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting on 10 February 2004 are attached.

12.2 Quality Council Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee has not met.

12.3 Police Constable Sub-Committee

The minutes of meetings held on 26 February and 9 March are attached (members copies only).

At the meeting of 9 March it was resolved that the Council is asked at its meeting on 1 April 2004 to decide on whether or not to enter into an agreement with Cheshire Constabulary to provide a Police Officer for Sandbach.

13. MATTERS ARISING FROM FINANCE MEETINGS ON 22 JANUARY 2004

13.1 External Audit (Item 11.2 Agenda 5/2/4)

The Council has been given a clean report and the necessary notice has been posted.

13.2 Members Allowances (Item 11.3 Agenda 5/2/4)

Members' attention is drawn to item 11 of the Finance Committee minutes.

14. MATTERS ARISING FROM FINANCE MEETINGS ON 26 FEBRUARY 2004

14.1 Sandbach Transport Festival

To confirm the recommended annual expected payment of £1,000.

14.2 Sandbach Festival

To confirm the recommended donation of £1,750 to allow the project to continue.

15. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE AGENDA FOR 5 FEBRUARY 2004

15.1 Cheshire Rural recovery – Financial Assistance (Item 12.4 Agenda 5/2/4)

They invite the Town Council to apply for resources for a project that will bring economic benefit to the Town. Their letter is attached.

15.2 Joint Highways – George's Walk (Item 12.5 Agenda 5/2/4)

Mr McCuaig's response is attached.

15.3 Congleton & District CAB – Rural Outreach Project (Item 12.7 Agenda 5/2/4)

The Rural Service Development Manager, Ms Liz Shaw, would like to visit the Council. Her letter is attached.

15.4 CCC – Cheshire Railings (Item 12.11 Agenda 5/2/4)

The only satisfactory solution for this problem is to undertake a replacement programme. This necessitates the removal of the existing sections and erection of new galvanised Cheshire Railings. It is suggested railings on the approach to Sandbach near the M6 Junction 17

should be the first section for replacement in the Spring of 2004 following completion of the major interchange improvements. The letter is attached.

15.5 CBC – Local Government Review (Item 12.12 Agenda 5/2/4)

Because of the important issues surrounding the review, with its wide ranging implications on local government generally, the Chief Executive would like to offer an officer from CBC to attend a meeting of the Town Council to discuss the District Council's joint submission, together with any issues which members would like to raise. The letters are attached.

15.6 Joint Highways - Sandbach Phase 2 - "The Commons" (Item 12.13 Agenda 5/2/4)

Points raised by the Council on Coach pick-up and drop-off points have been acted upon.

15.7 Transport 2000 Cheshire – Proposed Bus Cuts (Item 12.16 Agenda 5/2/4)

The attached email asks councillors to consider the problem.

15.8 CBC – Charts on Community Warden Activity (Item 12.17 Agenda 5/2/4)

Tony Potts would like to know if members find the attached charts useful.

15.9 CBC – Response to STC comments on CCTV (Item 12.18 Agenda 5/2/4)

Tony Potts' reply is attached.

15.10 CCC – Step into Cheshire (Item 12.19 Agenda 5/2/4)

Cheshire is embarking on a unique project which will culminate on the weekend of 18/19th September 2004 when it is hoped that up to half a million people will participate in a range of outdoor events and activities.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

16.1 CCC – Notification of cuts in Bus Services

Letter attached.

16.2 Road Chef Motorway Services

The latest correspondence is attached.

16.3 PowerGen – Community Power

They are interested in the Council's view on their wind power proposals.

16.4 DTI/DEFRA – Partnership in Rolling out Broadband

The Government has sent a package of advice on how the Council can obtain Broadband facilities for Sandbach. Letter attached, package with the Clerk.

16.5 Mr G Robinson – Proposals for Sandbach

His letters are attached

16.6 Cheshire Constabulary – Middlewich Traveller Incident

Letter and report attached

16.7 Central Cheshire Primary Care Trust – The N.E.W. Service

Letter attached and literature enclosed.

16.8 Standards Board – Local Investigation and Determination of Misconduct Allegations - Consultation

Letter attached. Consultation Documents to Members.

16.9 Central Cheshire Primary Care Trust – Patient and Public Influence

Comments requested on attached letter and report.

16.10 CCC – Response to Boundary Committee

Their letter and section of report re Town Councils is attached.

16.11 Waste Recycling via CBC – Village & Community Hall Challenge

Letter attached.

16.12 CCC – Website Hosting Scheme

Invitation to event on 22 April attached.

16.13 CCC – New Public Rights of Way Maintenance & Enforcement Officer

Letter attached.

16.14 CCC – Cheshire Planning Forum 16 April 2004

Invitation attached.

17. MEMBERS' ITEMS – MATTERS AFFECTING THE TOWN OF SANDBACH

17.1 341 – Cllr Mrs P E M Price - Sandbach Cemetery

To discuss possible opening times of Sandbach Cemetery

17.2 342 – Cllr D Lloyd-Griffiths – Street Lights

To discuss street lighting.

17.3 343 – Cllr D Robinson – Sandbach Post Office

That the service provided is unacceptable.

17.4 344 – Cllr M R Sherman – Attendance at Meetings and Committees

That the attendance of members at meetings and committees should improve.

17.5 345 – Cllr D Robinson – Car Parking

That the arrangements for disabled parking on the High Street are unsatisfactory.

17.6 346 – Cllr D Lloyd-Griffiths – Sandbach Cemetery Access

That East Ward members arrange to meet the appropriate Borough Officials to seek a compromise, allowing the gate to be re-opened, possibly within defined hours.

18. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting is the AGM and is scheduled for 11 May 2004.