

# SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Thirty-first Annual Meeting of Sandbach Town Council held on 10 May 2005 in the Council Chamber, Westfields.**

## **PRESENT**

Councillors: Mrs M E Smith, retiring Chairman

Councillors: J J Moore, retiring Vice-Chairman and  
Chairman

Mrs D E Alcock

Mrs P M Minshull

Mrs G M Thomas

D K Atkin

P J Darnes

D Lloyd-Griffiths

B E Moran

L Morris

D Robinson

W W Scragg

M R Sherman

R W Sutton

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The Opening Prayer was read by the Reverend D Page.

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors: Mrs P E M Price

E A Lea

N T Price

## **2. THE CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

She had been very nervous at the start of her term. Although living in Sandbach since she was eight years old she had no idea of the amount of voluntary work done in the town.

Central to the year had been the civic engagements shared with the neighbouring towns of Congleton, Middlewich and Alsager, the parades and balls. She praised the work done by Sandbach in Bloom, the Rugby Club, Rotary – particularly the Swimathon, and Talking Newspaper. She would like to continue her association with that organisation. She also mentioned Remembrance Parade, the Poppy Ball and switching on the Christmas lights. The 1651 event was a new venture. With her chosen charities, Prostate Cancer and Hope House, she had met Jack Brabham at Oulton Park and heard the superb Foden Richardson band several times.

She thanked all those who had helped to make the Sandbach Ball such a success.

She had made so many friends several of whom would be long term personal friends. She thanked all those who had made her year possible and hoped that she had done a good job. It had been a particularly difficult last few months with her job taking her to Stockport and the demands of four children.

She thanked the Clerk for his help and presented him with a much appreciated gift. She finally thanked her consort, John, for all his support over the year. It was now over to the experienced John Moore.

**3. NOMINATIONS FOR AND ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2005/2006**

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr John Moore be elected Chairman for the year 2005/6.

**4. THE INVESTITURE OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Mrs Michelle Smith invested the new Chairman with the Chain of Office.

**5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

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**

Mr John France invested the new Chairman's escort, Mrs June Moore, with her jewel of office.

**7. TRIBUTE BY THE NEW CHAIRMAN TO THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN AND HER CONSORT**

The new Chairman said that Michelle had started her role in the most difficult circumstances following the death of John Keeling at the beginning of last year. As a working mother the demands on her time must have been impossible on occasion but she did an excellent job.

An acquaintance on a neighbouring council had commented how fortunate Sandbach was to have such a glamorous Chairman and wondered whether the glamour would be maintained in the next Chairman. John chose to keep quiet about being that next Chairman.

Councillor Moore thanked Councillor Mrs Smith most sincerely for her year of service.

A long serving councillor also spoke, saying that with her lack of experience he had thought she would make a poor Chairman. He had been wrong. She had been an excellent Chairman, had chaired the meetings well and had kept the Council in order. The new Chairman confirmed that she had been one of the few able to keep the long-serving councillor in order.

**8. CHAPLAINS**

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

**9. NOMINATIONS FOR AND ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2005/2006**

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr B E Moran be elected to be Vice-Chairman of the Town Council for the year 2005/6.

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

The Chairman invested the new Vice-Chairman with his 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 6 Members be appointed to serve as the Finance Committee for the year 2005/6: -

Councillors            Mrs D E Alcock  
                                 D K Atkin  
                                 D Lloyd-Griffiths  
                                 B E Moran  
                                 W W Scragg  
                                 M R Sherman

and that the four vacancies are held over until the next business meeting.

### **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 2005/6.

### **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 2005/6.

## **13. APPOINTMENT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **13.1 To appoint the Committee of 10 Members**

**RESOLVED:** that the following 7 Members be appointed to serve as the Planning Committee for the year 2005/6: -

Councillors            Mrs P M Minshull  
                                 D K Atkin  
                                 P J Darnes  
                                 D Robinson  
                                 W W Scragg  
                                 M R Sherman  
                                 R W Sutton

and that the three vacancies are held over until the next business meeting.

### **13.2 Appointment of Chairman of the Planning Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr R W Sutton be appointed Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2005/6.

### **13.3 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 2005/6.

## **14. QUALITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

### **14.1 To appoint the Committee of 10 Members**

**RESOLVED:** that the following 6 Members be appointed to serve as the Quality Committee for the year 2005/6: -

Councillors            Mrs D E Alcock  
                                 P J Darnes  
                                 D Lloyd-Griffiths  
                                 B E Moran  
                                 M R Sherman  
                                 R W Sutton

and that the four vacancies are held over until the next business meeting.

### **14.2 Appointment of Chairman of the Quality Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr D Lloyd-Griffiths be appointed Chairman of the Quality Committee for the year 2005/6.

### **14.3 Appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Quality Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr P J Darnes be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Quality Committee for the year 2005/6.

## **15. COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **15.1 To Liaise With the Sandbach Chamber of Trade & Commerce**

**RESOLVED:** that no committee be appointed until the meetings are recommenced.

## **16. REPRESENTATIVES ON CONGLETON BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **16.1 Area Committee**

Councillors Mrs Price and Moore were nominated

**RESOLVED:** that the following is appointed: -

Cllr J J Moore with substitutes allowed.

### **16.2 Environmental Liaison Committee - Albion Chemicals Ltd**

**RESOLVED:** that the following are appointed: -

Cllr J J Moore with a named substitute to share or deputise. The substitute is to be decided at the next business meeting.

### **16.3 Town and Parish Councils' 'At Home'**

**RESOLVED:** that the following are appointed: -

The Chairman or the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk of the Council or a nominee.

### **16.4 Disability Matters Forum**

**RESOLVED:** that the following is appointed: -

Councillor W W Scragg with substitute allowed.

### **16.5 Malkins Bank Environmental Liaison Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that the following is appointed: -

Councillor P J Darnes

## **17. 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.)

### **17.1 Vale Royal and Congleton Police Division Local Consultative Committee**

Two vacancies.

**RESOLVED:** that the following is appointed: -

Cllr R W Sutton with substitutes to be arranged if necessary. The second nomination is to be made at the next business meeting.

### **17.2 Sandbach Partnership Executive**

**RESOLVED:** that the following is appointed: -

Cllr B E Moran

### **17.3 NWDA "Sandbach Futures" Project Development Workgroups**

**RESOLVED:** that the following are appointed: -

1. Delegated Fund – Cllr M R Sherman.
2. Retail Development Grants – Vacant
3. Business Landscapes – Cllr R W Sutton
4. Virtual Sandbach – Vacant
5. Business Centre - Cllr B E Moran

and that the two vacancies are held over until the next business meeting.

### **17.4 Sandbach Christmas Lights Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that the following are appointed: -

Cllr J J Moore

Cllr D K Atkin

Cllr R W Sutton

### **17.5 Sandbach Festival of Transport Committee**

Cllr Mrs D E Alcock, Cllr J J Moore and Cllr D K Atkin offered themselves for election.

**RESOLVED:** that the Festival of Transport Committee are asked to accept the three nominations and if not to select two nominations at the next business meeting.

### **17.6 Sandbach in Bloom Committee**

Cllr Mrs M E Smith, Cllr Mrs D E Alcock, Cllr J J Moore, Cllr R W Sutton, and Cllr D K Atkin offered themselves for election.

**RESOLVED:** that the Sandbach in Bloom Committee are asked to accept the five nominations and if not to select three nominations at the next business meeting.

### **17.7 Sandbach Almshouse Trust**

Councillor D Robinson (31/5/2008)

Councillor Mrs D E Alcock (31/5/2008)

Councillor J J Moore (31/5/2006)

Mr B R Edwards (31/5/2006).

**RESOLVED:** that the above previous appointments were noted.

#### **17.8 Sandbach School Governing Body**

Mr B R Thompson (3/2/2008)

**RESOLVED:** that the above previous appointment was noted.

#### **17.9 Governing Bodies of Primary Schools**

Elworth C of E Cllr W W Scragg (31/8/2006 or date of reconstitution)

St John's (Aided) Mr B R Edwards (31/8/2006 or date of reconstitution)

Sandbach C.P. Cllr Mrs P E M Price (31/8/2006 or date of reconstitution)

Wheelock C.P. Mrs P Boyd (31/8/2006 or date of reconstitution)

Elworth Hall C.P. Councillor E A Lea (31/8/2006 or date of reconstitution)

Offley Infants Mr J E Barker (31/8/2006 or date of reconstitution)

Offley Junior Mr J E Barker (31/8/2006 or date of reconstitution)

Local Councils no longer have the power to nominate MLA governors.

**RESOLVED:** that the above previous appointments were noted.

#### **17.10 The Yoxall Trust**

The Clerk has established that the Council does not have the power to nominate trustees to this trust.

**RESOLVED:** that the information is received.

#### **17.11 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.

#### **17.12 Sandbach Literary Institution Trustees**

**RESOLVED:** that the appointment is deferred to the next business meeting.

#### **17.13 Sandbach Youth Project**

Two vacancies

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr Mrs M E Smith is re-appointed and that the second appointment is deferred to the next business meeting.

#### **17.14 M6 Forum (Staffordshire and Cheshire)**

**RESOLVED:** that the following is re-appointed: -

Cllr J J Moore with substitutes allowed.

#### **17.15 Cheshire Forum of M6 Councils**

**RESOLVED:** that the following is re-appointed: -

Cllr P J Darnes with substitutes allowed.

**17.16 Central Cheshire Primary Care Trust – Sandbach Town Planning Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** that the following is re-appointed: -  
Cllr J J Moore with substitutes allowed.

**17.17 Cheshire County Council – Annual Town & Parish Council Conference**

**RESOLVED:** that the following are appointed: -  
Cllr P J Darnes and Cllr M R Sherman.

**17.18 Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Congleton Area Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** that the following are appointed: -  
Cllr P J Darnes, Cllr B E Moran and the Clerk with substitutes allowed.

**18. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER**

**RESOLVED:** that the appointment is deferred to the next business meeting.

**19. TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR FOR 2005/2006**

Council Meetings

Thu 26 May 05	Council Chamber Westfields
Thu 07 Jul 05	Literary Institution
Thu 22 Sep 05	Literary Institution
Thu 08 Dec 05	Literary Institution
Thu 16 Feb 06	Literary Institution
Thu 06 Apr 06	Literary Institution
Tue 09 May 06	Literary Institution
Thu 25 May 06	Literary Institution

Finance Committee Meetings

Thu 23 Jun 05	Mayor's Room Westfields
Thu 15 Sep 05	Literary Institution
Thu 03 Nov 05	Literary Institution
Thu 12 Jan 06	Literary Institution
Thu 23 Mar 06	Literary Institution

Planning Committee Meetings

Thu 19 May 05	Mayor's Room Westfields
Thu 09 Jun 05	Mayor's Room Westfields
Thu 30 Jun 05	Mayor's Room Westfields
Thu 28 Jul 05	Mayor's Room Westfields
Thu 18 Aug 05	Mayor's Room Westfields
Thu 08 Sep 05	Mayor's Room Westfields
Thu 29 Sep 05	Mayor's Room Westfields
Thu 20 Oct 05	Mayor's Room Westfields
Thu 10 Nov 05	Mayor's Room Westfields

