

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 7 MAY 2002 IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WESTFIELDS.

PRESENT

Councillor: Mrs D E Alcock Chairman
Councillor: M J Wood Vice-Chairman.

Councillors: B Brindley
Mrs D Flint
Mrs D R Frost
J M Goode
J Iddon
E A Lea
D Lloyd-Griffiths
Mrs P M Minshull
J J Moore
L Morris
N T Price
D Robinson
Mrs E J Rubidge
R W Sutton
A J Walker

The Reverend Rex Buckley read the Opening Prayer.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

The Retiring Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow ADO Les Spencer of Cheshire Fire Service, accompanied by FF Chris Wardle to address the Councillors about the merits of the proposed Fire Cadet Scheme.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:25pm.

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2002

RESOLVED: that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 28 MARCH 2002

RESOLVED: that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD TO APPOINT A CLERK, HELD ON 14, 28 FEBRUARY & 11 MARCH 2002

RESOLVED: that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Retiring Chairman, Cllr Jack Iddon, said that he had enjoyed his year of office. There had been some very good moments. He hoped that he had served the Town well.

6. NOMINATIONS FOR AND ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2002/2003

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs Elsie Alcock be elected Chairman for the year 2002/3.

7. THE INVESTITURE OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN BY THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN

The retiring Chairman invested the new Chairman with the Chain of Office and wished his successor a very enjoyable and successful year in office.

8. THE CLERK CALLED UPON THE NEW CHAIRMAN TO READ AND SIGN HER DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The new Chairman duly read and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by the Clerk.

9. THE NEW CHAIRMAN'S ESCORT WAS INVESTED WITH HIS JEWEL OF OFFICE BY THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S ESCORT

On taking the Chair the new Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Pauline Minshull to her first Council Meeting as Member.

10. TRIBUTE BY THE NEW CHAIRMAN TO THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN AND HIS ESCORT

The New Chairman paid tribute to Councillor Jack Iddon and his escort Jill Wheat. She hoped that they had enjoyed their year. She knew that they had worked hard to make it a success

11. APPOINTMENT BY THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF HER HONORARY CHAPLAINS AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE OF HER CIVIC SERVICE

She wished to follow the practice set by previous Chairmen and to nominate Chaplains from all the denominations.

She announced that the date of her Civic Service will be 2 June 2002, 10 am at St. Mary's. She had decided to re-introduce the Civic Parade which would assemble at Westfields at 9.30 am. It will proceed to the War Memorial where a wreath will be laid. The details of the event will be circulated in due course.

12. NOMINATIONS FOR AND ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2002/2003

RESOLVED: that Cllr M J Wood be elected to be Vice-Chairman of the Town Council for the year 2002/2003.

13. INVESTITURE OF THE NEW VICE-CHAIRMAN BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman invested the new Vice-Chairman with the jewel of his office.

14. THE CLERK CALLED UPON THE NEW VICE-CHAIRMAN TO READ AND SIGN HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The new Vice-Chairman duly read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by the Clerk.

15. APPOINTMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

15.1 To appoint the Committee of 10 Members

RESOLVED: that the following 10 Members be appointed to serve as the Finance Committee for the year 2002/2003: -

Councillors	B Brindley
	J Goode
	D Lloyd-Griffiths
	Mrs P M Minshull
	J J Moore
	L Morris
	N T Price
	Mrs L Rubidge
	A J Walker
	M J Wood

15.2 Appointment of the Chairman of the Finance Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr John Moore be appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee for the year 2002/2003.

15.3 Appointment of the Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr Michael Wood be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee for the year 2002/2003.

16. APPOINTMENT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

16.1 To appoint the Committee of 10 Members

RESOLVED: that the following 10 Members be appointed to serve as the Finance Committee for the year 2002/2003: -

Councillors	B Brindley
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Mrs D Flint
Mrs R Frost
J Goode
E A Lea
J J Moore
D Robinson
Mrs L Rubidge
R W Sutton
A J Walker

16.2 Appointment of Chairman of the Planning Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr Jack Goode be appointed Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2002/2003.

16.3 Appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr Dennis Robinson be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2002/2003.

17. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SANDBACH IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the following Members be appointed: -

Councillors R W Sutton (Chairman)
J J Moore (Vice-Chairman)
D Robinson

18. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SANDBACH TRANSPORT FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the following Members be appointed: -

Councillors J J Moore
D Robinson
R W Sutton

19. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SANDBACH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the following Members be appointed: -

Councillors J Iddon
J J Moore
D Robinson
R W Sutton

20. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SANDBACH MAY DAY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the following Member be appointed: -

Councillor M J Wood

21. APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEE TO LIAISE WITH THE SANDBACH CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

RESOLVED: that the following Members be appointed: -

The Chairman of the Council

The Vice-Chairman of the Council

Councillors Mrs P M Minshull

J J Moore

A J Walker

22. APPOINTMENT OF THE LITERARY INSTITUTION WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED: that since the working party has completed its work no appointments be made.

23. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that since the Committee has completed its work no appointments be made.

24. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JUBILEE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the following Member be appointed: -

Councillor J J Moore

25. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE H.E.R.S. COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the following Member be appointed: -

Councillor J J Moore

26. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON CONGLETON BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the following Member be appointed: -

Councillor A J Walker

27. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER

RESOLVED: that the following Member be appointed: -

Councillor J J Moore

28. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

(NB: The Council's nominees to serve on the outside bodies do NOT necessarily need to be Members of the Council.)

28.1 Sandbach Almshouse Trust

Council nominees already appointed: -

Councillors D Robinson 31 May 2004

A J Walker 31 May 2004

RESOLVED: that the following be re-appointed: -

Councillor	J J Moore	31 May 2002
	Mr B R Edwards	31 May 2002

28.2 The William Upton Thomas Charity

RESOLVED: that the following be re-appointed: -

Councillor	A J Walker
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28.3 Sandbach School Governing Body

Council nominees already appointed: -

Mr G Broadbent	31 Jan 2006
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28.4 Governing Bodies Of County Primary Schools

Elworth C of E	Councillor A J Walker	23 Jun 2003
St John's (Aided)	Mr B R Edwards	23 Jun 2005
Sandbach C.P.	Councillor B Brindley	21 Dec 2005
Wheelock C.P.	Councillor Mrs L Rubidge	18 Jun 2004
Elworth Hall C.P.	Councillor E A Lea	30 Nov 2004

RESOLVED: that the following be re-appointed: -

Offley Infants	Mr J E Barker	8 Apl 2002
Offley Junior	Mr J E Barker	8 Apl 2002

28.5 The Yoxall Trust

Council nominees already appointed: -

Councillor	Mrs R Frost	30 Sep 2005
Councillor	J M Goode	30 Sep 2005

28.6 Congleton Borough Council Environmental Liaison Committee - Albion Chemicals Ltd

RESOLVED: that the following be re-appointed: -

Councillor	J J Moore
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28.7 Linden Bank Bail Hostel

It was agreed at the Meeting of the Town Council on 21st. October 1993 that the nominees for each year be:

Chairman of the Town Council

Vice-Chairman of the Town Council

RESOLVED: that they be re appointed and that substitutes be arranged if necessary.

28.8 Vale Royal And Congleton Police Division Local Consultative Committee

RESOLVED: that the following be re-appointed: -

Councillors	R W Sutton
	A J Walker

28.9 Sandbach Literary Institution Trustees

RESOLVED: that the following be re-appointed: -
Councillor E A Lea

29. TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR FOR 2002/2003

RESOLVED: that the calendar for the year 2002/2003 be approved.

30. MEETING WITH ERF

Councillor Iddon reported on a visit to ERF by Councillor Mrs Alcock and himself following the resolution at the last Town Council Meeting to ask ERF if they would be willing to meet representatives from Sandbach Town Council.

At the meeting it was confirmed that all manufacture would be transferred to Munich. The company would continue to market trucks under the ERF banner. Councillors Iddon and Alcock had been invited to the most recent launch but had to decline because of prior commitments.

ERF will retain about 50 manufacturing employees at Middlewich as support to the ERF labelled trucks.

Councillor Iddon concluded that there was nothing the Town Council could do to change the situation.

31. BUS SHELTER ON CONGLETON ROAD

Councillor Price reported on a meeting he had had with Mr John Morgan from the Transport section of Cheshire County Council. The history of the movement of the bus stop was a long one. It had been moved from several positions for a variety of reasons before being placed in its present location.

The problem of exhaust fumes had been resolved by instructing bus drivers to turn off their engines when waiting at the stop. The problem of antisocial behaviour by schoolchildren would be tackled by the appropriate means.

32. MAY DAY FESTIVAL

Councillor M J Wood was invited by the Chairman to give a report on the May Day Festival held the previous day. It had been a most successful event due to the extremely hard work carried out by each of the Committee. He was particularly proud of the standard of litter collection. He felt that there was a lesson to be learnt by the normal Thursday market.

33. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED That the next meeting of the Sandbach Town Council be held on Thursday, 4 July 2002 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Westfields.

The Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Cllr Mrs D E Alcock
Chairman

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