

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Meeting of Sandbach Town Council held on 11 May 2004 in the Council Chamber, Westfields.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs M E Smith, Chairman and retiring Vice-Chairman

Councillors: J J Moore, Vice-Chairman
Mrs D E Alcock
Mrs P M Minshull
Mrs P E M Price
Mrs G M Thomas
P J Darnes
E A Lea
D Lloyd-Griffiths
B E Moran
L Morris
N T Price
D Robinson
W W Scragg
M R Sherman
R W Sutton

The Opening Prayer was read by the Reverend M Cafferata.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: J Iddon
P Wilson

2. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

She was an inexperienced councillor who had been fortunate enough to be mentored by an excellent chairman in Cllr John Keeling. Following his death she had been forced into deputising for him. This task had been made easier through the example set by John and the assistance and encouragement given by members of the Council for which she was grateful.

In recent weeks she had attended events at the Photographic Society, the Rugby Club, a Sandbach Arts Concert and the Talking Newspaper on behalf of the Council.

3. NOMINATIONS FOR AND ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2004/2005

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs Michelle Smith be elected Chairman for the year 2004/5.

4. THE INVESTITURE OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN

Mrs Cindy Keeling, consort and widow of the late Chairman, invested the new Chairman with the Chain of Office and wished her a very enjoyable and successful year in office.

5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

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

6. THE INVESTITURE OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN'S CONSORT

Mrs Cindy Keeling invested the new Chairman's escort, Mr John France, with his jewel of office.

7. TRIBUTE BY THE NEW CHAIRMAN TO THE LATE CHAIRMAN AND HIS CONSORT

The new Chairman thanked Mrs Keeling for what she had done. In her opening remarks she had emphasised the debt the Council owed to her late husband.

8. CHAPLAINS AND CIVIC SERVICE

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

The date of her Civic Parade and Service will be Sunday, 20 June 2004.

The details of the event will be circulated in due course.

9. NOMINATIONS FOR AND ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2004/2005

Councillors Moore and Minshull were nominated.

RESOLVED: that Cllr J J Moore be elected to be Vice-Chairman of the Town Council for the year 2004/5.

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

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

11. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

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

12. APPOINTMENT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

12.1 To appoint the Committee of 10 Members

RESOLVED: that the following 10 Members be appointed to serve as the Finance Committee for the year 2004/5: -

Councillors	Mrs D E Alcock
	Mrs P E M Price
	E A Lea
	D Lloyd-Griffiths
	J J Moore
	B E Moran
	N T Price
	W W Scragg

M R Sherman

P Wilson

12.2 Appointment of the Chairman of the Finance Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr M R Sherman be appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee for the year 2004/5.

12.3 Appointment of the Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr B E Moran be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee for the year 2004/5.

13. APPOINTMENT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the following 10 Members be appointed to serve as the Planning Committee for the year 2004/5: -

Councillors	Mrs D E Alcock
	Mrs P M Minshull
	Mrs P E M Price
	Mrs G M Thomas
	P J Darnes
	J Iddon
	D Robinson
	M R Sherman
	R W Sutton
	P Wilson

13.1 Appointment of Chairman of the Planning Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr R W Sutton be appointed Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2004/5.

13.2 Appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs P M Minshull be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2004/5.

14. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The retiring Committees are: -

14.1 To Liaise With the Sandbach Chamber of Trade & Commerce

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -

The Chairman of the Council, Vice-Chairman of the Council, Councillors Mrs P M Minshull, D Lloyd-Griffiths and B E Moran with substitutes allowed.

14.2 To negotiate the Town Council Office requirements with CBC

RESOLVED: that the Committee is stood down and the matter of office accommodation be referred to a new Quality Council Committee.

14.3 Quality Council Committee

RESOLVED: that Quality Council Committee become a ten member body responsible for recommending policy and action to Council on achieving Quality Council status, undertaking Standing Orders review, the

assessment of future office accommodation needs and options and the identification of appropriate services and corresponding budget potential for Town Council direct service provision.

RESOLVED: that the following 10 Members be appointed to serve as the Quality Committee for the year 2004/5: -

Councillors	Mrs D E Alcock
	Mrs P E M Price
	P J Darnes
	E A Lea
	D Lloyd-Griffiths
	B E Moran
	N T Price
	M R Sherman
	R W Sutton
	P Wilson

a. Appointment of Chairman of the Quality Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr P J Darnes be appointed Chairman of the Quality Committee for the year 2004/5.

b. Appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Quality Committee

Councillors Lea and Moran were nominated.

RESOLVED: that Cllr B E Moran be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Quality Committee for the year 2004/5.

14.4 Sandbach Town Hall Free Use Committee

RESOLVED: that the Committee is stood down.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to CBC to insist that there should be no charge for the Civic Dinner and Ball.

14.5 To negotiate with Cheshire Constabulary for a Sandbach Police Officer

RESOLVED: that the Committee is stood down.

15. REPRESENTATIVES ON CONGLETON BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

15.1 Area Committee

Councillors Mrs Price and Moore were nominated

RESOLVED: that the following is appointed: -

Cllr J J Moore

15.2 Environmental Liaison Committee - Albion Chemicals Ltd

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -

Cllr E A Lea with Cllr J J Moore to share or deputise.

15.3 Future Management of Borough Markets

RESOLVED: that the work being completed no representative is required.

15.4 Town and Parish Councils' 'At Home'

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -
The Chairman and the Clerk of the Council.

15.5 Disability Matters Forum

RESOLVED: that the following is appointed: -
Councillor W W Scragg with substitute allowed.

15.6 Malkins Bank Environmental Liaison Committee

RESOLVED: that the following is appointed: -
Councillor P J Darnes

16. 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.)

16.1 Vale Royal and Congleton Police Division Local Consultative Committee

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -
Cllr E A Lea
Cllr R W Sutton
with substitutes to be arranged if necessary

16.2 Sandbach Partnership

RESOLVED: that the following is appointed: -
Cllr B E Moran

16.3 Sandbach Christmas Lights Committee

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -
Cllr J J Moore
Cllr E A Lea
Cllr R W Sutton

16.4 Sandbach Festival of Transport Committee

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -
Cllr Mrs D E Alcock
Cllr J J Moore

16.5 Sandbach in Bloom Committee

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -
Cllr Mrs M E Smith
Cllr J J Moore
Cllr R W Sutton

RESOLVED: that the Clerk emails M McCuaig, Anne Donkin and Karen Molloy urgently to protest about the threat to a tree by Phase 2 of the Transportation Project on the north corner of Scotch Common

16.6 Sandbach Almshouse Trust

Cllr D Robinson

Cllr Mrs D E Alcock

RESOLVED: that the above are appointed.

Cllr J J Moore (31/5/2006)

Mr B R Edwards (31/5/2006)

RESOLVED: that the above previous appointments were noted.

16.7 Sandbach School Governing Body

Mr E G Broadbent (17/1/2006)

RESOLVED: that the above previous appointment was noted.

16.8 Governing Bodies of Primary Schools

Elworth C of E Cllr W W Scragg

St John's (Aided) Mr B R Edwards (23/6/2005)

Sandbach C.P. Cllr Mrs P E M Price (21/12/2005)

Offley Infants Mr J E Barker (8/4/2006)

Offley Junior Mr J E Barker (8/4/2006)

RESOLVED: that the above previous appointments were noted.

Wheelock C.P.

RESOLVED: that the nomination for the above school is deferred to the business meeting on 20 May.

Elworth Hall C.P. Cllr E A Lea (30/4/2004)

RESOLVED: that Cllr E A Lea is re-appointed.

16.9 The Yoxall Trust

Cllr Mrs D R Frost (30/9/2005)

Mr J M Goode (30/9/2005)

RESOLVED: that the above previous appointments were noted.

16.10 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 the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Town Council with substitutes to be arranged if necessary.

RESOLVED: that the above are re-appointed.

16.11 Sandbach Literary Institution Trustees

RESOLVED: that the following is re-appointed: -

Councillor E A Lea

16.12 Sandbach Youth Project

RESOLVED: that the following are re-appointed: -

Cllr Mrs M E Smith

Cllr N T Price

16.13 M6 Forum

RESOLVED: that the following is re-appointed: -
Cllr J J Moore

17. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER

RESOLVED: that the following is re-appointed: -
Cllr E A Lea

18. TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR FOR 2004/2005**Council Meetings**

20-May-04, 08-Jul-04, 09-Sep-04, 14-Oct-04,
09-Dec-04, 03-Feb-05, 07-Apr-05, 10-May-05.

Finance Committee Meetings

25-Jun-04, 05-Aug-04, 23-Sep-04, 18-Nov-04,
06-Jan-05, 10-Mar-05, 28-Apr-05.

Planning Committee Meetings

27-May-04, 10-Jun-04, 01-Jul-04, 29-Jul-04,
12-Aug-04, 26-Aug-04, 16-Sep-04, 07-Oct-04,
21-Oct-04, 11-Nov-04, 02-Dec-04, 23-Dec-04,
13-Jan-05, 27-Jan-05, 17-Feb-05, 03-Mar-05,
24-Mar-05, 14-Apr-05, 05-May-05.

Quality Committee Meetings to be arranged

All meetings are on Thursdays except for the AGM which is on Tuesday 10 May 2005 and the Finance meeting on Friday 25 June.

The meeting dates are subject to confirmation, especially after 1 November when major refurbishment work at Westfields might start.

Civic Dates

Civic Parade and Service	Sunday, 20 June 2004
Civic Dinner and Ball	Friday, 29 January 2005

19. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council is a business meeting scheduled for 20 May 2003 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Westfields.

RESOLVED: that the next meeting of the Sandbach Town Council be held on Thursday 20 May 2004 at 7.15 pm in the Council Chamber at Westfields.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Members and guests were invited by the Chairman to a reception at St Winefride's Church Hall immediately following the meeting.

M E Smith
Chairman

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