

Sandy Town Council

2021/22

Annual Report



Mayor's Report



It was a great privilege to be invited to take on the position of Town Mayor in May 2021. The event itself, which involved taking the oath at the Annual Meeting of Council, was held remotely via a Zoom link from my office at home, “accompanied” by colleagues also in various parts of their respective homes, was a somewhat surreal experience. That of course was the necessity forced upon members and officers of Sandy Town Council and indeed every other Town and Parish Council in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. It was also indicative of the changes and adaptations which had been required to keep local government functioning during what had been for more than twelve months and continues to be this country's and the world's greatest peace time crisis for many decades.

I succeeded Cllr Michael Scott whose own term as Town Mayor had been extended to 3 years when, following the initial outbreak of the pandemic in March 2020, it had been impossible to hold an Annual Meeting of Council at all. Hence, in May that year Cllr. Scott, myself his Deputy and the Chairs of the standing committees remained in post for a third year. I wish to place on record my thanks and acknowledgement to Cllr. Scott for his diligence and commitment during what everyone found a difficult and unprecedented period of our lives!

At the same virtual Annual Meeting held on 6 May 2021 Cllr. Joanna Hewitt was appointed Deputy Mayor. Joanna, a comparative newcomer to Sandy but someone with bags of enthusiasm and great ideas has already brought a fresh and dynamic perspective to many discussions and debates on a wide range of issues.

It was not until late in June 2021 that members were permitted to return for a one off in person meeting in the Council Chamber to enable Year End Accounts, the Annual Internal Audit Report, Governance & Accounting Statements to be considered and approved. So, wearing face coverings and socially distanced, a sufficient number of members to ensure we were quorate ran the gauntlet of Covid-19 after which it was back to remote meetings until later in the summer when the pandemic along with Government regulations began to ease. Nevertheless, the use of virtual or remote meetings continued and is now a common and often preferred choice for the likes of working groups, sub committees and indeed meetings with partners and stakeholders within the town and beyond. It saves time, can be organised at short notice and vastly reduces car use and with it the level of harmful CO2 emissions.

Members of both the Administration and Outdoor Teams, under the Clerk's steadfast leadership deserve everyone's thanks for also showing a willingness to be adaptable; for undergoing training to equip them in different ways to cope with the demands and constraints forced upon them by the pandemic and resultant rules and regulations.

Around the turn of the year Cllr. Stuart Patterson gave notice that for personal reasons he had decided to resign from the Town Council. Stuart was thanked for his service and in early March Lorraine Ivanciu-Wilkinson was co-opted to replace Stuart

as member for Fallowfield Ward.

At our meeting held on 10 January 2021 we remembered and paid tribute to former Member Cllr. Peter Stainton and also to Mrs Rosemary Sharman, wife of former Cllr. David Sharman and mother to current member Cllr. Paul Sharman, who had both recently passed away.

Also in January our Town Clerk for the previous 7 years Mr Chris Robson made us aware that for entirely personal career based reasons he had decided to move on. It is difficult to sum up just how much Chris contributed not only to the Council but to the Town of Sandy and it's residents as a whole during his time in post. We are grateful to Chris for his hard work, commitment and dedication and the role he played in the life of the Town during his time with us here in Sandy.

Chris left on 11 March three days after his successor, our new Town Clerk Mrs Nicola Sewell joined the Council. We warmly welcome Nicola to Sandy and I am confident that over the coming weeks and months she will become known to many in the town.

As Covid-19 restrictions eased Jackie and I were at last able to get out and about in the town and beyond and I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all those who extended invitations to us and for the courtesy and kindness shown wherever we went. The Remembrance Parade and outdoor service, the Christmas Lights Switch-on event and the Carol Service in St Swithun's Church returned us to a semblance of normality.

I want to go on and summarise where we are in respect of a whole range of projects, events and activities in Sandy as we move into the fourth and final year of this Council. Before doing so however, the saddest event I have to report was the passing on 1 April 2022 of Cllr. Max Hill. Max had been a member of Town Council since 2015 and while he had lived in Beeston with his wife Ros for more than 30 years he represented Ivel Ward. Until he retired, Max had been Head Teacher at what was then known as Sandy Upper School. I will not repeat here everything that has already been written elsewhere about Max save that in everything Max did, and he did a very great deal, he did it with gusto, enthusiasm and total commitment. Whether it was everything he contributed to the Town Council from being Chair of HR to MC'ing the Christmas Lights Event, to supporting the endeavours of the Sandy Sports & Leisure Association, to guiding and organising both elements of the Twinning Association including the Summer Schools in Poland, not to mention his own interest in Angling and Cricket he gave it 100%. As I said in my tribute to Max at the Town Council meeting on 11 April I will miss him, Sandy Town Council will miss him and Sandy as a whole will miss him. All of our sympathies at this time go to Ros, daughters Natalie and Lizzie and to the extended family.

As I set out to draft this report I was determined to be as optimistic and upbeat as possible. However, while the past year has been a broadly positive and successful period in which there have been achievements and progress on many fronts there have in equal measure been setbacks, disappointments and yes, frustrations, caused for the most part by reasons beyond our immediate control or direct influence.

It would be almost impossible to encapsulate here everything dealt with by the Town Council during this period. That is why I will remind everyone that the business transacted by the Town Council at every meeting including its standing committees is set out in an Agenda with reports etc. and followed by detailed Minutes all of which are posted and available for scrutiny within prescribed periods on the Town Council web site.

In line with the Council's Environment Policy the decision was taken to replace the oldest of the Council's two diesel trucks with an all Electric Utility Vehicle and delivery of this is expected during the Autumn. This will be a versatile piece of equipment which will itself be capable of recharging smaller portable electric tools like trimmers, sprayers and so and with an off-road capability will make the outdoor team more flexible as they go about the wide range of work they carry out daily around Sandy and Beeston.

The project to provide a new Skatepark on Sunderland Road Playing fields should now come to fruition during the summer with all the necessary funding in place.

Close by and although not directly a Town Council project the Sandy Sports & Leisure Association were able to successfully complete a major refurbishment of the All Weather Sports Pitch between early July and late September with the £200k of funding coming from SSLA's accumulated reserves and a Sport England Grant. The Town Council is the sole trustee of SSLA.

Also, many hours of discussion and consultation have taken place between Sandy Town Council and Central Beds Council but also involving multiple user groups and others around developing the existing Jenkins Pavilion to provide a CBC Sports Hub. This will involve the creation and provision of extended indoor facilities including gymnasium and dance and fitness studios. Subject to planning permission this work, which will also include additional car parking is due to begin later in the year.

Under the Chairmanship of Cllr. Amanda Gibson the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, which vitally includes a good number of enthusiastic residents, met on numerous occasions and reported regularly to Town Council. In March 2022 the Steering Group provided Working Timelines aimed at getting a Neighbourhood Plan adopted in July 2023.

With a number of last-minute problems now resolved it's hopefully full steam ahead in preparing for the Queens Platinum Jubilee event to be held in the grounds of the former Sandye Place Academy on Thursday 2 June. That is when this year the Town Mayor's Awards for Services to the Community will be announced and awarded. Nine days later, on Saturday 11 June the Sandy Carnival Committee will be staging the Annual Carnival which will return after the enforced break caused by the pandemic with the procession also ending in the former Sandye Place Academy grounds.

I am delighted the Events Working Group have so much scheduled for 2022 including welcome return visits to Beeston by The Pantaloons Outdoor Theatre Group in July and August.

I am optimistic that with the new Depot building and car park in Stratford Road complete that in the next few months more progress will be possible in terms of laying out the new cemetery with the pathways and the line of the planned remembrance arbour along the line of the buried Roman Town Wall finally determined and hopefully created. This is a task which members of our Cemetery Working Group will be getting to grips with shortly.

I must record thanks to our CBC Ward members for the input and support which they have provided on a number of fronts during the past year. Their willingness to engage with and support members and the Town Clerk(s) has been greatly appreciated.

The Deputy Mayor and I have had meetings together during the year with representatives of neighbouring towns and parishes to discuss a range of issues where we have common interests and matters of mutual concern. Notable among these are the issues of air pollution and highways safety along the A1, including gap closures and its overall impact on our communities and individual residents and families who live close to the carriageways. Also the likely impact on Sandy and neighbouring parishes of the latest Black Cat realignment which it is predicated will result in a significant increase in the number of vehicles using the A1 between the Black Cat and south of Sandy and Biggleswade. These discussions have involved our member of Parliament and representatives of Highways England. There have also been meetings with and visits to Sandy by The Police and Crime Commissioner to make him very well aware of the matters of greatest concern to residents but it is impossible really to judge to what extent if any such meetings influence thinking or bring benefit.

I referred above to feelings of frustration; frustration that the project to bring some small-scale affordable housing plus allotments and a community orchard to Beeston seems forever mired in process and bureaucracy, that it is taking too long to get the new crossing installed in the High Street and the traffic calming measures in Station Road and that improved disability access to areas of the town seems so difficult to achieve. Finally, frustration tinged with anger that all too often we wake up to wanton damage having been caused to play equipment, newly planted trees ripped out of the ground and bottles smashed and footpaths left strewn with broken glass and it's usually the Town Council's staff who are out the next day clearing up!

My Very Best Wishes to you all.

Councillor Martin Pettitt

Mayor of Sandy Town Council (2021-2022)

The Council

During the Civic year, May 2021 to May 2022, where Covid restrictions allowed, meetings were held in the Council chamber. However, a few were held remotely to transact council business to ensure the effective running of the council.

15 Full Council Meetings

17 Development Scrutiny Committee Meetings

10 Policy, Finance and Resources Committee Meetings

10 Community Services and Environment Committee Meetings

5 Human Resources Committee Meetings

The Council also operated a number of Working Groups during the year, which met to progress specific Council activities and projects.

Members have served as representatives on a number of outside bodies:

Talk of the Town Transport Committee

Sandy Carnival Committee

Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights

Sandy Village Hall Management Committee

Sandy Town Centre Group

Sandy Twinning Association

SG19 Road Safety Group

Sandy Sports and Leisure Association

Sandy Green Wheel Group

22 Squadron Air Training Corps Civilian Committee

Sandy Community Children's Centre

Sandy Charities

CBC Community Safety Action Plan Group

Winchester Road Regeneration Board

BLEVEC – Bedfordshire Local Emergency Volunteers Executive Committee

Rural Market Town's Group

Police Priority Setting

Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvements Group

Highlights from the Council year 2021-22

Below are just a few of the highlights from the Council's activities during 2021-22 Council year.



To help welcome the community back to our High Street and support local small businesses, we held a Sandy Spring Craft Market in May 2021, showcasing many of our brilliant local artisans, crafters, artists, bakers and small-business makers of all kinds, as part of the Greensand Country Festival.

Sandy Town Council, as part of its Green Plan, is replacing its old concrete bins with newer, larger bins around the town. The Council ran a design a poster competition to encourage residents to use the litter bins. The quality of the poster designs submitted made it hard to choose a single winner so both Jessy Alexander, age 10 and Lois Wheeler, age 8 were declared joint winners.



To welcome the community back into Sandy High Street after restrictions were lifted, the Town Council and Sandy Centre Group, in partnership with our brilliant local businesses, have produced a 'Shop Sandy' leaflet, which is jam-packed with vouchers and great offers for local residents

Sandy town centre was brightened in August by the installation of new lamppost banners on some of the columns along the High Street. The banners all celebrate different features of Sandy, encouraging the community to enjoy our lovely greenspaces and support our High Street.



The Market Square buzzed with activity on Sunday 22nd August, as visitors explored a wealth of artisan products, gifts, art pieces and tasty treats from 22 small businesses. Traders reported a great day of sales and received lots of interest from the community, with a number of stalls selling out completely before the end of the day.

In October, the Mayor of Sandy, Councillor Martin Pettitt, joined the Sandy Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal Organiser, Cheryl Watkins for the unveiling of a new memorial bench, which marked the start of Remembrancetide in the Royal British Legion's centenary year.



In November the residents of Sandy turned out in large numbers to remember and pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the two World Wars and conflicts in between and since. In this, the Centenary year of The Royal British Legion and following a year when such public gatherings were not possible due to the pandemic, there seemed a greater appetite than ever to demonstrate that, "We Will Remember Them".



In December people from across the community braved the crisp wintery weather in Sandy Market Square to explore a large market offering a range of seasonal delights; enjoy a great line-up of live music performed by local artists and schools; take a spin on some funfair rides and visit Santa at his grotto.

Following a good amount of engagement from our roller sport community a final design for Sandy's new skatepark was agreed. The design, developed by listening to feedback from residents through online and in-person consultations, combines 18 features to create an interesting and varied facility, with opportunities and challenges for people of all abilities.



Policy, Finance and Resources Committee

Chaired by Councillor C Osborne



The Town Council's Policy, Finance and Resources Committee, which is made up of ten councillors, is authorised by the Full Council to take responsibility for the preparation of the Council's annual budget and precept, ensuring the Council has sufficiently budgeted for its operations, the implementation of an annual grants system, review of the longer-term financial strategy of the Council, the review and approval of Council policy and procedures, and monitoring and scrutinising of the budget.

Policy, Finance and Resources Chairman's Report

Budget and Precept

At a meeting of Sandy Town Council on 24 January 2022 the Council agreed its budget and precept for the year ending 31 March 2023.

I am pleased to report that the committee's continuing work in reviewing all cost centres and seeking best value meant that the Council was able to set a budget that resulted in a small annual increase of £5.62 on the Sandy council tax charge. This agreed 2022/23 budget and precept request equates to an increase of 10.78 pence a week for the average Band D taxpayer in Sandy. Residents will pay £154.86 in 2022/23 for all the services Sandy Town Council provides.

The budget setting process takes place over a number of committee meetings – starting in the autumn -- with involvement by all Councillors. As with other financial years all aspects of the Council's budget were scrutinised and evaluated to reduce costs and make efficiency savings where possible while ensuring that its core functions are adequately resourced. This included re-negotiating service contracts and looking at new suppliers where possible to achieve cost savings. In total the Council made £7,800 in budget reductions and £1,450 in increased income set against required budget increases of approximately £39,472.

The areas that accounted for the growth in the budget included increased costs for business rates, national insurance and pension contributions, utilities (gas, electricity and water), fuel and agreements to which the Council is obligated. More funds have also been made available for Christmas lighting, Remembrance Sunday Parade, Lamppost Banners and the planned Platinum Jubilee Event.

The Town Council recognises the importance of providing a best value service and keeping costs down. As such, service providers and contracts are continually reviewed to ensure best value and the Council has successfully renegotiated its insurance, printing, copying, CCTV and service agreements and contracts.

Grants and Donations

The Council has maintained its community grants budget and during the 2021/22 financial year the Committee approved grants totalling £3,755 to a variety of worthwhile organisations and community groups, all of which carry out valuable and important work within and around Sandy. A list of those bodies who received grants or donations can be found on page 17 of the Annual Report. In addition, the Council also supported various community events by £4,510 including a recent donation towards the Sandy 2022 Carnival.

Due to the impact of the Covid19 pandemic the Council did not incur, in the past year, the level of expenditure it would otherwise, but did look at other ways of engaging with the Community. The lack of planned expenditure in some areas allowed the Council to absorb reduced income received and provide funding for a number of capital projects approved in 2022/23, including replacement of children's play equipment, increased provision for tree planting and being one of the first councils in the region to replace one of its' trucks by an electric vehicle.

Section 106

Each year the Council continues to ensure Section 106 funds are invested back into Sandy and its community. Section 106 (S106) is a planning obligation, a legal agreement between the planning authority, the developer and other interested parties. By law they must be: necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms, directly related to the development, fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development. The agreement can include the contribution of funds for use within the community. During 2021/22 the Council secured £34,517 in this way towards a new skatepark at the Sunderland Road recreation ground, and received funding of £67,615 from a number of other sources towards this project.

Also during the 2021/22 financial year £19,452 from S106 funding and the 'Welcome Back' fund was secured towards new items of play equipment, improved paving at the Village Hall and improvements in the High Street and Market Square with planters, banners, etc.

Policies and Procedures

The Committee has continued to review its policies and procedures to ensure they are effective and up to date. This year the Council adopted a new policy for volunteers and reviewed fourteen others. The Council's policies are available to view on the Town Council website.

The Committee oversaw a number of legal matters, including lease renewals, and reviewed the Council's Risk Register.

In addition, we completed and received clean external and internal audits.

Community Services and Environment Committee

Chaired by Councillor S Sutton



The Community Services and Environment Committee has a wide remit to discuss issues related to open spaces, allotments, and the cemetery. The committee also reviews work required to footpaths, pavements, cycle-ways, roads, waterways, horticultural and arboriculture works, street furniture (seats, planters, waste bins), play areas, and play equipment.

At the beginning of the year the committee updated the Action Plan which detailed our aims and objectives for 2021/22. This report is available on the website and shows the results in meeting those objectives.

Community Services and Environment Chairman's Report

Town Centre

- Work progressed on the new town entrance signs and these should be installed in 2022 with agreement from the partners in the project.
- We continue to work with the Town Centre Group to access grant funding of £15,000 for projects within the market square area. Lamppost banners, high street leaflets and shop vouchers, additional tree lighting and planters have all been installed. The town centre directories will be installed in 2022.

Sport, Leisure and Wellbeing

- Great progress has been made on the new skatepark for Sunderland Road recreation ground. The tender process was successful and plans were produced for public consultation. Final plans have been agreed and funding is in place for the project to start in 2022/23.
- It is with regret that we are no closer to obtaining the Beeston Community Land from CBC. It has been another year without any sign of the lease from their solicitors and for CBC to publish the notice to dispose of the land to Sandy Town Council. This land is to be used for allotments and a community orchard.

Environment

- Continued Support for Sandy Green Wheel, including a number of regular walks.
- Supported litter picking areas of the town as part of the Great British Spring Clean. We have litter pickers and collecting waste bags that can be loaned to any groups wishing to clean their own areas.
- We have been upgrading our litter bins and removing concrete versions. This will continue during 2022/23.

Public Safety

- Following concerns raised by residents about speeding in the town which seems to have increased during Covid we have been investigating the installation of SID signs in Bedford and Sunderland Roads. Discussions are continuing with CBC to hopefully bring a resolution to this problem.

Engaging with Young People

- We are still keen to progress a youth engagement action plan. We will re-engage with schools and youth groups when appropriate.

Public Engagement

- We organised and held two successful craft markets in the Town Centre which supported more than 20 local independent traders. These are planned to continue in 2022. We also financially supported the return of the Christmas Lights event and submitted a tree for the St Swithun's outdoor Christmas tree event.
- We were pleased that we were able to host the return of the Circus, fairground and the Pantaloons Theatre Group.
- The Events Working Group worked with the Sandy Branch of the Royal British Legion and St Swithun's Church to stage the annual Remembrance Day parade and service. To avoid the risk of cancelling an indoor service at last minute the decision was taken to use the market square for an outdoor service. We are grateful for those volunteers who set up the sound system at the war memorial, the community stand stage and sound system. Hymns and prayers were said and standards displayed.

One of Sandy's new 'Shop Sandy' banners



Development Scrutiny Committee

Chaired by Councillor P Sharman



This committee has three key roles: it reviews every planning application, considers tree applications, and takes part in various district and regional consultations where they may impact on Sandy. The Town Council is a statutory consultee and reviews all planning applications and advises CBC should they not meet local requirements and aspirations. However, it should be noted that Central Bedfordshire Council makes the final decision on all planning applications and does not always agree with the Town Council's comments.

Development Scrutiny Committee Report

Sandy Town Council Planning Process

Sandy Town Council (STC) is not a planning authority and has no direct powers to control the development of the town. Planning applications in Sandy are decided by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) which is the local authority empowered by law to exercise statutory town planning functions as well as the Local Development Framework and the key local planning policy documents which affect Sandy.

STC is entitled to see almost all planning applications received by CBC which pertain to Sandy Parish and to make comments on them which CBC should take into consideration when deciding whether to grant planning permission. There are a very few exceptions to this including for example applications which relate to agricultural buildings. This role is the responsibility of the Development Scrutiny (DS) Committee which consists of 10 members appointed annually at the Sandy Town Council Annual Meeting held each May. The Committee has met on 16 occasions in the past year to respond to and comment upon around 75 planning applications. To effectively fulfil their role, to assist their understanding of particular applications and to aid decision making, members have also attended covid safe site visits on occasions during the year.

Members of the public with an interest in a particular application are encouraged to contact the Town Council to make their views known either in writing or to attend the DS Committee meeting when the matter is on the agenda to express them in person. In advance of any meeting of the DS Committee, both members and interested members of the public can and should try to make use of the wealth of information which can be accessed on the Planning section of the CBC website starting at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk and then following the links.

The members of DS also rely to a considerable extent on the background work undertaken by the administration team at STC in advance of each meeting of the committee for which they are always extremely grateful.

Working with other agencies

We continue to work with other organisations, local councils and the Local Planning Authority where we can understand and influence planning decisions in our area.

Applications of Significance

The DS committee have seen an increase in the number of small extension applications which is thought to be a result of the lockdowns as residents seek to improve their homes.

They have supported schools with applications to improve and increase their provision.

Strategic Development

There continue to be several important and significant broader strategic issues which members of the DS Committee and the Council have continued to consider during the past year. At times, the lack of progress by organisations involved in wider strategic issues, such as the A1 and East West Rail line can be frustrating. The Council will continue to engage with the East West Rail Company to understand potential for impact on Sandy or benefits that could be brought to our area.

We await to see how the changes to the Black Cat roundabout will impact on the town.



Human Resources Committee

Chaired by Councillor W Jackson



The Human Resources committee, which meets about four times a year, has the responsibility of ensuring the smooth and effective running of the Council through its paid staff, who operate as the office and outdoor teams. The committee is responsible for performance management, staff welfare, team building and training as well as opening hours and work schedules. In addition, the committee covers support, guidance and training for Councillors

Human Resources Committee Report

Cllr Max Hill served as the Chair of the Human Resources committee throughout 2020/21 and it is with great sadness that I have to report his passing in April 2022.

Max had previously served as Chairman of Human Resources since 2015 and he will be greatly missed by all colleagues of the council and staff.

The committee continues to meet four times a year, and unlike last year, it now meets face to face in the council chambers.

The outdoor team has continued to work through the pandemic from an operational point of view but have worked hard through the last year to ensure the Council services run to a standard we are used to.

One of the members of the outdoor team retires in June after more than 14 years of faithful service. We thank Colin for his hard work and dedication over that time and wish him a happy retirement.

The Administration team remain strong and flexible despite the rising workload and changing requirements – we thank them for all their efforts.

In March 2022 we said goodbye to Chris Robson who had served on the Council as Clerk for almost 7 years. His loyalty and leadership will be much missed and we wish him well as he leaves to further his career at a larger council. With Chris's departure we welcomed our new Clerk, Mrs Nicola Sewell. Nicola joined the team during a difficult period of change and we hope 2022/23 proves to be a less tumultuous time for settling into the role.

Sandy Information Point



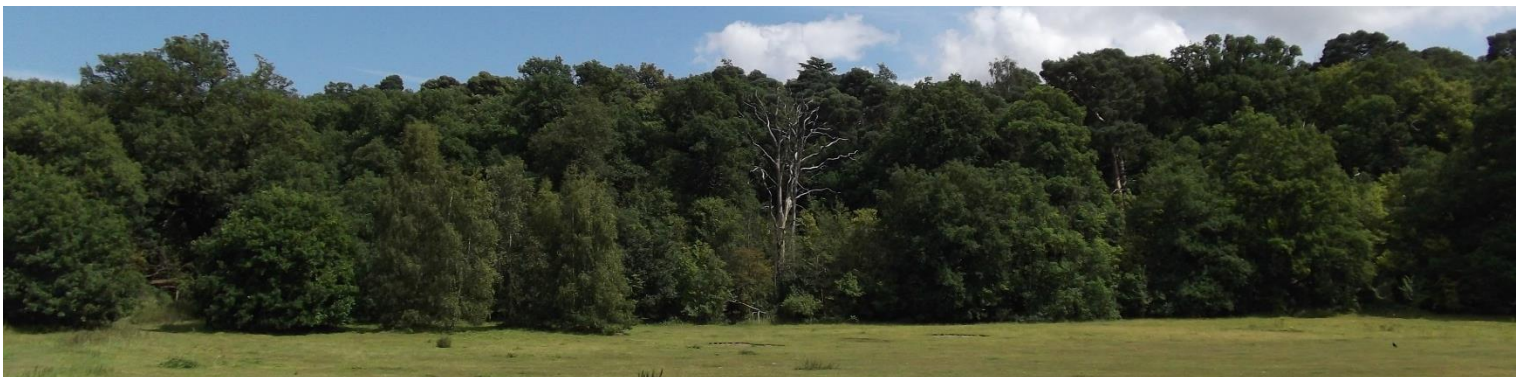
Sandy Town Council's reception and information point re-opened when government guidance allowed it to do so.

The Council remains agents for Safford's Coaches, thus allowing local people to book day excursions within the office. The information point holds a supply of Central Bedfordshire Council's green garden bags, orange recycling bags, food bins and food waste bags for household waste, thus allowing residents to collect these locally. Recent figures show that this is continues to be our most popular enquiry at the information point.

The information point and council reception is open to the public on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am to 4pm and Fridays from 9am to 2pm.

Town Council Services

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| Cemetery Management | Town Centre & Bedford Road Public Conveniences |
| Church Yard Maintenance | The Riddy Nature Reserve |
| Jenkins Pavilion & Sports Pitches | The Pinnacle Hill & Field |
| Floral Displays | Local Information Point |
| War Memorial | Roman Sandy Exhibition |
| Beeston Green | Public Open Spaces |
| Some Street Lighting and Furniture | Play Areas, including Fallowfield, Bedford Road, Sunderland Road, Beeston and the Limes |
| Christmas Lights | |
| CCTV | |
| Town Centre Car Park | |



Community Grants and Donations

Every year the Town Council provides some funding for community groups and projects in the town. The Council has adopted a set of criteria which successful applications must meet and aims to support sustainable local projects that improve the quality of life for the residents of Sandy. The Council also makes donations to groups where appropriate.

In the financial year 2021/22 Sandy Town Council awarded grants or donations to:

Sandy Helping Hands	£500.00
Keech Hospice	£200.00
Magpas Air Ambulance	£600.00
Il Pecoro Ltd	£400.00
Lets Get Going CIC	£1,000.00
Biggles FM	£600.00
Sandy Good Neighbours	£100.00
Sandy Carnival	£522.00
Sandy Secondary School – Eco Committee	£96.00
Total	£4018.00
General Grant	
Sandy Secondary School	£35.00
Total	£35.00
Event Grant	
Sandy Guild	£70.00
Total	£70.00

**If you are a community organisation or charity
looking for support in providing activities or services
in Sandy, you can find a community grant application
form on our website;
www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk**

Financial Statements

Financial Summary 31 March 2022

31 March 2021	Income Summary	31 March 2022
594,768	Precept on Principal Authority	599,356
36,340	Capital Grants and Sale of Assets	20,772
1,343	Interest and Investment Income	215
5,811	Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces	6,378
32,334	Cemetery	23,966
-	Tourist Information Centre	338
171	Car Park	354
909	Establishment/General Administration	815
1,504	Civic and Democratic	1,259
25	Christmas Lights	1,172
1,700	Highways – Footpaths and Lighting	-
674,905	Total Income	654,625
	Expenditure	
351,687	Establishment/General Administration	375,114
46,849	Capital Expenditure	92,539
608	Loan Interest and Capital Repayments	609
	Operational Expenditure:	
56,807	Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces	76,545
15,303	Cemetery	9,587
-	Tourist Information	344
3,726	Public Toilets	919
13,461	Car Park and Market	15,602
17,166	Lighting and Street Furniture	35,387
188	Civic and Democratic Costs	2,991
5,269	Grants and Donations	12,483
14,173	Christmas Lights	16,058
1,976	CCTV Fees	1,832
37,500	Outside Services	33,922
564,713	Total Expenditure	673,932






Financial Statements

Financial Summary 31 March 2022
31 March 2021




31 March 2022




General Fund		
234,042	Balance at 01 April 2020	234,042
<u>674,905</u>	Add: Total Income	<u>654,625</u>
908,947		888,667
<u>564,713</u>	Deduct: Total Expenditure	<u>673,932</u>
344,234		214,735
	- Transfer (to)/from Capital Receipts Reserve	
(110,192)	Transfer from/(to) Earmarked Reserves	19,307
<u>234,042</u>	General Reserve Balance at 31 March 22	<u>234,042</u>
Current Assets		
14,911	Debtors and prepayments	29,341
<u>618,903</u>	Cash at bank and in hand	<u>607,496</u>
633,814		636,837
Current Liabilities		
(51,326)	Creditors and income in advance	(73,656)
582,488	Net Current Assets	563,181
582,488	Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	563,181
<u>582,488</u>	Total Assets Less Liabilities	<u>563,181</u>
Capital and Reserves		
348,446	Earmarked Reserves	329,139
<u>234,042</u>	General Reserve	<u>234,042</u>
582,488		563,181

Sandy Town Councillors

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Sandy Town Councillors

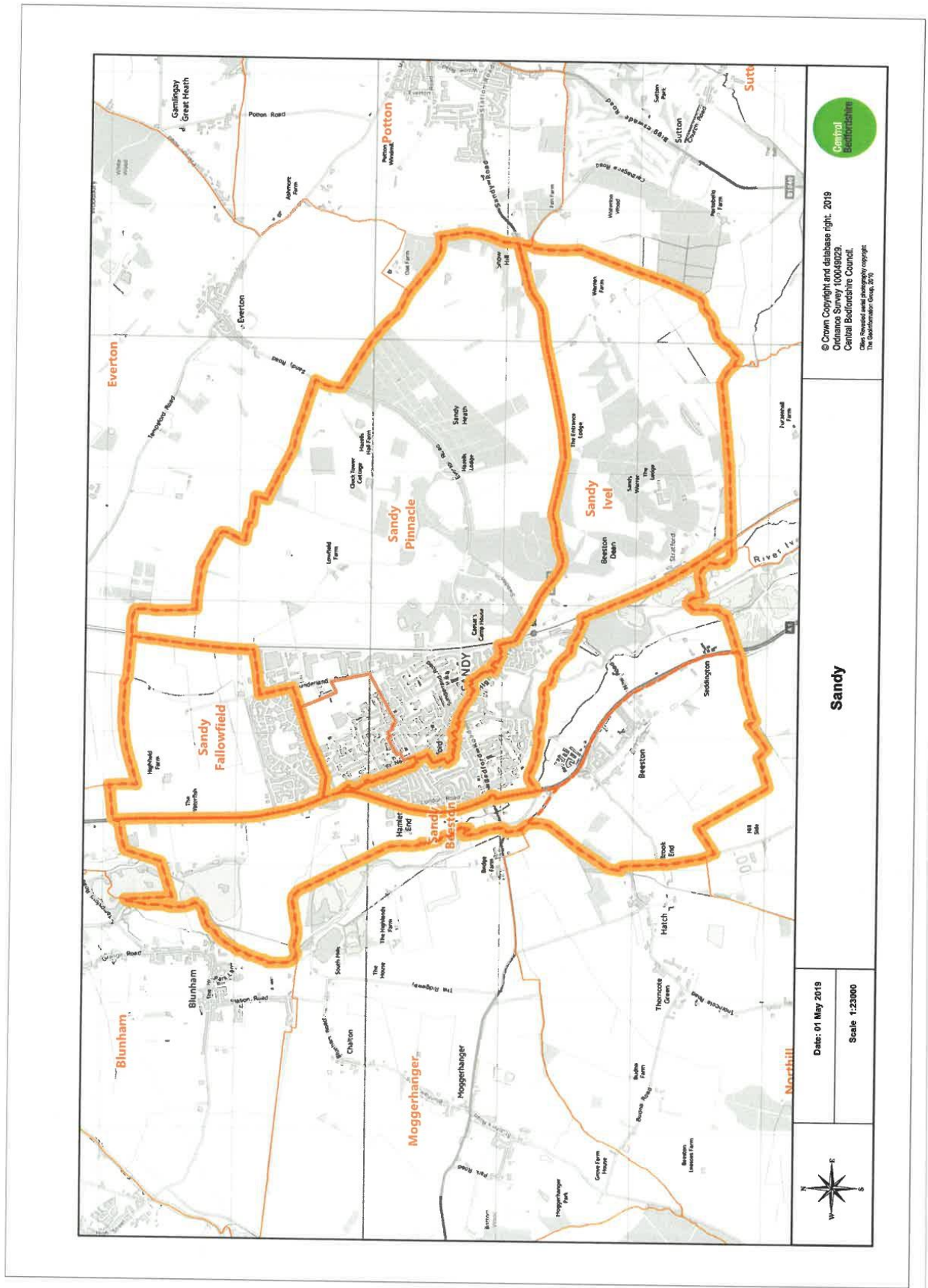
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Electoral Wards



Members Meeting Attendance 2021/22¹

Town Council			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	14	15	93%
Cllr Blaine	14	15	93%
Cllr Gibson ²	14	15	93%
Cllr Hewitt	15	15	100%
Cllr Hill ³	10	14	67%
Cllr Ivanciu - Wilkinson ⁴	2	2	100%
Cllr Jackson	8	15	53%
Cllr Knagg	15	15	100%
Cllr Lock	12	15	80%
Cllr Osborne	11	15	73%
Cllr Paterson ⁵	5	9	56%
Cllr Pettitt	14	15	93%
Cllr Scott	9	15	60%
Cllr Sharman	13	15	87%
Cllr Sutton	10	15	67%
Cllr Thompson	2	15	13%
Development Scrutiny Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Blaine	15	17	88%
Cllr Gibson	15	16	94%
Cllr Hewitt	17	17	100%
Cllr Ivanciu-Wilkinson	4	4	100%
Cllr Jackson	11	17	65%
Cllr Knagg	13	17	76%
Cllr Paterson	3	9	33%
Cllr Pettitt	14	17	82%
Cllr Sharman	17	17	100%
Cllr Sutton	13	17	76%
Cllr Thompson	1	17	6%

¹ During this period some Councillor absences were due to Covid

² Cllr Gibson resigned 17.05.22

³ Cllr Hill died 01.04.22

⁴ Cllr Ivanciu-Wilkinson Co-opted 07.03.22

⁵ Cllr Paterson resigned 10.12.22

Members Meeting Attendance 2021/22

Policy, Finance & Resources Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	9	10	90%
Cllr Blaine	9	10	90%
Cllr Hewitt	10	10	100%
Cllr Hill	4	9	44%
Cllr Jackson	6	10	60%
Cllr Lock	9	10	90%
Cllr Osborne	9	10	90%
Cllr Pettitt	9	10	90%
Cllr Scott	7	10	70%
Cllr Sharman	10	10	100%
Community Services & Environment Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	9	10	90%
Cllr Gibson	8	10	80%
Cllr Hill	6	9	67%
Cllr Ivanciu-Wilkinson	2	3	67%
Cllr Knagg	7	10	70%
Cllr Lock	8	10	80%
Cllr Osborne	7	10	70%
Cllr Paterson	3	5	60%
Cllr Scott	8	10	80%
Cllr Sutton	7	10	70%
Cllr Thompson	3	10	30%
Human Resources Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	5	5	100%
Cllr Blaine	3	5	60%
Cllr Hewitt ⁶	2	2	100%
Cllr Hill	4	4	100%
Cllr Jackson	4	5	80%
Cllr Osborne	5	5	100%
Cllr Paterson	2	2	100%
Cllr Sutton	3	5	60%

⁶ Cllr Hewitt joined Committee after Cllr Paterson resigned

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Nicola Sewell – joined Sandy Town Council on 7 March 2022

Administration Team

Carol Baker-Smith – Administration Team Leader

Katie Barker – Administrator

Sam Coburn – Office Cleaner

Anne Elliott-Flockhart - Administrator

Brian Leonard - Caretaker

Val McFarlane - Administrator

Grounds Team

Richard Gilbert – Grounds Team Leader

Chris Dainton - Groundsman

Colin Eaton - Groundsman

Wayne Harvey – Groundsman

Stratford Road Depot

Stratford Road, Sandy SG19 2DH

Cemetery and Former Allotment Site

Potton Road, Sandy SG19 2DH

Sandy Churchyard, High Street, Sandy, SG19 1AQ

Play Areas

Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Bedford Road, Sandy SG19 1EY

Beeston Green, The Green, Beeston, Sandy SG19 1PY

Sunderland Road Recreation Ground, Sunderland Road, Sandy SG19 1RQ

The Limes, Elder Close, Beeston, Sandy SG19 1GF

Merlin Drive, Fallowfield, Sandy SG19 2UN

Jenkins Pavilion

Sunderland Road Recreation Ground, Off Medusa Way, Sandy SG19 1BN

Public Conveniences

Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Bedford Road, Sandy SG19 1EY

Town Centre Car Park, High Street, Sandy SG19 1AG

Open Spaces

The Riddy, Mill Lane, Sandy, SG19 1NL

The Pinnacle, Sand Lane, Sandy, SG19 2AD