



**SANDBACH
TOWN COUNCIL**

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes for the meeting held on **Wednesday, 15th February 2023**
at **7.00pm** in **Sandbach Town Hall**.

In attendance:

Councillors A Nevitt (Vice Chair)
 S Broad
 N Cook
 L Crane
 N Adams
 D Hegarty
 J Beddows
 R Hoffmann (Arrived 7.04pm)
 A Smith (Arrived 7.04pm)

Also in attendance was a Cheshire Police representative and Cllr D Poole.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs G Price Jones (Personal Reasons) and K Flavell (Personal Reasons).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cook

Advised of interest re. item 4 and that this is not considered material in relation to the item discussion.

Cllr L Crane

Non pecuniary interest in item 5 as a CEC Councillor.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was adjourned for questions. There being no questions the meeting was immediately reconvened.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: Minutes of the meeting held 16th November 2022 were approved as an accurate record.

4. POLICING UPDATE

A detailed report was received from the local Police Representative, including update on current allocation of officers, activity funding, community engagement and crime rates within the Town. It was confirmed that the current internal force priorities locally are:

- Violence and intimidation against women and girls
- Burglary
- Response times (Grade 1 and 2 incidents)

It was emphasised that all police reports should be made via 101 (999 for emergency).

5. CEC ENFORCEMENT

Following discussion at the last Committee meeting, it was confirmed that the Chief Officer has been in touch with the Enforcement department and awaits confirmation of possible services and options available. On receipt, this information will be presented to future meeting.

The Office continues to share 'Fix My Street' via social media and in reply to enquiries as this reporting tool is a key in assessing demand of enforcement in any area.

6. SANDBACH BINS

The Fields Drive litter bin is now confirmed, though there is a slight delay in installing due to equipment problem.

Dog waste dispensers are to be addressed via the 'friends of' groups and response to enquiry following last meeting will be ascertained from the Office and reported to next meeting.

Issues of dog fouling are also encouraged for reporting via 'Fix My Street' to ensure enforcement team is aware of problem areas. Unless regularly reported, issues can not be assessed or addressed. To further assist, 'Poop Scoop' stencils and sprays to be reinvestigated by the Meeting Clerk for Councillor use within their wards.

7. SANDBACH CONNECTED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Members received the notes of latest Community Partnership meeting for information, within their agenda pack. There were no questions regarding the update.

8. PARK AND OPEN SPACE WORKING GROUP

Discussion referenced necessity to identify the park groups in existence and establishing their requirements for support, if any, along with conversations with CEC parks team regarding any available funding. This will enable facilitation of a task list to proceed with projects in the event of funding allocation.

The Meeting Clerk will contact all Councillors seeking membership of a Park and Open Spaces Working group, with representation encouraged from each ward.

9. SKATEPARK WORKING GROUP

The Lead Member of the Working Group updated on the current status, including requirements of 30m housing buffer which limits suitable site options for a Skate Park. This information, along with update from the Chief Officer's meeting with ANSA representatives, will be fed back to the working group for consideration. A report from the Working Group will be provided for Council in due course.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

11. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed subject to the 2023/24 Council Calendar being reviewed.

Meeting closed 7.55pm
Cllr A Nevitt, Vice-Chair (In the Chair)

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