

# Sandy Town Council

2019/20

## Annual Report



## Mayor's Report



As Mayor of Sandy it is my pleasure to introduce the 2019/20 Annual Report. The Mayor's role is to be the Chair of the Council in a neutral capacity and to represent the town. The Mayor also traditionally raises money for good causes during their term.

This last year has been my second term as Mayor, and while I have enjoyed it as much as the first, it has presented some unique challenges in what has become a difficult time for many in our community.

As a country, a community, as families and as individuals we have faced an extraordinarily difficult time and made some tough decisions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is no surprise that Sandy has responded to the challenges we face in the same way it always does, by coming together to support its community. It has been a privilege to witness so many volunteers and organisations generously give their time to help the vulnerable in our town.

At the start of the government's announced lockdown, residents joined with representatives from Sandy Town Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, St Swithun's Church and the Sandy Baptist Church to form the community response group, Sandy - All In Together (SAIT). This wonderful group of volunteers have provided a lifeline of support for many of our residents who have been isolating and I was pleased to be able to provide the group with a donation from the Mayor's Charity fund of £1,200 to help facilitate their work.

Other groups and individuals in our town have also stepped forward to support our community. This includes individuals raising funds for the NHS, the Sandy Good Neighbours, who have continued to offer the invaluable service they also provide to hundreds of residents, and Sandy Fire Station, who have supported the most vulnerable residents through the delivery of food parcels.

I was pleased to approve the flying of a flag from Fayne's Corner in recognition of the hard working NHS employees and keyworkers across our town and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone and especially every keyworker in Sandy for all they have done over the last two months.

During the year I was invited to many special occasions at which I could represent Sandy, from enjoying wonderful local events such as the Sandy Carnival, Beeston Open Gardens and Sandy Cricket Club fun day, to representing the town at Armed Forces Days and civic ceremonies across our county. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who welcomed and showed such warmth and hospitality to my wife and I during the year. A particular highlight was Bedfordshire Games for the disabled where I was honoured to present medals and witness such wonderful achievements and happiness.



Towards the end of my year as Mayor I joined with representatives of the Sandy Fire Service, St Swithun's Church, the Sandy Baptist Church and other Town Councillors to quietly mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day by observing the national two minutes silence in St Swithun's church yard. The Town Council's plans to commemorate VE Day were postponed due to the pandemic, but it was a poignant moment to join with others in our town and recognise sacrifice that was made be so few for so many.

As Mayor it has also been my responsibility to chair the Sandy Sports and Leisure Association, of which the Council is sole trustee. The charity has made strong progress in its plans to refurbish the all-weather pitch at Sunderland Road. Unfortunately, the process has been delayed due to COVID-19, but preparation continues so the refurbishment can take place in the summer of 2021. This exciting upgrade of the facilities will ensure that Sandy continues to benefit from this facility for another 20 years.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for all their support, work and time volunteered over the last year.

There are still issues of concern to Sandy, such as the loss of visitor accommodation, the need to improve the town's sports and leisure offer and the future of Sandye Place. In the coming year we will continue to push for resolutions to these matters. As we continue to move forward, there will undoubtedly be more challenges and tough decisions ahead; we must meet these by continuing to work together as a community and across organisations to achieve the very best for our town.

Councillor Michael Scott  
Mayor of Sandy Town Council (2020-2021)

*Representatives from the Fire Service, St Swithun's Church, Sandy Baptist Church and Sandy Town Council gather to observe a two minute silence on the anniversary of VE 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 held a number of Full Council and committee meetings during the year, the following meetings were held up until the 23<sup>rd</sup> March when the decision was made to suspend meetings in light of the Covid-19 pandemic:

**10 Full Council Meetings**

**15 Development Scrutiny Committee Meetings**

**8 Policy, Finance and Resources Committee Meetings**

**8 Community Services and Environment Committee Meetings**

**3 Human Resources Committee Meetings**

The Council also has an active Events Working group which has met on numerous occasions during the year.

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.

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

***Talk of the Town Transport Committee***

***Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvements Group***

***Sandy Village Hall Management Committee***

***Sandy Carnival Committee***

***Sandy Twinning Association***

***Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights***

***Sandy Sports and Leisure Association***

***Sandy Town Centre Group***

***22 Squadron Air Training Corps Civilian Committee***

***SG19 Road Safety Group***

***Sandy Charities***

***Sandy Green Wheel Group***

***Sandy Community Children's Centre***



## Highlights from the 2019-2020 Council Year



The Council has been working to bring more specialised markets to Sandy. During 2019/20 we saw the introduction of the monthly street food market and an autumn French market. Both markets are to return in 2020 and the Council is working with other market organisers to bring further seasonal markets to our town.



In June 2019 the Council held an opening event at the Sandy Community Stand with numerous local musicians taking part to provide a sunny morning of town centre entertainment in our High Street.

The Mayor Cllr M Scott and the Bedfordshire High Sheriff, Mrs C M Dolling officially cut the ribbon to open the stand which was funded via Central Bedfordshire Council's Market Town Regeneration Fund.



In September 2019, approximately 45 residents joined councillors to walk the Sandy Green Wheel on the anniversary of its opening. The walk started and ended in the town centre, with a trip to the pub for some of the walkers. The purpose of the walk was to raise awareness of the full route of the Green Wheel and encourage residents and villages to enjoy our local green space.



The Town Council continued to support the Sandy Show in 2019 by giving a community grant towards the Show's running costs. Town Councillors attended the show to speak with residents about matters important to them and promote initiatives such as the Sandy Green Wheel, specialist markets and Sandy Green Wheel.



The Mayor of Sandy, Councillor Michael Scott funded the installation of another community defibrillator, this time located in Beeston. This is the fourth defibrillator across Sandy and Beeston which has been funded by a Mayor of Sandy. A community event was organised to provide valuable public training on use of defibrillators.



In 2019 Sandy Town Council took over as official organiser of the town's November Remembrance Parade. The Sandy Royal British Legion Branch remain the facilitators of the parade and the two organisations work closely together. This year the Council was able to improve the sound system for the event, meaning all those in the crowd could hear and be a part of the poignant service.



The Council continued to support the Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights in the organising and running of the light switch on event. The event continues to be a great success with 2019's event seeing even more stalls and entertainment. The Council funds and organises the road closure and staging.



Once again Sandy Town Council joined with local community groups and business in submitting an entry into the 2019 St Swithun's Church Christmas Tree Festival. The festival, which takes place on the weekend of the Christmas Lights Switch on was a massive success with over 3000 people entering to see it. The Council's tree focused on the Sandy Green Wheel and our other green spaces.



During 2019/20 the Council entered a new three-year Christmas lights agreement. This resulted in a completely new and enhanced lighting scheme for the town centre. By working with contractors, the council was able to introduce new features, such as lights in the Market Square's living trees, while avoiding an increase in the existing budget.



Sandy Town Council has made a commitment to carry out greater engagement with young people in Sandy. In January 2020 the Council received a presentation from students on their ideas for improving our town. Some of the ideas presented are now been taken forward for action by the Council.



Work has continued on the Council's new depot site. Although some finishing work is still required the outdoor team are now able to operate from the new premises at Stratford Road. The site includes CCTV and a public toilet which will ultimately be opened for visitors to the cemetery, along with new car parking provision.



At the start of the COVID19 pandemic the Council worked with and supported a number of community groups to act as first responders to the unprecedented challenges which arose. The work of volunteers in our community has been amazing and the Council will continue to support and work towards helping organisations and residents in our town to meet the challenges which we are all facing.

## Policy, Finance and Resources Committee

Chaired by Councillor C Osborne



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

At a meeting of Sandy Town Council on 20 January 2020 the council agreed its budget and precept for the year ending 31 March 2021. The budget and precept were both unanimously voted through by those Members in attendance.

I am pleased to report that the committee's work in reviewing all cost centres and seeking best value meant the council was able to set a budget that resulted in just a 2.3% increase on the Sandy council tax charge. The agreed 2020/21 budget and precept request resulted in an increase of £3.42 a year, or 6.56 pence a week for the average Band D tax payer in Sandy. Residents will pay £148.43 in 2020-21 for all the services Sandy Town Council provides.

The budget setting process takes place over a number of committee meetings with involvement by all Councillors. As with other financial years all aspects of the budget were scrutinised and evaluated to reduce costs and make efficiency savings where possible while ensuring that core functions are adequately resourced. This included re-negotiating service contracts and looking at new suppliers to achieve savings. In total the Council made approximately £16,800 in budget reductions and £6,100 in increased income set against required budget increases of approximately £36,600.

The areas that account for a growth in the budget include increased costs for business rates, staffing, contracts, leases, and agreements to which the Council is obligated. The budgets for community grants and community event support have also been increased so the Council can continue to support events in Sandy and look at holding new ones. More funds are also available for the planting of trees to help fulfil the Council's commitment as a member of the tree charter.

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 actively applies for additional support funding wherever possible to help alleviate the burden on the Precept.

### Grants and Donations

The Council has maintained its community grants budget and allowed for a 33% increase in 2020/21 so the council can continue to support important local charities and causes.

During the 2019/20 financial year the Committee approved grants totalling £2,675 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 15 of the Annual Report. As well as awarding a series of grants, the committee worked with the Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights to help financially support and set up the Christmas Lights Switch-on Event. In 2019/20 the Council entered a new Christmas lights contract, which resulted in a new enhanced lighting scheme at no additional cost.

### 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 the last financial year, the Council significantly reduced its ongoing CCTV revenue budget by agreeing to invest in new cameras across its sites.

Further revenue reductions were achieved following negotiations with suppliers or the establishment of new contractors, this included a 25% reduction in printing costs, 9.3% reduction in insurance premiums, 11% in IT provision and 9.9% in refuse disposal.

### 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. During the 2019/20 financial year £10,775.13 in funds were secured for new signage at Beeston Green, new items of play equipment at the Fallowfield recreation ground, a new electronic score board at the Jenkins Pavilion and a new sprinkler system for the Sandy Bowls Club. Further funds were also secured from Central Bedfordshire Council for the refreshing of the town centre car park line marking.

### 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 governing flag flying, death in service and the management of CCTV as part of its move to bring CCTV cameras at its recreation grounds in house.

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 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. The Events Working Group reports to CS&E.

## Community Services and Environment Chairman's Report

### Annual Action Plan

At the beginning of the year the committee prepared and agreed an Action Plan which detailed our aims and objectives for 2019/20. This report is available on the website and shows the results in meeting those objectives. Unfortunately, despite good progress being made some projects have unavoidably been postponed or cancelled due to COVID19.

### Town Centre:

- The Community Stand was officially opened in 2019 and is being used on a regular basis by the community for entertainment, charity fundraising and information sharing by organisations such as the Community Police Team. The stand is free to use and can be booked via the STC website or contacting the office team.
- We agreed preliminary designs and costs with the aim of having new town entrance signs installed in spring 2020/21. We are still committed to completing this project in 2020.
- Developed a programme of specialised markets. A series of Street Food markets were held during the summer months and these were to continue in 2020. A French market was held in October and was viewed as a success by the organiser who has asked to come back in 2020. We had agreed dates with another market organiser but these had to be withdrawn for 2020. We will continue to look at bringing more specialised markets to the town.
- Considered the CBC commissioned Benchmarking report and worked with Sandy Centre Group to hold a Benchmarking Forum. Hosted a follow up survey on our website to better understand residents' responses to the survey and what they wanted to see in Sandy.
- Looked at ways to continue to enhance planting in the town and agreed for additional barrier baskets to be included in the 2020 display.



*Residents gather for the winter Green Wheel*



**Sport, leisure and wellbeing:**

- The committee agreed Heads of Terms for Beeston Community Land. Although no further progress as we wait for CBC legal team for the draft lease.
- Replaced a play item at Fallowfield recreation ground with a new 'Hang Tough' item. This is part of our ongoing review of play equipment and ensuring it is up to standard.

**Environment:**

- Continued Support for Sandy Green Wheel the committee for which reports back to CSE. During 2019/20 we celebrated the one-year anniversary of the launch of SGW. There was a lot more focus around promoting the Wheel, including Council led walks.
- Continued to support community groups in litter picking areas of the town. Scheme of loaning litter pickers and collecting waste bags agreed.

**Public Safety:**

- Agreed new CCTV system which will see new, higher quality cameras replace our existing cameras at Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Sunderland Road Recreation ground and the town centre Car Park.
- Concerns were raised by residents in a number of streets and Councillors carried out parking surveys. Results were considered, shared with residents and a summary passed to CBC who are considering their own parking strategy.

**Engaging with young people**

- Heard from Sandy Secondary School pupils on their thoughts about our town. Actively looking at matters raised in their presentation, including outdoor gym equipment which has now been approved in principle for installation in 2020/21.
- Developed and agreed a youth engagement action plan. Unfortunately, this was not able to progress due to COVID19 and we are now re-thinking how we could adapt the plan.
- Supported Youth Voice Sandy by giving free use of the Chamber and a direct line for them to engage with the Council.

**Public engagement/events**

- Regular Councillor surgeries were held, and actions reported back to CSE. We are hoping to re-establish these as soon as possible.
- The Events Working Group worked with the Sandy Branch of the royal British Legion to stage the annual Remembrance Day parade and service. Once again, we had a record attendance on the street and a packed church. We supported the Annual Air Cadets Parade due to be held in February as it was the turn of 22<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Air Cadets to host. Unfortunately, due to storm Dennis the parade had to be cancelled and visiting cadet corps were advised not to travel.

## 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 and which has met on 15 occasions in the past year to respond to and comment upon around 70 planning applications. To effectively fulfil their role, to assist their understanding of particular applications and to aid decision making, members have also attended 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](http://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 other occasions during the year and along with the Town Clerk, members of DS have 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. 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. In January 2020 we supported Biggleswade Town Council in objecting to a large development to the north of Biggleswade. The impact that development would have on the A1 and the reduction in the separation between settlements would heavily impact on Sandy and its residents.

### **Applications of Significance**

In my last report I detailed the Council's objection to the application from Pigeon Management for a large residential development north of Fallowfield. While the Council recognises the value new developments and the financial contributions (S106) that result from them can bring to the town, we maintain that it is important that developments are well planned, correctly located and contribute to an overall sustainable and well-planned future for the town. Central Bedfordshire Council also had significant concerns and the application was rejected. The applicant appealed to the Secretary of State and during the last year an appeal hearing was held by the Planning Inspectorate. In February 2020, the Inspector concluded that the appeal should be dismissed and Central Bedfordshire Council's rejection of the application upheld. The inspector stated that the benefits the development could bring would not outweigh the harm that could be caused. Of particular concern to the inspector was loss of agricultural land, the sites location beyond the settlement limit and the harm that would be caused to the countryside as a result of development.

The Council also objected to a residential development referred to as 'The Sidings'. Central Bedfordshire Council supported the objection and a new application to create a car park was submitted and supported by the Town Council, subject to some reservations over access.

### **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 Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Plan and the future of the A1 can be frustrating. However, there was news this year on the future of the East West Rail line which has now clarified the chosen corridor for the line. While Sandy will not be as directly impacted from the chosen route as it may have been, 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.

*The Pinnacle Field*



## Human Resources Committee

**Chaired by Councillor M Hill**



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

The past twelve months have had some real highs and lows with the latter stages dominated by the extraordinary events resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. The office staff have by and large enjoyed a stable and successful year. The big plus has been the performance of Katie Barker, who took up post as administrative assistant in early 2019 and who has proved an excellent appointment who has fitted in well to the Council team.

The outdoor team has also seen new staffing appointments. The first half of the year saw Gavin Elliott-Turner settle into the role of groundsman, bringing a number of new skills and knowledge to the team. In the summer of 2019, we saw the departure of one of our groundsmen, who moved on to a new opportunity. Following a positive recruitment process, which saw an encouraging number of applicants, the Council appointed Chris Dainton as the newest member of the grounds team in February 2020. Chris has settled in well and is a great team player. Finally, the Council also recently took on Sam Coburn in the role of cleaner. Sam has proved a diligent and committed addition to the team.

The Coronavirus pandemic has presented a unique set of challenges for the Council, including the required self-isolation of staff. These challenges have of course placed pressure on the teams and limited the scale of operation. However, the administration team have been able to adapt and work from home while maintaining access to the Council computer and phone systems so residents should see as minimal a difference in service as possible. The outdoor team have been able to concentrate on priority work, especially with ground care as a result of sports teams not playing.

All staff have received training on a number of subjects during the year and IT equipment has been updated to best support them in carrying out their role. In addition, a number of Councillors have attended training courses and seminars throughout the year, improving our knowledge and experience as a body of councillors.

We continue to be grateful and impressed by the Town Clerks work, level of professionalism and prodigious work ethic. Part of the committee's role is to ensure the employees have a healthy work life balance and that workloads are manageable.

## Sandy Information Point



The Council's Reception and Information Point continued 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.

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. Recent figures show that this is once again our most popular enquiry at the Information Point.

The Town Council hosted 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

*Residents gather for the Christmas lights switch on*



## 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 2019/20 Sandy Town Council awarded grants or donations to:

The Need Project	£500.00
Autism Bedfordshire	£300.00
Sandy Secondary School – Audrey Boothby Award	£25.00
Biggles FM	£300.00
Keech Hospice	£200.00
Mid Bedfordshire CAB	£750.00
Total	<b>£2,075.00</b>
<b><i>Contributions to local events</i></b>	
Sandy & District Horticultural Association	£600.00
Total	<b>£2,675.00</b>

**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](http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk)***

*Some of the bodies that received grants from Sandy Town Council*



## Financial Statements

*Financial Summary 31 March 2020*

<b>31 March 2019</b>	<b>Income Summary</b>	<b>31 March 2020</b>
562,607	Precept on Principal Authority	580,198
90,433	Capital Grants and Sale of Assets	62,656
3,260	Interest and Investment Income	2,654
5,074	Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces	5,883
27,672	Cemetery	28,172
980	Tourist Information Centre	1,099
380	Car Park and Market	1,234
1,723	Establishment/General Administration	2,025
1,026	Civic and Democratic	310
1,236	Christmas Lights	1,151
737	Outside Services	-
<b>695,128</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>685,382</b>
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	<b>Expenditure</b>	
322,596	Establishment/General Administration	337,306
-	Election Expenses	3,708
1,775	S137 Expenditure	-
220,558	Capital Expenditure	343,947
608	Loan Interest and Capital Repayments	608
	Operational Expenditure:	
54,677	Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces	57,937
9,847	Cemetery	12,957
415	Tourist Information	949
3,430	Public Toilets	3,689
11,683	Car Park and Market	17,726
21,988	Lighting and Street Furniture	19,381
5,670	Civic and Democratic Costs	2,490
2,216	Grants and Donations	5,177
19,811	Christmas Lights	16,665
14,293	CCTV Fees	14,293
34,960	Outside Services	32,541
<b>724,527</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>869,374</b>



## Financial Statements



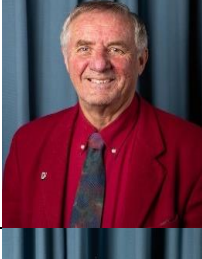



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31 March 2019




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<b>General Fund</b>		
227,396	Balance at 01 April 2019	284,043
<u>695,128</u>	Add: Total Income	<u>685,382</u>
<b><u>922,524</u></b>		<b>969,425</b>
<u>724,527</u>	Deduct: Total Expenditure	<u>869,374</u>
<b>197,997</b>		<b>100,051</b>
(2,320)	Transfer (to)/from Capital Receipts Reserve	55,324
	Transfer from/(to) Earmarked Reserves	78,667
88,366		
<b><u>284,043</u></b>	General Reserve Balance at 31 March 2020	<b><u>234,042</u></b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
22,355	Debtors and prepayments	21,413
<u>660,653</u>	Cash at bank and in hand	<u>509,046</u>
<b>683,008</b>		<b>530,459</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
(26,720)	Creditors and income in advance	(58,163)
656,288	<b>Net Current Assets</b>	472,296
<u>656,288</u>	<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>	472,296
<u>656,288</u>	<b>Total Assets Less Liabilities</b>	<u>472,296</u>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>		
55,324	Usable Capital Receipts Reserve	-
316,921	Earmarked Reserves	238,254
<u>284,043</u>	General Reserve	<u>234,042</u>
<b>656,288</b>		<b>472,296</b>

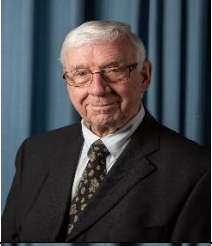


## Sandy Town Councillors

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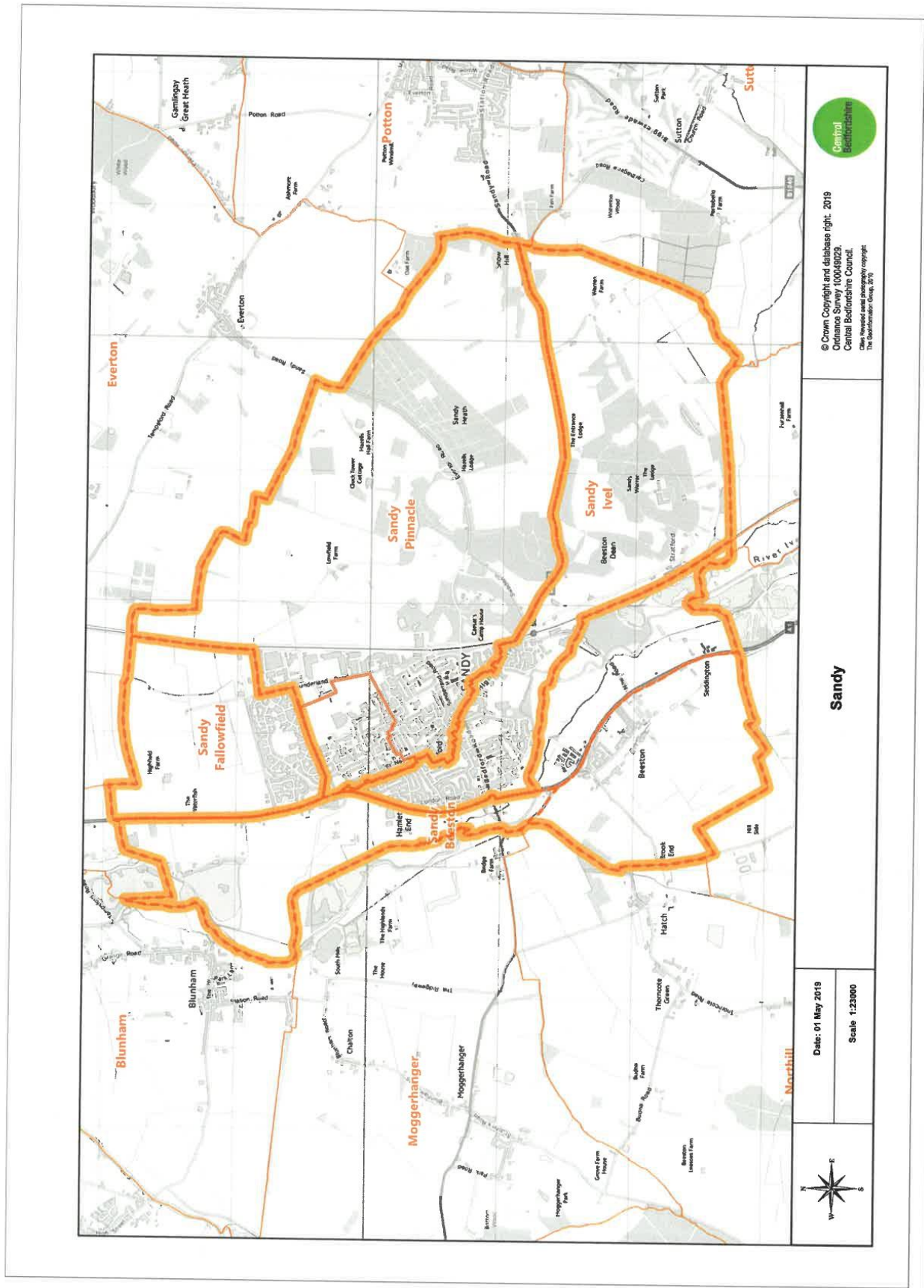
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*The Mill, The Riddy Nature Reserve*



# Electoral Wards



## Members Meeting Attendance 2019/20<sup>1</sup>

Town Council			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	10	10	100%
Cllr Blaine	9	10	90%
Cllr Doyle <sup>2</sup>	9	9	100%
Cllr Gibson	10	10	100%
Cllr Hewitt <sup>3</sup>	7	9	77%
Cllr Hill	8	10	80%
Cllr Jackson	8	10	80%
Cllr Knagg	7	10	70%
Cllr Lock <sup>4</sup>	9	9	100%
Cllr Osborne	7	10	70%
Cllr Pettitt	10	10	100%
Cllr Scott	8	10	80%
Cllr Sharman	10	10	100%
Cllr Sutton	9	10	90%
Cllr Thompson	1	10	10%
Development Scrutiny Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Doyle <sup>5</sup>	5	13	38%
Cllr Gibson	15	15	100%
Cllr Hewitt <sup>6</sup>	10	13	76%
Cllr Jackson	12	15	80%
Cllr Knagg	10	15	66%
Cllr Lock <sup>7</sup>	11	13	84%
Cllr Pettitt	13	15	86%
Cllr Sharman	15	15	100%
Cllr Sutton	13	15	86%
Cllr Thompson	3	15	20%

<sup>1</sup> From 13 May 2019 – 23 March 2020 Meetings after that suspended due to Covid-19

<sup>2</sup> Co-opted 24.06.19

<sup>3</sup> Co-opted 24.06.19

<sup>4</sup> Co-opted 24.06.19

<sup>5</sup> Co-opted 24.06.19

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<sup>7</sup> Co-opted 24.06.19

## Members Meeting Attendance 2019/20<sup>8</sup>

Policy, Finance & Resources Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	8	8	100%
Cllr Blaine	7	8	87%
Cllr Hewitt <sup>9</sup>	6	7	85%
Cllr Hill	7	8	87%
Cllr Jackson	7	8	87%
Cllr Lock <sup>10</sup>	5	7	71%
Cllr Osborne	8	8	100%
Cllr Pettitt	7	8	87%
Cllr Scott	8	8	100%
Cllr Sharman	8	8	100%
Community Services & Environment Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	8	8	100%
Cllr Blaine	7	8	87%
Cllr Doyle <sup>11</sup>	4	7	57%
Cllr Gibson	8	8	100%
Cllr Hill	8	8	100%
Cllr Knagg	6	8	75%
Cllr Osborne	7	8	87%
Cllr Scott	6	8	75%
Cllr Sutton	7	8	87%
Cllr Thompson	1	8	12%
Human Resources Committee			
Councillor	Total No. Attended	Total No. of Meetings	% Attendance
Cllr Aldis	3	3	100%
Cllr Blaine	3	3	100%
Cllr Hill	3	3	100%
Cllr Jackson	2	3	66%
Cllr Osborne	3	3	100%
Cllr Pettitt	3	3	100%
Cllr Sutton	3	3	100%

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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

Gavin Elliott-Turner – 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