

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

AGENDA

For the meeting of the Sandbach Town Council to be held on
Thursday, 8 December 2005
in the Council Chamber, Westfields.

The opening prayer

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
 - 2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**
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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.

- 3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2005.**
- 4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAYS 29 SEPTEMBER, 20 OCTOBER, FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER AND THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2005.**
- 5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2005.**
- 6. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE QUALITY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2005.**
- 7. MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
 - 7.1 Finance Committee 2 November Item 2.1**

The breakdown of costs for the by-election were presented. Members are urged to note the high cost of the postal vote.
To confirm approval of the expenditure
 - 7.2 Finance Committee 2 November Item 5**

To approve the proposed budget for the year 2006/7.
To approve the proposed precept of £87,520 for the year 2006/7
 - 7.3 Finance Committee 2 November Item 9.5**

To approve the payment of £2,000 to the Christmas Lights Committee.
- 8. PUBLISHING DRAFT MINUTES ON THE WEB**

That the minutes of meetings are made available on the Council's website before they are approved by the Council provided that they are clearly marked as draft versions.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL DELEGATES / SUB-COMMITTEES

9.1 Sandbach Partnership

Report from Cllr B E Moran.

9.2 Dial-a-Ride Committee – Local Public Transport

Report from Cllr W W Scragg.

9.3 Joint Highways

A report on the presentation of the transportation after study report.

9.4 Sandbach Literary Institution

To receive a progress report from the working group.

9.5 Other Meetings

To receive reports from Council representatives.

10. REFURBISHMENT OF THE COBBLES

To decide the action to be taken by the Town Council now that the after study has been published.

11. CONGLETON ROAD FILLING STATION

The Clerk has established that the site is now owned by Mr Nicolas Bullock who is also the owner of Premier Cars. Mr Bullock wishes to develop the site with residential properties but the current planning moratorium prevents any work taking place in the near future. He has undertaken to carry out some tidying of the site.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Joint Highways – Street Lighting Policy

The following was received from Mr James Wood following the meeting on 22 September.

A common fault with street lighting is that of lights burning continuously, generally caused by a failure of the light-sensitive photocell which switches the light on and off. Please report such cases to your Area Highways Team. We carry out regular (every two weeks in winter; every four weeks in summer) night inspections of all lamps (although this process cannot identify photocell failures). Lamp failures are recorded and programmed into maintenance visits. Repairs are generally completed within five working days. However, faults which require the services of the local Electricity Company may take longer to complete. All columns are checked every two years for structural defects. Equipment found to be defective is included in a programme of works which is implemented in priority order.

12.2 Joint Highways – Street Lighting Performance

The attached email shows the percentage of good lights and the number of days it takes to correct a fault.

12.3 Cllr G M Thomas – Disorderly Conduct

She believes that the standing orders should be strengthened.

- 12.4 CBC – Sandbach Market Charter**
The reason for the transfer to the Record Office is explained.
- 12.5 Cheshire Community Council – Community Pride Results**
A copy of the judges' comments is attached.
- 12.6 CBC – Paintings on Offer**
Is the Council interested in acquiring the paintings to enhance the new Council Chamber?
- 12.7 Joint Highways – Non-injury Accidents**
There has been lack of support.
- 12.8 North West Regional Assembly**
A Spatial Strategy Consultation is in progress.
- 12.9 CBC – Efficiency View**
The Council's general concerns are noted but specific points would be valued.
- 12.10 CCC – Accounts 2004/5**
A copy is with the Clerk.
- 12.11 Cheshire Partnership**
Funding is available from the Cheshire Community Strategy Innovations Fund 2005-6.
- 12.12 CVS – Alison Roylance-White**
The new Chief Officer would like to introduce herself to the Council.
- 12.13 CBC – Sandbach Wakes Fair**
The Council's views on the Fair's future are sought.
- 12.14 Community Safety Partnership**
The Council is invited to join the Speed Watch initiative.
- 12.15 Cheshire Police – Proposed Reorganisation**
Information on the proposals is attached.
- 12.16 Mr E P Foden – Foden Richardson Brass Band**
Mr Foden writes regarding the last Finance Committee's response and that of the Town Council on 9 September 2004 to the Band's appeal for funds. The Clerk has attempted to correct the misunderstanding.
- 12.17 Cheshire Constabulary - Policing the Civic Parade**
They have agreed that they will continue to help.
- 12.18 Cheshire County Council – Cheshire Waste Local Plan**
Information has been received about the consultation process.
- 12.19 Cheshire County Council – Bus Strategy Consultation**
The Council's views are sought.

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

13.1 367 – Cllr D Lloyd-Griffiths – Job Centre Closure

That this Council condemns the total lack of consultation, which should be a normal precursor to any consideration of withdrawal of a public service.

14. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 16 February 2006 at 7.15 pm in the Sandbach Literary Institution.