



**SANDBACH
TOWN COUNCIL**

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes for the meeting held on **Wednesday, 16th November 2022**
at **7.00pm** in **Sandbach Town Hall**.

Committee Members: Cllrs G Price Jones (Chair), A Nevitt (Vice Chair), A Smith, D Hegarty, L Crane, N Adams, N Cook, J Beddows, R Hoffmann and S Broad.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs N Adams, J Beddows, S Broad, L Crane, A Nevitt.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests were made.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Members of the public present did not want to raise any questions so no adjournment was necessary.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

[Attached to Agenda: Minutes]

Resolved: *Minutes of the meeting held 17th August 2022 were approved as an accurate record.*

4. CEC ENFORCEMENT

[Community Enforcement Representatives in attendance for this agenda item] CEC officers gave a useful overview of services provided (dog fouling / dog control / PSBOs) and the scope to 'top up' the CEC provision through Town Council funding. Members welcomed the connection with CEC and were supportive of exploring options.

Resolved: *Delegated authority given to the Chief Officer to liaise with CEC officers and produce costed options for additional enforcement provision for Full Council consideration.*

5. COST OF LIVING CRISIS/CONNECTED COMMUNITIES UPDATE

[Attached to Agenda: Cllr Cook's Members Item report to Council 21.9.22 and notes of Connected Communities meeting.]

Cllr Cook provided an update of the work being undertaken through the Connected Communities Group regarding the allocation of £7,500, to support

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the Cost of Living Crisis, as resolved by Council. It was highlighted that this provision will be targeted at boosting the current support network rather than to individuals. Noted that this Committee will have a regular item to report back from Connected Communities meeting and seek to support progress to achieve outcomes.

Resolved: *The update on progress from STC's Connected Community Representative Cllr Cook was received.*

6. **STC Vehicle**

The Chief Officer explained that the Council had been approached by the Ladies Circle for the provision of a vehicle for the town's Santa's Sleigh event. It was clarified that this was covered by the Council's current insurance provision, subject to the necessary conditions being met.

Resolved: *Expenditure of £445 for supply and fit of tow bar on STC's Peugeot Van to facilitate Council's support of Community Father Christmas residential visits, and to assist in the event of Market Van breakdown, (cost centre 195-6230 (Ranger Equipment) was approved.*

7. **Sandbach Bins**

[Attached to Agenda:Cllr Poole's Report to Council 21.9.22]

Committee welcomed the proposal but felt that this could be dealt with through the Chief Officer and / or local members liaising directly with ANSA. It was also felt that a view across all wards based on community need & engagement should be taken.

Resolved: *That the Chief Officer's office liaise with ANSA, and local Councillors, and report back to this Committee with an update.*

8. **Community Garden**

[Attached to Agenda:Cllr Poole's Members Item Report to Council 21.9.22]

The Committee welcomed the proposal and felt that a Park and Open Spaces Working Group would be a useful way forward. It was agreed that this should take a strategic view across all wards and identify potential priorities for Council approval in due course. It was noted that other related initiatives should also be progressed alongside this group with connections made as necessary. Eg. the Orchard Working Group and the wildflower project.

Resolved: *the Chief Officer to facilitate the setting up of a Park and Open Spaces Working Group.*

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

10. **DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Community & Environment Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 7pm in Sandbach Town Hall.

Chair Signature:

Date: