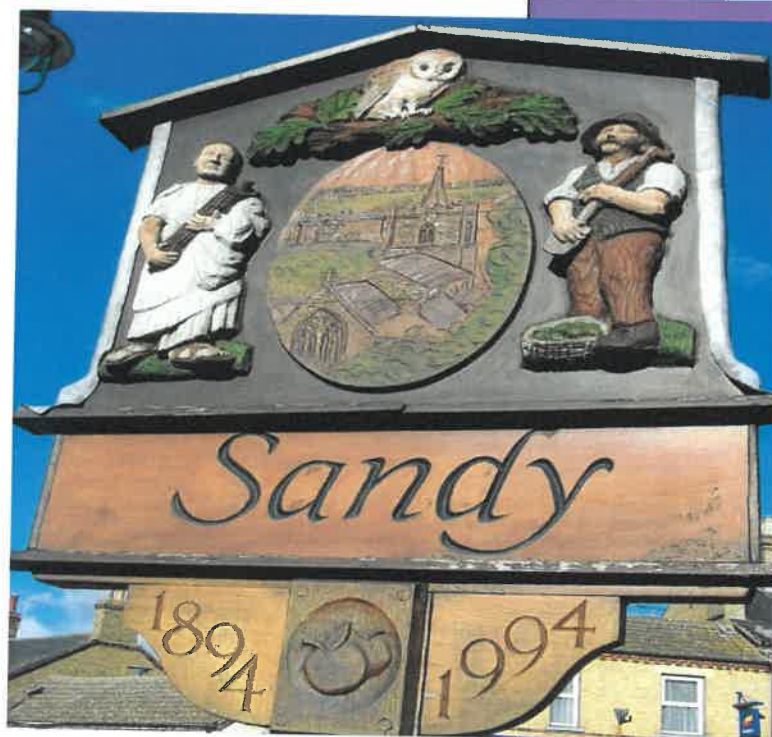


Sandy Town Council

2017/18

Annual Report



Introduction

The Annual Report informs readers what Sandy Town Council has done over the past year, a summary of its budgets, details of Council Members and the wards they represent. The report is based on the financial year 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018; however, it may also include information based on the Civic year which covers the period May 2017 to April 2018.

The Council welcomes any views on this report and on the services provided by the Town Council. Members of the public are also invited to attend every Council meeting to ask questions, make comments and raise matters of local interest during the public session.

Mayor's Report – Councillor Colin Osborne



On behalf of Sandy Town Council, it is my pleasure once again to introduce our report to the residents of Sandy and Beeston after another very busy and challenging year.

Many of you will have enjoyed the very successful day the town took part in at the beginning of December when our Christmas lights were switched on. Many organisations had stalls to raise funds and the weather was kind to us once again resulting in approximately 3,000 people turning out to support this festive occasion. Sandy Town Council is committed to the continued support of this very worthwhile event and providing the Christmas lights for the benefit of the local community and we look forward to this year's day which will be on Sunday 2nd December. The Switch-on Event is organised by the 'Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights' group, which relies heavily on volunteers. If you are interested in helping organise this event by joining the group's committee or volunteering on the day please contact the Council Offices, we would be very glad to hear from you.

I'm delighted that we had a settled council with a full complement of Councillors in this third year of the current four-year term and I would personally like to thank all our councillors for the time they voluntarily give to our town and the support that they have shown to me over the years and during my time as Mayor. Several Councillors will be retiring in May 2019 and it would be good to continue with a full complement of fifteen Councillors following the elections on 2nd May 2019; if you feel you may be interested in becoming a councillor then please come along to a Council Meeting during the next twelve months and see what it is all about.

In agreeing the Budget for 2018/19 the Council reviewed and reduced budgets across the board wherever possible but despite this we had to increase our precept to £563k – an increase of £4.69p per year on a Band D property or 9p per week. The Town Council does not rely solely on its precept to fund projects and activities and actively pursues grants and support funding wherever possible. The Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding to refurbish the War Memorial and, similarly, funding has been obtained from CBC's Market Town Regeneration Fund to improve the High Street and Market Square and again work should be starting very shortly on this. In addition, grant funding was made available to show Sandy's 'Story in Stone'

through the Mosaic Designs project and six mosaics have been completed and unveiled during the year. The Lord Chamberlain visited Sandy in February to unveil the ones in the High Street which depicted his relative, Captain Sir William Peel.

Progress on our cemetery extension has unfortunately continued to be slow but the good news is that the archaeological dig – which is a planning requirement – commenced in mid-April and has so far led to some significant finds. The first phase of the excavation unearthed the northern wall of Roman Sandy. Some of the early finds were shared with members of the public at the Annual Town Meeting in May. I would like to acknowledge the work that has gone on outside of our main meetings by the appointed Working Group.

I would also like to acknowledge all the hard work of the Working Group that has led on the play park improvement project. The group has worked with Central Bedfordshire Council to finalise plans to invest section 106 monies into play equipment improvements at Sunderland Road, Bedford Road, Fallowfield, Beeston Green and The Limes. It is hoped the majority of the equipment will be installed in time for the school summer holidays.

The acquisition of a large allotment site is no further forward although we have been working with CBC officers to provide some allotments within the Beeston Green Orchard project site.

A lot of time and effort has gone into responding to CBC's draft Local Plan and 'Call for Sites' to meet housing demands across the area and there has been several opportunities for residents to respond during the past year. The latest draft indicates only minor growth for the town until the route of the East-West Rail Link and the possible re-alignment of the A1 are resolved. Town Councillors have held many meetings working on a Community Plan to help shape the future of our town and this will shortly be issued for consultation.

Regular quarterly meetings continue -- attended by myself, the Deputy Mayor and the Town Clerk -- with our three CBC Councillors so that we are all working together for the benefit of our community.

I was pleased to welcome again a small delegation from our Polish Link-Town Skarszewy in November for the Remembrance weekend. It was wonderful to see so many people from our town both on parade and attending the services at the War Memorial and in St. Swithun's Church to remember those who have given their lives for our freedom.

The Mayor's charity fund this year has been to support four youth organisations in the town who do splendid work – the Brownies & Guilds; the Cubs & Scouts; the Army Cadets and the Air Training Corps. Over £1,300 has been raised and may I personally thank all those who have attended the mayor's charity events or made donations or supported the events in any way – it is truly appreciated. May I thank, too, all the organisations for the warm welcome my wife, Diane, and I have received when we have visited them and thank them for all their kind invitations and hospitality.

**Councillor C Osborne,
Mayor of Sandy (2016-2018)**



In 2017 Sandy Town Council became a branch member of the Charter for Trees, Woods and People. To mark the occasion two trees were planted on Beeston Green. We hope it provides more trees across the town in coming years.



Following restoration works to the Sandy War Memorial a rededication service was held in August 2017. The service was led by the Sandy Royal British Legion and a plaque commemorating the event was unveiled by the Mayor of Sandy.

The Mayor's charities have raised funds for numerous local groups and projects over the years. In 2017 funds were raised to install a new defibrillator at Bedford Road recreation ground. The project was championed and part funded by the Sandy Football Club.



The beginning of 2018 saw the completion of the Story in Stone mosaic project. The project has seen the creation and installation of a series of mosaics in Sandy, Potton and Biggleswade. The public participation involved in the creation of the mosaics was wonderful, especially from Sandy's school children.

The Council was frustrated and saddened at Barclays decision to withdraw its high street banking service from Sandy in 2018. The Council led on, and presented, a petition objecting to the closure which was signed by over 500 residents. Barclays progressed with the closure of the branch but has worked with the Council to provide a 'pop up' service in the Council office at 10 Cambridge Road.



Archaeologists commenced excavation on the Council's cemetery extension at the end of the 2017/18 financial year. Excavation work has unearthed evidence of a Roman wall which may have surrounded Sandy. This is a find of particular significance for archaeologists' understanding of Roman Bedfordshire.



COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

The Council re-introduced councillor surgeries during the last year. Surgeries are held on a Saturday every other month in the Council Chamber. Surgeries have been accompanied by community group activities, including the Sandy Ukulele Group and The Sandy Guild.



Sandy Town Council has continued to monitor the effectiveness of CCTV alongside police and crime statistics. In 2017 Councillors met with the Police and Crime Commissioner concerns over policing in Sandy. Members also visited the CCTV monitoring room and police control room.

Every year since 2002 Mayors Awards have been presented to individuals or groups who have gone above and beyond for the community or for other residents in Sandy and Beeston. In May 2018 ten awards were presented recognising the good work of people and groups in Sandy.



During 2018 Sandy Town Council will be working with other groups in the town to commemorate the centenary of WW1. In April 2018 the Council launched a series of six talks on the Bedfordshire Regiment in WW1. Talks will run through until November 2018.



In March 2018 the Mayor joined the Lord Chamberlain, the 3rd Earl Peel upon the invitation of the Lord Lieutenant. The Lord Chamberlain was in Sandy to view the Story in Stone mosaic project and too meet with children from Robert Peel School. The Lord Chamberlain's ancestor Captain Sir William Peel is depicted in one of the mosaics.



Throughout the 2017/18 civic year the Mayor, Cllr Colin Osborne raised funds for the Mayor's charities. During the year money was raised for the Air Cadets, Army Cadets, Scouts and Brownies and Guides. Many of the Mayor's fund-raising events have been held in partnership with some of Sandy's local businesses.



Members of Council have continued to support events within Sandy over the last year. The Councils 15 Councillors joined a great number of residents at the 2017 Remembrance Day Parade which is organised by the Sandy Branch of the Royal British Legion. The Council will be working with the RBL and St Swithun's Church to significantly mark the 2018 day of remembrance and 100 years since the end of WW1.

The Mayor once again joined the Carnival Prince and Princess to switch on the 2017 Christmas Lights. The event was a big success and continues to get better thanks to the Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights. Town Council staff, councillors and volunteers turn up early every year to ensure road closures are in place, the site is set up and run well throughout the day.



The Council

Sandy Town Council exists to serve and represent the interests of the whole community of Sandy and to work for provision of services for its residents. Sandy Town Council will work with organisations or people willing to improve the well-being and prospects of the community.

The Council has had a full schedule of meetings including:

- 10 Full Council Meetings
- 17 Development Scrutiny Committee Meetings
- 8 Policy, Finance and Resources Committee Meetings
- 9 Community Services and Environment Committee Meetings
- 4 Human Resources Committee Meetings

These meetings were the forum for detailed discussion and strategic decision making. Members of the public attended many meetings and this is always welcome and leads to much more informed decisions being taken. Our local PCSO no longer gives regular reports to the Council but the officers of different public agencies and service providers gave presentations and reports to the Council during the year.

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

Talk of the Town Transport Committee

Sandy Walkers are Welcome

Sandy Village Hall Management Committee

Sandy Carnival Committee

Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights

Sandy Twinning Association

Sandy Chamber of Trade

Sandy Sports and Leisure Association

SG19 Road Safety Group

22 Squadron Air Training Corps Civilian Committee

Sandy Green Wheel Group

Sandy Community Children's Centre

Sandy Charities



The Pinnacle is leased by the Council for the enjoyment of Sandy's residents. The Council maintains and manages the land.

Policy, Finance and Resources Committee

Chaired by Councillor M Scott

The Town Council's Policy, Finance and Resources Committee 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

In common with many other Parish and Town Councils across the country, Sandy Town Councillors made the difficult decision to raise the local precept by 3.4% for the 2018/19 financial year, this is equivalent to £4.69 or 9p per week per Band D property. The increase is less than in previous years and the Council continues to work hard towards achieving best value and effective savings.

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.

The major issues which account for a growth in spending include essential tree work that must be carried out to safely maintain the Council's tree stock. In addition, the Council has had to increase its streetlight maintenance budget due to increased costs resulting from damaged lighting, and to continue its gradual conversion to LED streetlighting. The refuse and waste budget has been increased to help meet costs associated with fly tipping and waste clearance around the parish and the Council agreed to purchase a new mobile CCTV camera for the benefit of the town. The Council has also seen a gradual increase in fuel costs which are reflected in the 2018/19 budget.

Grants and Donations

The Council has maintained its grant budget and the Committee has approved grants totalling £3,759 to a variety of worthwhile organisations and community groups, all of which carry out wonderful and important work within and around Sandy. A list of those bodies who received grants or donations can be found on page 16 of the Annual Report. As well as awarding a series of grants, the committee worked with the Scouts and the Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights to help support the Fireworks and Christmas Light Switch on Event.

Cost Savings

The Council has continued to review its service contracts and renegotiate contracts where appropriate to ensure best value, while seeking reduced costs where possible. During this financial year, the Council has agreed a renewed IT and phone provision contract which will see a cost saving of 29%. During the next financial year, the committee will be looking at other service contracts to seek further reductions in costs where possible.

Section 106

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.

The Committee has continued to work steadily towards ensuring Section 106 funding is invested in Sandy. This year the Council has secured £147,148 of funds for the improvement of play parks within the parish.

The Council recognises the importance of making sure Section 106 funds received from developers are invested back into Sandy and its community. This year the Council has secured a total of £150,557 in Section 106 funds which are invested back into the community.

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 new policies, including a grant-awarding policy, social media policy and a policy governing the flying of drones and model planes on Council land. The Council worked with Central Bedfordshire Council's Community Response team to put in place a Community Emergency Plan which includes key contacts for emergency response services.

The Council's policies are available to view on the Town Council website.

Community Services and Environment Committee

Chaired by Councillor S Sutton

The Community Services & Environment Committee has a wide remit to discuss issues related to the 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.

Community Services and Environment Committee Report

Central Bedfordshire Council Local Plan

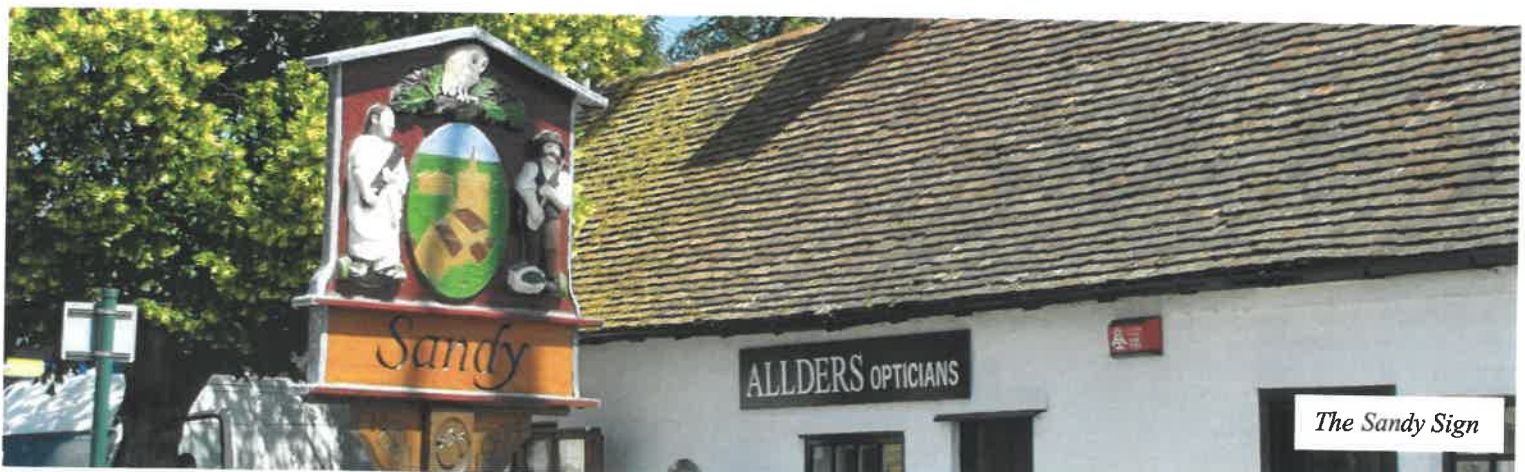
It has taken longer than anticipated but the CBC Local Plan has now been submitted to Government for approval. Back in 2016/17 we agreed at full Town Council that we would not support any individual site for development until the issues of the proposed East/West rail link and upgrading of the A1 were decided. This is still our position and we are yet to receive any definitive information from any government department on decisions on these major developments. In the Plan that has been submitted, no sites in Sandy have been designated for development but despite this, speculative bids for housing are still being submitted for land north and south of the town.

Cemetery Extension and Replacement Depot Building

The project to expand the cemetery has been progressed with the full scale archaeological excavation of the site being undertaken. Planning permission was granted for the new cemetery layout, car parking for visitors, public toilets and a new depot building which will be more in keeping with the surrounding area. The archaeological excavation is a requirement of planning permission granted and the Council must complete this to the satisfaction of Central Bedfordshire Council's planning archaeologists.

A lengthy tender process was completed this year to select a preferred partner to take the build of the new depot building forward. The commencement of building work is dependant on the archaeological excavation and its findings, however it is anticipated that work will begin in autumn 2018.

Excavation works have unearthed a significant find with the northern wall of Roman Sandy being uncovered along with Saxon workshops. Some of the early finds were shared with members of the public at the Annual Town Meeting in May.



The Sandy Sign

Beeston Allotments and Community Orchard

The Beeston community orchard project is still awaiting the final planning application from CBC for the area of affordable housing which will also contain the area for the orchard and allotments. The land designated for orchard and allotment use is to be leased by the Town Council. Heads of Terms for a long lease of the land have been received and reviewed. We are hopeful that the lease for the land can be signed with CBC in the coming year so that the Council can begin to plan the creation of an orchard and small allotment site.

Public spaces and Play Areas

Working with the Play Officer at CBC we have successfully been able to finalise plans to spend the c£147,700 of S106 monies to install additional play equipment at Bedford Road, Sunderland Road, Beeston Green, the Limes Play area and Fallowfield Recreation Grounds. Designs for exciting improvements were brought forward following a rigorous tender process, and the Council and play provider are aiming to have the majority of the new equipment installed this summer.



Market Town Regeneration Fund

We are continuing to work with CBC officers to bring improvements to the market square area of the town. One element of the project, known as Story in Stone, has now been completed. The project, the brainchild of Caroline Blake, saw mosaics installed in Sandy, Potton and Biggleswade and these can now be seen in all three towns. Members of the community and schools took part in building the panels which were designed by Oliver Budd with input from the Sandy Historical Research Group.



Planning permission has now been granted for a covered community stand which will be installed outside the Post Office. The stand, which will have electricity, will be available for use to community groups and can be utilised to support events in the town centre.



Finger post signage, work to line marking in the Council car park and painting of town centre railings will also be brought forward under the Market Town Regeneration work with CBC.

The Pinnacle Open Space

The area know as the Pinnacle is leased and managed by the Town Council for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. It is a valuable and important asset for the town. The area was subject to two unauthorised encampments which resulted in damage to the ground and reduced access to members of the public. The resulting damage, removal of fly tipping and the dumped car has cost the Council £2,715 with a strong likelihood of more incursions in the future. The damage caused meant that the owners of the annual fair felt they could not visit this summer. Members of the Council have met with the landowner to discuss the issue and have agreed measures to permanently stop vehicle access to this site. There will be new signs to direct walkers and cyclists onto and off the site to maintain the public access. An alternative site in Sandy has been offered by the landowner to ensure that the popular fair can continue to visit.

Development Scrutiny Committee

Chaired by Councillor M Pettitt

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 and which has met on 18 occasions in the past year to respond to and comment upon around 95 planning applications. To effectively fulfil their role, to assist their understanding of particular applications and to aid decision making, members have made a number of site visits during the past 12 months.

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

On 2 occasions in the past year, members of STC have appeared before CBC's Development Management Committee (DMC). On other occasions during the year and along with the Town Clerk, members of DS have, (a) met with agents and representatives of developers and applicants themselves in advance of and following formal meetings with a view to clarifying and seeking resolution to other outstanding issues and (b) attended an informal meeting with a Senior Planning Officer at Priory House, Chicksands to learn and understand more about the planning process and to ensure there is fair and accurate interpretation of the rules and regulations when considering applications. All members were invited to attend a seminar presented by the Senior Planning Officer to learn more about the planning process.

Planning Issues in Sandy & Beeston

Planning issues in and around Beeston have continued to figure regularly in the work of DS Committee over the past twelve months and seem destined to do so for the foreseeable future. As owners and custodians of Beeston Green there seems a heightened need for diligence by DS Committee (as well as STC as a whole) to do all it can to protect and safeguard that area of the Town's heritage.

There continue to be several important and significant broader strategic issues which members of DS Committee have regularly considered during the past year. With CBC having recently launched the new Local Plan, pressures are growing for land to be made available for future development not only around Sandy but in the wider area.

In addition therefore to its role set out above, with news still awaited regarding the precise route of the proposed new East West Rail link, studies are still ongoing regarding the future of the A1 and the timetable for future proposed improvements regarding the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet it will be vital for this committee and indeed the Town Council as a whole, to remain diligent and to try to ensure there is co-ordinated planning to help influence the way Sandy develops during the decades to come.

Human Resources Committee

Chaired by Councillor M Hill

The Human Resources committee, which meets about four times a year, has the major responsibility of trying to ensure 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, team-building and training as well as opening hours and work schedules. We must also do what we can to ensure the work-life balance of all the staff is maintained.

Human Resources Committee Report

The past twelve months have again been a period of consolidation and teambuilding, with two new colleagues joining the Council team. The Council has taken on a full-time administrator and a groundman to bring both teams back up to full compliment. Both employees have settled in well and importantly have brought new skills which complement the existing teams.

The Council continues to invest in training and support professional and personal development. The Clerk has completed a sector specific qualification, outdoor staff have received specialist equipment training and various training courses have been held. The HR Committee has also spent time addressing the management of council meetings and emergency contacts.

As for the Clerk Chris Robson, we continue to be impressed and hugely grateful for his high level of professionalism and his prodigious work ethic. His capacity to multi-task and constantly provide Councillors with detailed reports on a multitude of subjects continues to be hugely appreciated and we have received many compliments from the public. The Clerks friendliness and positive drive are widely acknowledged but the HR Committee needs to ensure that the Clerk continues to enjoy his role and does not become overloaded. Other members of the team have taken on new areas of responsibility with obvious competence and the outdoor team leader is ensuring his team gets on with the management and maintenance of Council assets. The Town Clerk is managing his teams well and has been a major player in rebuilding bridges between the Council and the local community.



Sandy viewed from The Pinnacle

Future Developments

With the final two pieces of the jigsaw in place, the new structure and office roles can evolve in line with the skills and aptitudes of the individual staff. The Council is increasing its efforts to improve its image through regular news features and greater use of the Council's Facebook page. Day-to-day efficiency is now of a high order and the paperwork for meetings likewise.

Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights

Chairman (2017)—Max Hill

2017 Light Switch on Success

The 2017 event was another huge success thanks in no small part to the weather which was ideal for early December. Everything ran to schedule and there were a good number of positives. The public turned out in very high numbers and there was a really enjoyable fun atmosphere. The event attracted visitors from further afield as well as local residents. The Sandy Christmas event is acknowledged as being the biggest and best in the area!

The stage acts were great and there was a full house of local schools taking part. As in previous years there was a good number of stalls offering a wide variety of goods. The Christmas Fairy was a particular success. The lights themselves received lots of favourable comments, especially as they extended further down the High Street.

We were delighted to have a large number of volunteers on the day, especially from the Scouts, local Air and Army Training Corps and the Council. We extend our thanks for the help in setting up in the morning and clearing up afterwards, which is no small task. We also had some wonderful volunteers acting as elves and Micky and Minnie Mouse. Their involvement helped make the day a truly special event.

2018 Event

The 2018 event is planned for Sunday 2 December and as usual we will be doing our utmost to recruit more willing community volunteers to help with the planning.

Gee Leach has taken over as Chair of the Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights and there is a new-look team in place with fresh ideas and more community involvement. The group will be running a new competition in 2018 to get youngsters involved by using their design skills.

We also hope to attract more sponsorship and get more of the old folk in the town coming to join in the festivities. The more help we get the more we can organise!

Sandy Information Point

The Council's Reception and Information Point continues to provide information regarding local attractions, local walks, travel information, and also assistance and information about the locality to local residents.

The Council remains agents for Safford's Coaches, thus allowing local people to book day excursions within the office. A 'What's On' section is kept up to date on the Town Council webpage and posters are displayed in the Centre. Monthly articles continue to be written about the Centre and its services and news for publication in local journals.

The Centre 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. A recent survey shows this is our third most popular enquiry at the Information Point.

The Town Council has hosted an increased number of visits from local schools to the Roman Sandy exhibition in the council offices as well as welcoming individual visitors to view the exhibits on display.

Town Council Services

Cemetery Management

Church Yard Maintenance

Jenkins Pavilion & Sports Pitches

Floral Displays

War Memorial

Beeston Green

Some Street Lighting and Furniture

Christmas Lights

CCTV

Town Centre Car Park

Town Centre & Bedford Road Public Conveniences

The Riddy Nature Reserve

The Pinnacle Hill & Field

Local Information Point

Roman Sandy Exhibition

Public Open Spaces

Play Areas, including Fallowfield, Bedford Road, Sunderland Road, Beeston and the Limes



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 2017/18 Sandy Town Council awarded grants or donations to:

Mid Beds CAB	£250.00
The Poppy Appeal	£75.00
Sandy Fire Cadet Unit	£250.00
Autism Bedfordshire	£309.00
Bedfordshire Geology Group	£200.00
Magpas Air Ambulance	£150.00
Sandy Twinning Association	£250.00
Sandy Upper School	£25.00
Biggles FM	£250.00
The Need Project Central Bedfordshire	£750.00
<i>Contributions to local events</i>	
Sandy Carnival	£500.00
Sandy & District Horticultural Association	£500.00
Total	£3,759

Financial Statements

Financial Summary 31 March 2018

31 March 2017	Income Summary	31 March 2018
517,647	Precept on District Council	538,809
17,852	Capital Grants and Sale of Assets	4,973
2,742	Interest and Investment Income	1,543
9,927	Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces	5,621
25,835	Cemetery	19,323
1,215	Tourist Information Centre	186
3,048	Car Park and Market	2,325
2,484	Establishment/General Administration	2,150
2,354	Christmas Lights	5,180
794	Outside Services	10,540
583,898	Total Income	590,650
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	Expenditure	
327,987	Establishment/General Administration	325,443
1,366	S137 Expenditure	2,751
9,483	Capital Expenditure	37,883
608	Loan Interest and Capital Repayments	609
	Operational Expenditure:	
56,339	Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces	57,668
7,345	Cemetery	11,625
38	Tourist Information	-
4,559	Public Toilets	3,643
19,383	Car Park and Market	15,549
8,472	Lighting and Street Furniture	23,244
2,307	Civic and Democratic Costs	2,557
1,534	Grants and Donations	1,000
18,507	Christmas Lights	18,139
15,680	CCTV Fees	15,713
26,571	Outside Services	38,195
500,179	Total Expenditure	554,019

Financial Statements

Financial Summary 31 March 2018

31 March 2017

31 March 2018

General Fund		
127,728	Balance at 01 April 2017	185,664
<u>583,898</u>	Add: Total Income	<u>590,650</u>
711,626		776,314
<u>500,179</u>	Deduct: Total Expenditure	<u>554,019</u>
211,447		222,295
-	Transfer (to)/from Capital Receipts Reserve	4,708
(25,783)	Transfer from/(to) Earmarked Reserves	<u>393</u>
<u>185,664</u>	General Reserve Balance at 31 March 2017	<u>227,396</u>
Current Assets		
20,882	Debtors and prepayments	17,994
<u>641,954</u>	Cash at bank and in hand	<u>676,136</u>
662,836		694,130
Current Liabilities		
(13,780)	Creditors and income in advance	(8,443)
649,056	Net Current Assets	685,687
649,056	Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	685,687
<u>649,056</u>	Total Assets Less Liabilities	<u>685,687</u>
Capital and Reserves		
57,712	Usable Capital Receipts Reserve	53,004
405,680	Earmarked Reserves	405,287
<u>185,664</u>	General Reserve	<u>227,396</u>
649,056		685,687

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Electoral Wards

Beeston Ward includes properties in:

Ash Close, Brook End, East Side, Elder Close, Girtford Bridge, Grange Gardens, Great North Road, High Road, Hillview, Lime Avenue, London Road, Nursery Drive, Meadow Close, New Road, Orchard Road, Tempsford Road, The Baulk, The Cloches, The Crescent, The Green, The Knolls, West View, Whiteston

Ivel Ward includes properties in:

Albion Court, All Hallows, All Saints Way, Bedford Road, Bickerdikes Gardens, Birch Grove, Brandreth Place, Braybrook, Carter Street, Cedar Gardens, Centurion Walk, Church Path, Coopers Close, Deepdale, Edgumbe Court, Elm Tree Road, Filland Court, Foster Grove, Girtford Crescent, Greyhound View, Harvey Court, Heron Close, High Street, Ivel Road, Ivel View, Kings Road, Laburnum Road, London Road, Manor Road, Market Square, Mayfield Court, Mill Lane, Monoux Place, Ongley Court, Park Court, Park Mews, Park Road, Poplar Close, Potton road, Queens Road, Rivermead Gardens, Robert Hunt Gardens, Roman's View, Sandford Rise, Sandpiper Court, South Road, Spencer Road, Spring Grove, Station Road, Stratford Road, Swan Lane, Swansholme Garden Court, Swansholme Gardens, The Avenue West Road, Western Way, Westfield Gardens, Willow Rise, Woolfield

Fallowfield Ward includes properties in:

Avocet Close, Brambling Close, Crow Hill, Cuckoo Close, Dove Close, Falcon Close, Fieldfare, Goldfinch Drive, Hawk Drive, Kestrel Way, Kingfisher Close, Larks Rise, Linnet Close, Merlin Drive, Osprey Close, Owlswood, Partridge Piece, Pipit Grove, Plovers Field, Robin Close, Rothbury Close, Starling Close, Swallow Crest, Swift Close, Tempsford Road, The Buntings, The Finches, The Harriers, The Jays, The Rookery, Weavers Green, Woodcock Close, Woodpecker Way, Wren Close

Pinnacle Ward includes properties in:

Abbey Grove, Alfred Cope Road, Alnwick Close, Arran Close, Balmoral Close, Banks Drive, Belam Way, Berwick Way, Bidlake Croft, Brickhill Close, Brickhill Road, Brindley Close, Bunyan Road, Cambridge Road, Carlisle Close, Cauldwell Court, Cherrycroft, Churchill Way, College Road, Cottage Road, Dapifer Drive, Deepdale, Delamare Close, Downing Court, East Road, Edward Close, Engayne Avenue, Everton Road, Faynes Court, Friars Walk, Handley Court, Havelock Close, Kingsley Court, Glebe Close, Glebe Road, Greens Close, Jubilee Close, Leeds Smith Drive, Lindisfarne Close, Longfield Road, Magnolia House, Malaunay Place, Maple Road, Market Square, Medusa Way, Middleham Close, Midland Road, Mills Walk, Moores Court, Newton Way, Northcroft, Oak Close, Peels Place, Pentland Close, Powers Close, Pickering close, Pleasant Place, Potton Road, Prince Georges Drive, Pym's Way, Quince Court, Rectory Court, Rowan Court, Rutland Gardens, Sand Lane, Sandon Close, Shannon Close, Skipton Close, St Neots Road, St Swithuns Way, Stirling Close, Stonecroft, Sunderland Road, Swaden, Talisman Close, Warkworth Close, Waverley Avenue, Wesley Road, Winchester Road, Windsor Way, Wynnefield Walk.

Members Meeting Attendance 2017/18

Town Council			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	11	11	100%
Cllr Blaine	8	11	72%
Cllr Cole	7	11	63%
Cllr Hill	8	11	72%
Cllr Jackson	9	11	81%
Cllr Knagg	9	11	81%
Cllr Leach	6	11	54%
Cllr Osborne	9	11	81%
Cllr Pettitt	9	11	81%
Cllr Scott	10	11	90%
Cllr D Sharman	9	11	81%
Cllr P Sharman	11	11	100%
Cllr Sparrow	10	11	90%
Cllr Sutton	9	11	81%
Cllr Thompson ¹	5	7	71%
Development Scrutiny Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Blaine	14	18	77%
Cllr Jackson	17	18	94%
Cllr Knagg	14	18	77%
Cllr Leach	0	18	0%
Cllr Pettitt	13	18	72%
Cllr D Sharman	17	18	94%
Cllr P Sharman	17	18	94%
Cllr Sparrow	15	18	83%
Cllr Sutton	15	18	83%
Cllr Thompson	10	13	76%

¹ Cllr Dr N Thompson Co-opted 14 August 2017

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Policy, Finance & Resources Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	8	8	100%
Cllr Blaine	8	8	100%
Cllr Cole	8	8	100%
Cllr Hill	7	8	87%
Cllr Jackson	7	8	87%
Cllr Osborne	5	8	62%
Cllr Pettitt	7	8	87%
Cllr Scott	7	8	87%
Cllr D Sharman	4	8	50%
Cllr P Sharman	8	8	100%
Community Services & Environment Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	8	9	88%
Cllr Cole	7	9	77%
Cllr Hill	8	9	88%
Cllr Knagg	7	9	77%
Cllr Leach	0	9	0%
Cllr Osborne	8	9	88%
Cllr Scott	8	9	88%
Cllr Sparrow	8	9	88%
Cllr Sutton	8	9	88%
Cllr Thompson	7	7	100%
Human Resources Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	5	5	100%
Cllr Cole	4	5	80%
Cllr Hill	5	5	100%
Cllr Jackson	4	5	80%
Cllr Osborne	5	5	100%
Cllr Pettitt	4	5	80%
Cllr Sutton	3	5	60%

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Richard Loake - Groundsman

Dave Reed – 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

