

# SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

## INFORMAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Agenda for the informal meeting to be held on Wednesday, 10th November 2021 at 7.00pm on Zoom.

Councillors and Members of the public should join the virtual meeting via this meeting ID: 875 3864 8137

*For public health reasons during the Coronavirus pandemic, Sandbach Town Council will not be holding a physical Council/committee meeting until 31 January 2022 (Inclusive). Therefore, this is not a formal meeting of the Council for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1972 and the outcomes of any votes are for the purpose of consultation and obtaining the view of members of Council only. No decisions can be made at this meeting. Holding an informal meeting of Council on a virtual basis will however fully enable all councillors to have a voice on the issues they wish to debate in public.*

*Following this meeting, decisions on the indications presented by Members will be considered by the Acting Town Clerk in consultation with the relevant Members, under STC Standing Order 27.*

*Although this is not a formal meeting, the majority of usual rules for debate in the Constitution and the Protocols for Remote Meetings will be followed by choice in order to provide structure and to enable maximum efficiency.*

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To provide an opportunity for members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in relation to any item on the agenda.

### **3. MAYORS COMMENTS**

---

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The Town Mayor will adjourn the meeting to allow questions from members of the public. After the questions the Town Mayor will reconvene the Town Council Meeting.

---

### **4. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Action: *To determine whether any items should be considered with the exclusion of the public and press, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.*

5. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER [ATTACHED].**

For Members to consider and indicate whether they believe that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held 22 September 2021 are a true reflection of the meeting.

*All Minutes for Agenda items 6 – 12 can be viewed via Sandbach Town Council website: <https://sandbach.gov.uk/public-meetings-2021-2022/>*

6. **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER (DRAFT).**

7. **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - NONE HELD**

8. **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – NONE HELD**

9. **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – NONE HELD.**

10. **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE – NONE HELD**

11. **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE – NO MINUTES AVAILABLE.**

12. **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SMALL COMMON REDEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER (DRAFT).**

13. **MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

13.1 **Planning Committee**

**Community Governance Consultation**

[Attached: Draft Response]

Lead: Cllr Hovey

Action: *For Members to indicate if they are in support of the draft response.*

13.2 **Planning Committee**

**CEC Town Centre Vitality Meeting Feedback**

[Report to Follow]

Lead: Cllr Hovey

Action: *To receive the update*

### **13.3 Assets and Services Committee**

#### **Christmas Market Update**

[Attached: Update]

Lead: Meeting Clerk

Action: *To receive the update.*

## **14. FINANCE MATTERS**

Lead: Chair of F,P&G Committee

### **14.1 CCTV Invoice**

[Attached: Invoice]

Action: *Members to consider and indicate if they support payment of invoice amount £5728.34 (EX VAT) for Public Space CCTV in Sandbach.*

### **14.2 Ellis Whittam Invoice**

[Attached: Invoice]

Action: *Members to consider and indicate if they support payment of invoice amount £3965.72 (EX VAT) for Ellis Whittam's support.*

## **15. PUB WATCH RADIOS SCHEME [DEFERRED FROM THE LAST MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL]**

Lead: Meeting Clerk

Action: To agree on the next steps for this proposal.

## **16. CORRESPONDENCE**

**16.1** Email concerning a plaque for a former Councillor, received on 17 July 2021 from a resident.

**16.2** Email concerning Sandbach and the Climate Emergency, received on 22 October 2021 from a resident.

**16.3** Email concerning an update on a Speeding Issues Consultation received on 4 October 2021 from ChALC.

## **17. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7pm on Zoom.

***Please note that this meeting will be recorded and the audio recording made available to the public within 5 working days of the meeting.***

**BLANK**

**PAGE**

## SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

# 5

Minutes of Sandbach Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
September 2021, Sandbach Town Hall at 7pm

### PRESENT

Councillors            G Price Jones (in the Chair)  
                              K Flavell  
                              R Hovey  
                              G Merry  
                              K Seymour  
                              S Kirkham  
                              D Hegarty  
                              S Broad  
                              J Beddows  
                              A Smith

Also present were approximately 8 members of the public.

Prayers were led by Cllr Merry.

---

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors    M Muldoon  
                      R Hoffman  
                      M Lea  
                      L Crane  
                      S Crane  
                      D Jack (Apologies were late)

Absent without apologies  
Councillors    Eaton

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Flavell declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Cheshire East Councillor.

### **3. MAYORS COMMENTS**

The Town Mayor made the following comments.

- Attended a Royal British Legion event at the end of August 2021
- Attended the Sandbach Animal Rescue event and will be interested to hear about their plans for the future
- Attended NHS Day in the Masonic Hall and thanked the NHS for their work
- Attended various civic services including those in Congleton and Knutsford
- Attended long-service award ceremony for local Guide Leader
- Attended the High Sheriff's party

- 5
- Attended the Sandbach Town Festival – lovely to see young people attending and a good attendance overall
- 

The Mayor adjourned the meeting to allow questions from members of the public.

Speaker Number One

It was reported that Old Mill Road is blighted by the noise of HGVs. It was asked whether STC was aware of these issues and what is planned to do about it.

In addition, referred to Item 16 on the agenda – plans for Pub Watch radios. The speaker was generally supportive of the initiative but would like to see more detailed plans and also asked whether other applications are available.

The Mayor responded by saying that STC knew about Old Mill Road but will follow up with Cheshire East Highways.

In relation to item 16, the Mayor said that this would be debated and a request for a more detailed proposal would be made.

Speaker Number Two

It was reported that Sandbach Drama Group is seeking to get back into action and asked that STC promote their work, including the performance of 'Brewster's Millions' from 18-20 November 2021. Cllr Beddows asked that an official invite is sent to the Mayor and it was also agreed to include on the 'What's On' section of the STC website.

Speaker Number Three

Referred to the Sandbach Pride Group, which had just been constituted and planned an event for June 2022. It was hoped that they could work with STC to secure a legacy of community support for LGBT+ issues. It was suggested that this could be done via the Diversity Champion in order to promote diversity in Sandbach. It was requested that a member of the Town Council join the group. Cllr Flavell said that the Council will support the group and will consider the request under the Diversity Champion item on the agenda.

Speaker Number Four

It was asked whether councillors still had free parking at Westfields in the town. The Mayor stated that he did not know, as this was a matter for Cheshire East Council. Cllr Flavell said that this parking was provided for Cheshire East Council staff.

Speaker Number Five

It was stated that Alsager Town Council was looking for a round table discussion with STC and Cheshire East Council on the establishment of the 317 bus service. It was agreed to email ATC/CEC.

---

**4. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, public and press will be excluded whilst items 7 and 13.1 were considered.

**5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2021 AND 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021 (EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes be accepted as an accurate record.

**6. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021, 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021, 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021 AND 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021.**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes are noted.

**7. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 AND 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes are noted (considered under Part 2 of the agenda as per minute 4 above).

**8. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE, POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes are noted.

**9. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – NO MEETINGS HELD**

**RESOLVED** The minutes were not available at the time of the meeting.

**10. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes are noted.

**11. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE – NO MINUTES AVAILABLE**

**RESOLVED** The minutes were not available at the time of the meeting.

**12. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SMALL COMMON REDEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE – NO MEETINGS HELD**

**RESOLVED** The minutes were not available at the time of the meeting.

### 13. MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### 13.1 Personnel Committee – Staffing Matters

Lead: Deputy Town Mayor

Action:

*To agree on any further actions as needed.*

**RESOLVED** Members agreed further actions under Part 2 of the agenda (see minute 4 above).

#### 13.2 Personnel Committee – Employee Handbook

Lead: Chair of Personnel

Action:

*To approve the Employee Handbook.*

**RESOLVED** It was agreed to consider the document at Personnel Committee.

#### 13.3 Finance Policy and Governance Committee – Diversity Champion

Lead: Chair of Finance, Policy and Governance

Action:

*To appoint a Diversity Champion.*

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to appoint Cllr Donal Hegarty as the Town Council's Diversity Champion up to the next Annual Council Meeting in 2022. It was noted that both councillors and staff needed to take responsibility for the policy and be aware of its contents.

### 14. FINANCE MATTERS

Lead: Chair of FP&G Committee

#### 14.1 Cheshire Community Action Invoice

Action:

*To approve payment of invoice amount £2,223.00 for services from Cheshire Community Action.*

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to pay this invoice.

#### 14.2 Waterplus Invoice

Action:

*To approve payment of invoice amount £3,406.40 for water charges.*



5

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to pay this invoice, less the £70.00 levied for 'late payment'. This meant a payment of £3,336.04 was approved by the Council.

#### **15. SANDBACH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – REGULATION 15**

It was reported by Cllr Kirkham (Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group) that the matter had been sent out for public consultation with assistance from Cheshire Community Action/Cheshire East Council and STC have since developed the document further. This will now be re-submitted to Cheshire East for Regulation 15 work and will be examined by the External Examiner to make the amended Neighbourhood Plan.

**RESOLVED:** This was approved by the Council and the Working Group was thanked for its work.

#### **16. MEMBERS ITEMS**

##### **16.1 Cllr David Jack – Police and Crime Commissioner**

This item was introduced by Cllr Kirkham in the absence of Cllr Jack.

Action:

1. *To receive a verbal report on the visit of the PCC*
2. *To recommend the release of £6,000.00 held in reserves to the radio suppliers at Northwest Radio as the STC contribution to the Pub Watch scheme.*

**RESOLVED:** The Town Council deferred the item, pending more information on the proposals.

#### **17. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence had been received by the Town Council.

- *Email – Transport for Medical Appointments – to liaise with organisations on sharing information in order to identify volunteers for the Communicare Scheme.*
- *Email -Community Asset Transfer Policy (Cheshire East Council) – agreed to add this to the Assets and Services agenda for 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.*

#### **18. DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7pm (Sandbach Town Hall).

**BLANK**

**PAGE**

These draft responses have been developed following communication with Haslington Parish Council and a member of Moston Parish Council.

Sandbach Town Council (STC) is currently divided into 4 wards which each return a single Cheshire East councillor and 5 town councillors. Historically the populations of each ward area have been similar, however since Cheshire East was formed there has been extensive residential development throughout Sandbach with the population expected to increase between 30% and 40% within the period of the CEC Local Plan, with much of the development and population increases already in place, ward populations have moved out of balance. If the Albion Lock development is included within the Elworth ward it may still be possible for the other three wards to be roughly similar in size of population. The CEC report does not report the numbers of electors present in each ward when Cheshire East was formed, meaning that some evidence is missing that might have emphasised the increase in electors per town councillor.

The Cheshire East Community Governance Review raises the following five issues

- (A) Changes to the boundary between Wheelock and Winterley
- (B) Incorporation of the Albion Lock development within the parish of Sandbach
- (C) Movement of the ward boundary between Elworth and Wheelock and Ettiley Heath
- (D) Increased number of town councillors to represent the increased population of Sandbach.
- (E) Increased number of town council members to represent the Elworth Ward

In considering these issues members of STC consider that their proposals comply with the requirements in the CEC consultation document that requires that they:

“should have regard to the need to ensure that each parish:

- Reflects the identities and interests of the different communities in the area. The Council considers that this is a ‘community of identity’ test, which is especially applicable to the new developments that presently traverse parish boundaries.
- Is effective and convenient. The Council considers that this is a ‘viability’ test, and the Council is anxious to ensure that parishes are viable and have sufficient resources to enable them to actively and effectively promote the well-being of their residents and to contribute to the real provision of services in their areas in an economic and efficient manner.
- Takes into account any other arrangements for the purposes of community representation or community engagement in the area that reinforce the ‘community of identity’ test. “

(A) The change to the boundary between Winterley and Wheelock. This has been a long standing request, so as to place all the residents of Winterley & Wheelock Heath within one civil parish - this proposal has also been supported by Haslington Parish Town Council. STC agrees with the concern raised by Haslington Parish Council regarding the exact location of the new boundary. There is no issue where the boundary runs alongside the Haslington - Wheelock bypass, however the proposed boundary then runs east and cuts off a small number of Wheelock residents around the canal locks and Mill Lane. STC agrees with the proposal from Haslington Parish Council that the eastern boundary should follow the line of the Hassall Moss Brook from the bypass eastwards - this would ensure that the small number of Wheelock residents living by the canal or on Mill Lane would not be cut off from their existing community of Wheelock - they would retain easy access to the polling station at Wheelock Methodist Church, there being no direct road route to Winterley.

## Proposal

**STC supports the revised boundary between Wheelock and Winterley if the new boundary aligns to the Haslington - Wheelock bypass and the valley of the Hassall Moss Brook.**

(B) Incorporation of the Albion Lock Development into the parish of Sandbach.

The CEC Local Plan has allocated the Albion Lock residential development to the Key Service Centre of Sandbach despite its physical location within the parish of Moston. Prior to this development Moston was a very rural community with small groups of houses spread out over the parish - the Albion Lock development introduced a dense cluster of housing, with a population several times that of the original Moston, where the residents rely on facilities in adjoining communities for their education, medical and shopping needs. Whilst the original masterplan for the redevelopment of the chemical factory envisaged employment, a service station and local shop, this has not been constructed and looks increasingly unlikely to take place - so the opportunity to create a new centre of the community has been lost. The vast majority of the new residents are from outside of Moston and relate to the nearby community of Elworth and town of Sandbach.

Moston Parish Council are understood to prefer a return to being a small rural parish and would be content for the Albion Lock development and the land between the railway line and the A533 through to the existing boundary with Elworth to transfer to Sandbach parish.

**Proposal STC support the CEC Governance report to transfer the area from Albion Lock development through to Elworth to the Sandbach parish.**

(C) Movement of the ward boundary between Elworth and Wheelock and Ettiley Heath

The draft review proposes moving 209 residents from the Ettiley Heath and Wheelock ward to the Elworth ward identified as the Teal Drive area. These residents are living on the Persimmon development accessed via the eastern portion of Moss Lane, between the Trent and Mersey Canal and the Crewe to Manchester railway line. As part of the housing development in this area Moss Lane was closed off to vehicle traffic just to the west of the development and the David Wilson development to the north of Moss Lane. The Governance report suggests that this transfer would establish the railway line as an easily identifiable boundary between the Elworth and Ettiley Heath & Wheelock wards - this is not the case as the Bellway development to the south of the Teal Drive area is also located between the canal and railway line. The developments are linked by a footpath and what should have been a cyclepath - unfortunately constructed with steps. The Elworth ward is proposed to be increased by the inclusion of the Albion Lock development from the Moston parish, the inclusion of a further 209 electors from this area would create further imbalance between the wards within STC and at the CEC ward level as they share the same boundaries.

**Proposal STC object to the change in boundary proposed by CEC in the Teal Drive area and retain the existing ward boundary based on the line of Moss Lane, a clear physical boundary on the ground.**

(D) Increased number of town councillors to represent the increased population of Sandbach.

The population of Sandbach parish is expected to increase by around 30% - 40% during the period of the CEC Local Plan, much of that increase has already taken place, so it is reasonable that STC consider increasing the number of town councillors who represent that increased population. All four wards of the town council have had substantial residential developments since Cheshire East Council was formed. STC has had issues with maintaining quoracy at committee meetings, there may be a need to translate the keenness of councillors to be elected into an ability to participate in the well established STC committee system. STC has previously proposed increasing the number of councillors from 5 to 6 for each ward, reflecting the increase in population across all wards. CEC considers

that this would create too large a council so proposes an additional 2 councillors if Albion Lock is incorporated into Elworth ward.

**Propose STC accept the draft recommendation of CEC and not request an increase in the number of councillors to 6 in each ward.**

(E) Increased number of town council members to represent the Elworth Ward

If the incorporation of Albion Lock into Elworth ward is accepted, the 833 electors justify the addition of one further member to represent the ward on STC. CEC proposes increasing the number to 7 members for Elworth to take account of the increased population residing in new developments constructed elsewhere in the ward, an argument they refuse to apply to the other three wards that are all showing substantial increases in population. It may be that a more radical movement of ward boundaries is required, such as moving all of the Abbeyfields development out of Elworth into Ettley Heath and Wheelock ward to even numbers up, but that is too complex to consider at this time with the limited data available.

**Propose either**

**Propose STC request an increase to 6 members to represent the enlarged Elworth ward on STC**

**Or**

**Propose STC accept the CEC recommendation to increase to 7 members to represent the enlarged Elworth ward on STC.**

**BLANK**

**PAGE**

**SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Report to Town Council – 10 November 2021**

13.3

**Christmas Market and Late Night Shopping Event 2021**

---

**Purpose of the Report**

To update the Committee on progress made on the Christmas Market 2021.

**Report**

This year's event, taking place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, is now well underway in terms of planning.

Following on from the last update that was presented in July to Assets and Services, and the difficulties that were experienced in gaining operational help, we have now secured the services of Blitz who will be providing for the Market operationally. They will be erecting and dismantling the market, including all Gazebos, tables, festoon lighting, lighting towers, generators and performance area PAs. They will also be providing staff on site in case of any issues regarding their equipment.

The Christmas Market is now full with an eclectic mix of almost 80 traders booked in for the Cobbles, Little Common, High Street and Indoor Market. The inclusion again of Olive and Stitch in the Ballroom will take the total number of stalls on site to over 100.

We also have a fabulously varied and packed programme for the two performance areas including performances through the afternoon and evening by: Haslington Primary, Offley Primary, Elworth C of E, Smallwood Primary, The Boys School, Brereton Hand Bell ringers, Coop Wind Band, Young voices, Pop Choir, Singing sensations Sandbach, Nantwich Voices, and Rock Choir.

In terms of advertising, Banners have now been erected to advertise the event and a leaflet drop is taking place to all households in Sandbach that advertises both this and the Christmas Lights Switch on on the reverse side. The event is also present on social media and the Town Council Website. Furthermore, leaflets for the event have been circulated in PDF form to all the local primary schools for inclusion in their newsletters. A letter will be going out to Sandbach shops to invite them to stay open late on the day of the Market, and also to take part in the annual "Best Dressed Shop Window" Competition for which the Mayor will announce the winner at the Christmas Market.

There will be a few opportunities for volunteers to get involved in helping direct traders and managing the performance areas. An email will be circulated to members soon, but I very much hope that you would like to be involved in this event.

**Recommendation:**

That the report be received.

Operational Support Officer

03/11/2021

**BLANK**

**PAGE**



Contact Centre  
 01244 972052  
 VAT Registration Number 945 0920 22

**INVOICE**

Sandbach Town Council  
 Sandbach Town Hall  
 High Street  
 Sandbach  
 Cheshire  
 CW11 1AX

Your Ref:  
 For Service Enquiries Contact:  
 Stuart Hobson  
 Tel: 01270 371471  
 Email: Stuart.Hobson@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Due Date	Customer No.
11700036755	21/09/2021	19/10/2021	116001240

Page 1/2

Detail	Qty	Unit Price	VAT %	VAT	Net Amount
Public Space CCTV Services in Sandbach 2021/22	1.00	5728.34	20.00	1145.67	5728.34
<b>THIS INVOICE IS DUE AND PAYABLE BY 19 October 2021</b> 24 Hour Automated Payment Service 0300 123 5039 Please see reverse for Payment Methods			<b>Subtotal</b>	5,728.34	
			<b>VAT</b>	1,145.67	
			<b>Gross Total Due</b>	6,874.01	

Please quote your Invoice Number 11700036755 on ALL correspondence/payments to avoid delays.  
 Details are shown overleaf on how to pay your invoice

**BLANK**

**PAGE**

**Invoice**  
**SINV029726**

1 November 2021

Finance Department  
Sandbach Town Council  
Sandbach Town Council  
High Street  
Sandbach  
Cheshire CW11 1AX



Ellis Whittam Limited  
Woodhouse  
Aldford  
Chester  
Cheshire CH3 6JD

**Due Date** 15 November 2021  
**Payment Terms** Net 14 days  
**Payment Method** Bank Transfer

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Start Date	End Date	VAT %	Amount
Combined - Year 2	1	3,308.7168	Nov 2021	Nov 2022	20	3,308.72
E-Learning	1	657.00	Nov 2021	Nov 2022	20	657.00

**VAT Amount Specification**

VAT Identifier	VAT %	VAT Base	VAT Amount
20	20	3,965.72	793.14

**Subtotal** 3,965.72  
**VAT Amount** 793.14  
**Total GBP Incl. VAT** 4,758.86

**VAT Reg No.**  
249070992

**Company Reg No.**  
04382739

**Home Page.**  
[www.elliswhittam.com](http://www.elliswhittam.com)

**Email**  
[creditcontrol@elliswhittam.com](mailto:creditcontrol@elliswhittam.com)

**Bank.**  
NatWest

**Sort Code.**  
60-40-08

**Account No.**  
32996314

**Phone No.**  
0345 226 8393

**BLANK**

**PAGE**

16.1

Dear Sirs

My father Edward Williams of Dodington Drive Sandbach Cheshire, recently passed away on the 7th February 2021, he had been a Town Councillor (Sandbach) and had during his life contributed to Charities to enable Leighton Hospital to obtain a new Kidney machine

My Brother and Family wish to inquire as to how we can obtain a small plaque for remembrance for one of the seats that are outside the Sandbach Town Council, His widow and my Brother still reside in Sandbach and pass the seats every day

If you can let me know what the process is I will be grateful for your assistance

very much look forward to your reply

Dear Ms Banks

Just a friendly reminder, to see if there any updates to the below request, we have a small Brass plaque engraved, but as discussed, I presume, if approved - it would have to be fitted to the bench by Council Technicians -

Very much look forward to your reply

**BLANK**

**PAGE**

**Subject:** Sandbach and the Climate Emergency

Dear Sandbach Town Councillors

May I start by thanking you all for the time and energy you give to being Town Councillors for our wonderful town. I have been a Sandbach resident since 2017 and before that I lived in Congleton. I have two teenage children at school in the town.

I am writing to enquire where the Town Council stands on the Climate Emergency and what, if any, plans it has to tackle this issue at a local level? From my research, I note that Cheshire East Council declared a Climate Emergency on 22nd May 2019. How does this relate to what we are (or are not) doing here in Sandbach? For example, does the Town Council have any plans to reduce its own carbon footprint, or to assist local businesses and residents to do the same? Is the impact on the climate considered in discussions or when making any decisions?

I have browsed the Sandbach Town Council website and can find no mention of Climate Change or the Climate Emergency anywhere. Does that mean that as a town we are not doing anything? I would argue that the climate crisis is the most important issue that we currently face, not just as a town, but as a county, a nation and as a global population, so I am keen to hear what we are doing here in Sandbach.

In my research I have also discovered that both Congleton Town Council and Middlewich Town Council declared a climate emergency in 2019. This means that they are actively doing things to mitigate the effects of climate change in their areas, putting pressure on CEC to fulfil its promises in relation to climate and educating and encouraging residents to engage with the issue and start to make changes in their own lives. Please could you explain to me why Sandbach Town Council did not do the same? This is something that we *all* have to be involved in and I hope that you can tell me what you are doing to help the people of Sandbach to be part of the solution.

Out of interest, please have a look at everything that Congleton Town Council are doing - <https://www.congleton-tc.gov.uk/climate-emergency/> . I would love to see something similar happening in Sandbach.

Thank you for your time in reading this email and I look forward to your responses.

With kind regards.

**BLANK**

**PAGE**



## Speeding Issues Consultation Further Update

Speeding is a very real problem in many localities, and this was underscored in the responses to the survey that we, ChALC, undertook at the beginning of this year. Unfortunately, many of you have not been successful in engaging with the statutory bodies to get something done. We have therefore approached this from a different but positive angle.

We have been working with John Dwyer, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), and his officers to develop a new partnership to identify localities where there is community concern about speeding expressed by their local council and where that local council is willing to contribute to delivering a solution.

The PCC is proposing an initial pilot scheme in at least four localities where average speed cameras could be installed. These are evidenced to be the most effective way to reduce speeding.

We are seeking local councils that would wish to participate in this pilot scheme (or indeed a subsequent roll out if it is successful). To do so, a local council would need to:

- feel that speeding was one of the top issues that its community faces;
- be prepared to contribute financially to the cost of average speed cameras, and
- to work with the partnership (the Police, Principal Authorities and ChALC) on the details of siting, electricity supply, signage, etc. as the knowledge of the local council on these matters is vital.

We do not yet know precisely what financial commitment this will entail, but one of the Parish Councils which wishes to participate in the pilot scheme feels the issue is important enough for up to contribute up to £5,000 per annum to have a pair of average speed cameras installed (this might be as a revenue payment or to service a Public Works Loan Board loan).

We hope that the pilot scheme can be started very soon, and if you are interested in being part of it can you please start a discussion with us via Stephen Jones

A copy of the most recent News Release issued jointly by the PCC and ChALC is attached for your information.

**BLANK**

**PAGE**

# 16.3



OFFICE OF  
Police & Crime  
Commissioner  
for Cheshire

News release: 29 September 2021  
For immediate release

## **Commissioner and councils tackling speeding in Cheshire**

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, and the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) have been working together to find solutions to speeding across Cheshire following a county-wide survey.**

ChALC conducted a survey earlier this year in order to get an idea of how much speeding affects parishes and towns across the county. The exercise found that a number of areas were desperate to put permanent solutions in place in order to bring an end to long-running problems, and the group has been working closely with Police and Crime Commissioner John Dwyer and his office.

John Dwyer, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, said: "Speeding and dangerous road use is one of the main issues that the police have to deal with, so I am determined to do what I can to help local councils and communities across Cheshire combat this problem.

"People deserve to live in safe communities where drivers are conscientious and understand that we all share the road. Tackling this issue head on will make Cheshire a safer place for pedestrians, drivers and all road users."

ChALC and the Commissioner have been discussing a variety of measures to address the concerns that have been raised and are hopeful that significant progress will be made

soon. One possible solution being explored is expanding the use of average speed cameras across the county; a measure included in the Commissioner's soon-to-be-published Police and Crime Plan.

John Dwyer added: "This issue is a key priority for me and that is clearly reflected in my Police and Crime Plan. I'm very clear that I want to work with organisations like ChALC to tackle speeding and make the biggest difference possible to communities across Cheshire.

"I look forward to seeing what ChALC and I can achieve together. It's important for me to know what each community's needs are, as well as the overall picture in the county, and working closely with the councils that represent them is the best way to bring about change."

Terry O'Neill, Chairman of ChALC, said: "We are delighted to see that partnership in action is going to enable us all to work together for a better outcome for our communities. In areas where speeding has become nightmarish for residents I am sure this will be very much welcomed."

Ends

## Notes to Editors

For further information please contact Sam Baxter on [samuel.baxter@cheshire.police.uk](mailto:samuel.baxter@cheshire.police.uk) or 07989 311548.

Image caption: