

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

AGENDA

For the meeting of the Sandbach Town Council to be held on
Thursday, 9 September 2004
in the Council Chamber, Westfields.

The opening prayer will be read by Rev David Page.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**
3. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 JULY 2004**
4. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAYS 29 JULY 2004, 12 AUGUST 2004 AND 26 AUGUST 2004**
5. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE QUALITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 19 AUGUST 2004**
6. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 2004**
7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FINANCE MEETING HELD ON 5 AUGUST 2004**

7.1 (Item 2.1) Resiting of Latham Memorial

Mr Malcolm McCuaig of Joint Highways reported on the proposals and answered members' questions.

RESOLVED that the Town Council should accept the recommendation of the Latham Committee with regard to the repositioning of the memorial.

RESOLVED that £8,500 is set aside for the project and that the standing order to have three competitive quotations is waived following the refusal of other contractors to respond.

To confirm the above resolutions.

7.2 (Item 10.1) CBC – CHESHIRE FENCING REPLACEMENT

Mr R G Spicer had suggested a contribution of £4,750 to replace the fencing at the A534/A5022 junction. The Clerk was to check that this did not affect Rotary's proposals.

RESOLVED: that Mr Spicer's proposal is accepted in principle.

RESOLVED: that under Financial Regulation 11.1 (c) the Standing Order for contracts is waived to allow Mr Spicer's proposal to proceed.

To confirm the above resolutions.

8. CHESHIRE RURAL RECOVERY PROGRAMME

Ms Nicola Lavin from the above will give a short presentation to the meeting about the Cheshire Rural Recovery programme.

It has been suggested that a grant application should be made to Rural Recovery to support the development of local distinctiveness. For example, for Middlewich that may be the roman theme or canals and for Sandbach it may be food, antiques or brass band, etc. Initial thoughts are that a consultant would be brought in to work with each market town for up to 5 days to develop a town's unique selling point. From this a series of actions would be recommended that would help support the distinctiveness of the chosen theme.

The Cheshire Rural Recovery Programme will be liaising with all Cheshire town councils on these matters. Ms Lavin would therefore like the opportunity to make Sandbach aware of this emerging activity and ascertain whether Sandbach would like to be involved. Further information is attached.

9. FODEN-RICHARDSON BAND

At the Finance Meeting on 25 June an application had been received seeking funds to promote a free concert in Sandbach Park. Members were of the opinion that the event was inappropriate and no grant was made. However, the Council's wish to support the band was expressed and it was proposed that a representative was invited to attend a Town Council meeting to discuss the future of the band.

Mr Steven Sebire and Mr John France will be available to answer members' questions.

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.

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL DELEGATES / SUB-COMMITTEES

10.1 Sandbach Partnership

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Cheshire Community Council Civic Pride Competition

The awards ceremony will be held on Monday 11 October.

11.2 Warrington Borough Council

They have sent examples of their campaign against "binge-drinking."

11.3 Joint Highways – High Street Footpath

Mr Spicer has stated that he will act upon the Council's comments.

11.4 CBC – Sandbach Services

Mr Longshaw's comment is attached.

11.5 CCC – Sandbach Transportation Workmanship

Their reply is attached.

11.6 CBC – Hire of Town Hall

Mr Hardiker's reply is attached.

11.7 M6 Cheshire Corridor

Mr Walton has organised an initial meeting for Tuesday 28 September to which representatives from this council are invited.

11.8 CCC – Crossings near Offley Road Schools

Their proposals are attached.

11.9 CBC – Performance Plan 2004-5

Comments are invited. A copy of the plan is with the Clerk.

11.10 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Gas Plant Appeal

The correspondence is attached.

11.11 Lostock Gralam PC – Waste Incinerator

They appeal for help.

11.12 CCC & CBC – M6 Strategy and Consultation

Information attached.

11.13 Trent & Mersey Canal Working Party

The minutes of their first meeting are attached.

11.14 CCC – Disabled Parking on High Street

Richard Chiverton's reply is attached.

11.15 Sandbach Rotary – Community Notice Board

A suggestion from Rotary and the Clerk's reply are attached.

11.16 Mr C P Allen – Snooker at the Literary Institution

Mr Allen regrets the loss of snooker. The Chairman of the Trustees replies.

11.17 Dr K Woodhead - Sandbach Voices

She has concerns about the proposed £1.5 million Enterprise, Arts and Culture Centre.

11.18 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Consultation Documents

They are a Model Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees and a Review of the Regulatory Framework governing the political Activities of Local Government Employees. Copies are with the Clerk.

11.19 CBC – Dog Fouling

Members' views on dog fouling are sought via the attached questionnaire.

11.20 CBC – Sandbach Park Gates

Members' views are sought on the control of the Park Gates. Representatives are also sought for a possible "Cemetery Focus Group".

11.21 Mrs A Sherman – Inaudible debates in the Council Chamber

Her letter to CBC Chief Executive and his reply are attached.

11.22 Congleton Borough Mayor’s Invitation to a “Grand Quiz Night”

The Council is invited to enter a team.

11.23 CBC – Proposed Waiting Order for the Common / Congleton Road

A modification to the transportation project is proposed in advance of the ‘after study’ to be held in January 2004 (2005?).

11.24 CBC – Development Programme

Details are attached of proposed training for Town Councillors and Clerks to be provided by CBC.

11.25 CBC – Cheshire Charter for Local Councils

A copy of the latest draft is attached.

12. MEMBERS’ ITEMS — MATTERS AFFECTING THE TOWN OF SANDBACH

12.1 351 - Cllr Morris – South Cheshire Advertiser.

That errors in an article in the edition published on 19 August are corrected.

12.2 352 – Cllr Lloyd-Griffiths - M6 Consultation

To agree that the Town Council should respond and the method of so doing.

12.3 353 – Cllrs Alcock and Lloyd-Griffiths – The event of the weekend 11 & 12 September 2004

To confirm the Town Council position and propose consultation protocols with CBC and partner organisations.

12.4 354 – Cllr Thomas – Kwik Save Store

That the Council is concerned about the closing of the Kwik Save store in Sandbach town centre and the inconvenience this will cause to elderly residents of Commons Mill and other town centre areas.

13. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING -

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14 October 2004 at 7.15 pm in the Council Chamber.