

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Sandbach Town Council held on 6 May 2003 in the Council Chamber, Westfields.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs D E Alcock, Retiring Chairman
J M Keeling, New Chairman
Mrs M E Smith, New Vice-Chairman

Councillors: Mrs P M Minshull
Mrs P E M Price
Mrs G M Thomas
J Iddon
E A Lea
D Lloyd Griffiths
J J Moore
B E Moran
L Morris
N T Price
D Robinson
M R Sherman
R W Sutton

The Opening Prayer was read by the Reverend Nick Blundell.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: P J Darnes
W W Scragg

2. THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

She welcomed the eight new members to the Council and read a report on the Council's activities during her year of office.

She had had a very busy year during which she attended many events. The highlights were first when she was able to meet the Queen and Prince Phillip at Macclesfield and second the Civic Ball which became a surprise birthday party. She thanked everyone who had helped in fund raising for her charity. The sum raised so far was over £1,650 with money still coming in.

3. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2003/4

RESOLVED: that Cllr John Keeling, BEM be elected Chairman for the year 2003/4.

4. THE INVESTITURE OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN

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

5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

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

6. THE INVESTITURE OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN'S CONSORT

The retiring Chairman invested the new Chairman's escort, Mrs Cindy Keeling, with her jewel of office.

7. NEW CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The New Chairman paid tribute to the retiring Chairman, Cllr Mrs Alcock, and her consort, Graham, saying that although he had not been a member of the Council during her year he knew that she had worked extremely hard in her Civic duties representing the Town Council on over 70 occasions during the year. She had also worked very hard for her Charity which was for the youth of Sandbach. He hoped that Elsie and Graham had enjoyed their year.

Cllr Keeling was proud to be the Chairman of this important, historic, market town. After ten years it was nice to be back in the Council Chamber and to see some familiar faces from his last membership. He announced that his charity for the year would be for the disabled and that he too wished to support the youth of Sandbach.

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 his Civic Parade and Service will be Sunday, 15 June 2003.

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

9. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL 2003/4

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs M E Smith be elected to be Vice-Chairman of the Town Council for the year 2003/4.

10. THE INVESTITURE OF THE NEW VICE-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 her 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 2003/4: -

Councillors

N T Price

B E Moran

J Iddon

Mrs P E M Price

E A Lea

M R Sherman

L Morris
D Lloyd-Griffiths
J J Moore
W W Scragg

12.2 Appointment of the Chairman of the Finance Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr Martin Sherman be appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee for the year 2003/4.

12.3 Appointment of the Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr Barry Moran be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee for the year 2003/4.

13. APPOINTMENT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

13.1 To appoint the Committee of 10 Members

RESOLVED: that the following 10 Members be appointed to serve as the Planning Committee for the year 2003/4: -

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

13.2 Appointment of Chairman of the Planning Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs Pauline Minshull be appointed Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2003/4.

13.3 Appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs Michelle Smith be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2003/4.

14. SUB-COMMITTEES

14.1 To Liaise With The Sandbach Chamber Of Trade & Commerce

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -

Chairman of the Council
Vice-Chairman of the Council
Cllr Mrs P M Minshull
Cllr J J Moore

14.2 Sandbach Town Hall Free Use Sub-committee

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -

Chairman of the Council

Cllr E A Lea

Cllr Mrs E A Alcock

Cllr J Iddon left the meeting at this point.

14.3 To negotiate the Town Council Office requirements with CBC

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -

Chairman of the Council

Vice-Chairman of the Council

Chairman of the Finance Committee

Cllr R W Sutton

14.4 To negotiate with Cheshire Constabulary for a Sandbach Police Officer

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -

Chairman of the Council

Vice-Chairman of the Council

Chairman of the Finance Committee

Cllr Mrs D E Alcock

with substitutes allowed

15. REPRESENTATIVES ON CONGLETON BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

15.1 Area Committee

RESOLVED: that the following is appointed: -

Cllr Mrs P E M Price

15.2 H.E.R.S. Committee

The Committee no longer functions and therefore no representative is required.

15.3 Environmental Liaison Committee - Albion Chemicals Ltd

RESOLVED: that the following is appointed: -

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

15.4 Standards Committee

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -

Cllr Mrs P M Minshull with Cllr WW Scragg as reserve.

15.5 Future Management of Borough Markets

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -

Chairman of the Council

Cllr D Robinson

The Clerk is to write to CBC to explain the Council's desire to increase the membership to two.

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 are appointed: -

Cllr Mrs M E Smith

Cllr P J Darnes

The Clerk is to write to the Partnership to explain the Council's desire to increase the membership to two.

16.3 Sandbach May Day Festival Committee

The Committee no longer functions and therefore no representative is required.

16.4 Sandbach Jubilee Committee

The Committee no longer functions and therefore no representative is required.

16.5 Sandbach Christmas Lights Committee

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -

Cllr J J Moore

Cllr E A Lea

Cllr N T Price

16.6 Sandbach Festival of Transport Committee

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -

Cllr J J Moore

Cllr J Iddon

16.7 Sandbach in Bloom Committee

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -

Cllr Mrs M E Smith

Cllr Mrs G M Thomas

Cllr R W Sutton

16.8 Sandbach Almshouse Trust

Cllr D Robinson (31/5/2004)

Mr A J Walker (31/5/2004)
Cllr J J Moore (31/5/2006)
Mr B R Edwards (31/5/2006)

RESOLVED: that the above previous appointments were noted.

16.9 Sandbach School Governing Body

Mr E G Broadbent (17/1/2006)

RESOLVED: that the above previous appointment was noted.

16.10 Governing Bodies of Primary Schools

St John's (Aided)	Mr B R Edwards (23/6/2005)
Sandbach C.P.	Mr B Brindley (21/12/2005)
Wheelock C.P.	Mrs E J Rubidge (18/6/2004)
Elworth Hall C.P.	Cllr E A Lea (30/4/2004)
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.

RESOLVED: that the nominated replacement for ex-councillor Walker at Elworth C of E with effect from 23 June 2003 should be Cllr Mrs G M Thomas.

16.11 The William Upton Thomas Charity

It was believed that the Charity no longer functions and therefore no representative is required.

16.12 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.

16.13 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.

16.14 Sandbach Literary Institution Trustees

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

16.15 Sandbach Youth Project

RESOLVED: that the following are appointed: -
Cllr Mrs M E Smith
Cllr N T Price

16.16 M6 Forum

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

16.17 Councils against the Plant

The organisation no longer functions and therefore no representative is required.

17. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER

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

18. TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR FOR 2003/2004

Council Meetings

22-May-03, 10-Jul-03, 4-Sep-03, 16-Oct-03,
18-Dec-03, 5-Feb-04, 1-Apr-04, 11-May-04

Finance Committee Meetings

29-May-03, 24-Jul-03, 25-Sep-03, 6-Nov-03
22-Jan-04, 26-Feb-04, 15-Apr-04

Planning Committee Meetings

15-May-03, 5-Jun-03, 19-Jun-03, 17-Jul-03
28-Aug-03, 11-Sep-03, 9-Oct-03, 23-Oct-03
20-Nov-03, 4-Dec-03, 8-Jan-04, 12-Feb-04
4-Mar-04, 25-Mar-04, 15-Apr-04

All meetings are on Thursdays except for the AGM which is on Tuesday
11 May 2004.

Civic Dates

Civic Parade and Service Sunday, 15 June 2003
Civic Dinner and Ball Friday, 30 January 2004

RESOLVED: that the calendar for 2003/2004 be approved.

19. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: that the next meeting of the Sandbach Town Council be held on
Thursday 22 May 2003 in the Council Chamber at Westfields.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

J M Keeling
Chairman

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