

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

AGENDA

For the meeting of the Sandbach Town Council to be held on
Thursday, 5 February 2004 at 7.15pm
in the Council Chamber, Westfields.

The opening prayer will be read by Father Michael Morton.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
 2. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**
 3. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2003**
 4. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2004**
 5. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAYS 8 AND 22 JANUARY 2004.**
 6. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2004**
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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.

7. **MR SIMON YATES, NHS**

He will present a progress report on the Mid-Cheshire Trust's activities.

8. **MRS HELEN BEECH, SANDBACH PARTNERSHIP**

She will present a progress report on the Sandbach Partnership and answer Members' written questions.

9. **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.

10. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL DELEGATES / SUB-COMMITTEES**

10.1 **Latham Memorial Sub-Committee**

10.2 **Quality council Sub-Committee**

11. **MATTERS ARISING FROM FINANCE MEETING ON 22 JANUARY 2004**

11.1 **Budget for 2004/5**

That the recommended draft budget is approved.

11.2 External Audit

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

11.3 Members Allowances

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

11.4 Sandbach Christmas Lights Committee

That the grant of £2,000 is approved.

11.5 Congleton District Council for Voluntary Service

That the grant of £1,030 is approved.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Congleton Borough Council – SPG9 (Draft)

Comments are invited on the attached SPG for Telecommunications Development.

12.2 Sandbach RUFC – World Cup in Sandbach

They ask if the Council is prepared to fund the cost of portable toilets for the event. The application is attached.

12.3 Cheshire Police Authority – Meetings 2004/5

The list of dates is attached.

12.4 Cheshire Rural recovery – Financial Assistance

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

12.5 Joint Highways – George's Walk

Mr McCuaig's response is attached.

12.6 DWF - Safeway Store Licence Transfer

Transfer from James Dean and Andrew Woodcock to Anthony Bernard Salt and Andrew Woodcock.

12.7 Congleton & District CAB – Rural Outreach Project

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

12.8 Joint Highways – Closure of Church Lane between School Lane and Reynolds Lane

They propose the temporary closure to the above location commencing 1 March 2004 for a duration of 14 weeks whilst work is carried out in connection with construction of new traffic lights at junction 17, M6. Their letter is attached.

12.9 CBC – Temporary Closure Church Lane

The Borough Council propose to prohibit traffic temporarily from Church Lane, Sandbach between School Lane and Reynold's Lane with effect

from Monday 1st March 2004 for about three months. Their letter is attached.

12.10 Joint Highways – Closure of A534 and Junction 17

They propose the temporary closure between the A5022 junction and the Petrol Station immediately West of the M6 from 2 April 2004 until 6 June 2004 (for overnight works as and when required) whilst work is carried out in connection with improvement measures to the M6 junction 17. Their letter is attached.

12.11 CCC – Cheshire Railings

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.

12.12 CBC – Local Government Review

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.

12.13 Joint Highways - Sandbach Phase 2 - "The Commons"

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

12.14 Weaver Valley Regional Park Project

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

12.15 CBC – Local plan First Review

Comments are invited. A summary of the proposals is attached.

12.16 Transport 2000 Cheshire – Proposed Bus Cuts

The attached email asks councillors to consider the problem.

12.17 CBC – Charts on Community Warden Activity

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

12.18 CBC – Response to STC comments on CCTV

Tony Potts' reply is attached.

12.19 CCC – Step into Cheshire

Cheshire is embarking on an 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.

12.20 CBC – Pensioner Credits

A report is attached regarding the introduction of the Pensioner Credit Scheme. They wish Town Councillors to be informed.

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

13.1 341 – Cllr Mrs P E M Price - Sandbach Cemetery

To discuss possible opening times of Sandbach Cemetery

13.2 342 – Cllr D Lloyd-Griffiths – Street Lights

To discuss street lighting.

14. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for 1 April 2004.