

THE SIALKOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

Minutes of Meeting of the Executive Committee **Held on December 28, 2021.**

01. A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry was held on December 28, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. at Sheikh Muhammad Shafi Hall of the Sialkot Chamber.

02. Mian Imran Akbar, President of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry presided over the meeting. He thanked the members for attending the meeting.

03. The proceedings of the meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Sheikh Sohail Zafar.

04. The following members attended the meeting:

• Mr. Imran Akbar	President
• Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi	Senior Vice President
• Mr. Qasim Malik	Vice President
• Sheikh Sohail Zafar	-do-
• Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy	-do-
• Mr. Asif Ali	-do-
• Mr. Muhammad Idrees	-do-
• Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh	-do-
• Mr. Naeem Yousaf	-do-
• Mr. Shoaib Imtiaz	-do-
• Mr. Ahmed Imtiaz Khan	-do-
• Mr. Awais Ahmad	-do-
• Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz	-do-
• Mr. Adnan Yousaf	-do-
• Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan	-do-

05. Leave of Absence

• Mr. Shahid Nadeem Mughal	-Member-
• Mr. Muhammad Ahsan ul Haq	-do-
• Mr. Aneel Sarfraz	-do-
• Mrs. Shabnam Asif	-do-
• Choudhry Jahangir Rashid	-do-

06. Members who could not attend the Meeting.

• Mr. Qaisar Iqbal Baryar	-Member-
• Mr. Ali Amer Bhatti	-do-
• Mr. Saleem Akhtar Bhutta	-do-

07. Special Invitees.

- Malik Naseer Ahmed
- Mr. Nasir Saleem Mirza
- Mr. Muhammad Sarwar
- Mr. Fizan Akbar

08. The Committee offered Fateha for departed souls and passed condolence resolution on the sad demise of the following: -

1. Mother of Sh. Bilal Latif Thapur M/s. Sheikh of Sialkot
2. Mr. Eessa Nouman Grandson of Mr. Babar Mahmood Khan M/s. Baber Sports
3. Mother of Tariq Mehmood Chughtai M/s. Prexa Industries
4. Mr. Zakria Mirza M/s. Deeha Intl
5. Haji M. Aslam Father of Mr. Arslan M/s. One Wish Health Care
6. Mother of Mr. Imran Butt M/s. GLS Worldwide
7. Sheikh Asghar Haider Anand M/s. Longview

09. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of Executive Committee held on November 30, 2021.
Approval	Approved.

10. Point discussed.	Approval of Statement of Accounts for the month of November 2021.
Approval	Approved.

11. Point discussed.	Approval of deferred minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on SME/Training & Young Entrepreneurs held on November 13, 2021.
Approval	Approved after revised minutes presented in the meeting as directed by the EC in its previous meeting held on November 30, 2022.

12. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Martial Arts /MMA/Fitness and Gloves Industry held on November 30, 2021.
Approval	Approved.

13. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Farogh-e-Iqbaliat held on December 07, 2021.
Approval	Approved.

14. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Religious and Cultural Affairs held on December 09, 2021.
Approval	Approved.

15. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of joint meeting of the Departmental Committees on TMA & Excise and Crime Watch & Traffic Management held on December 17, 2021.
Discussion	
The President said that business community of Sialkot had reservations about the	

current situation of Sialkot City like Heavy Traffic, Encroachments and the construction work started under the project of PICIIP. In this regard, a joint meeting of Departmental Committees of TMA and Crime Watch were held, wherein, Mr. Umer Farooq Meyer, Advisor of the CM-Punjab, DSP Traffic, ETO, Superintendent Municipal Corporation and Traffic Wardens Incharge were invited. A detailed discussion was held on the issues, which were mentioned in the minutes of meeting.

The President shared that Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Programme (PICIIP) was a project of Government of Punjab which had been initiated with financial assistance of The Asian Development Bank (ADB). The total cost of the Project was Rs. 16 Billion out of which Rs. 6 Billion was reserved for sewerage work. The Project work had been started simultaneously in Districts Sahiwal and Sialkot. It would take time to complete and people would have to bear with the problems related to the project till its completion. The project was for betterment of the City to restructure its sewage and road infrastructure. He said that it had been planned to form a Coordination Committee comprising of representative of District Government, Traffic Police, PICIIP and this Chamber to look after and give better proposals for early completion of work. In this regard, he had discussed with the Deputy Commissioner and Mr. Usman Dar who agreed and hopefully, after formation of Coordination Committee, the things would improve. He also shared that the DSP Traffic Police had informed that information relating to digging of roads, under the projects was not shared with the Police which caused traffic blockage.

The President also expressed concern about criticism by members on photo session about the activities that he said were highlighted only for the information of members. He said that our focus was on work instead of photo session during this tenure. He shared that a campaign against encroachments in the city had been launched by the Committee with coordination of district administration. The Departments that took action against encroachment had minimum resources, like only seven staff members and a single vehicle. The public misbehaved with them during action against encroachment and the Police did not register their complaints. Nobody cooperated with them; therefore, they had requested this Chamber to facilitate them in this regard. He said that Political Leadership, District Government and Police Department had shifted their responsibilities on this Chamber which was not a good practice. He said that we should set work under our domain and decide whether the Chamber should get responsibilities or not, on the issues which were not directly relating to the businesses. The President said that he would discuss with the members on the request/proposal received for the assistance for getting their view points.

Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh endorsed the view point of the President and said that he had noticed that the Chamber was involved in some of the issues which were not related to the industries, therefore, the Chamber should avoid and refer back such issues to concerned departments. The Chamber should work for the betterment of the business/industry and the city. The non-productive issues caused wastage of time.

Sheikh Sohail Zafar endorsed the view point of the President and said that he had observed that the things were being controlled during this tenure. He hoped that the tradition to lend undue financial support to Government Departments would be changed.

Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan agreed that the Chamber should work within its

domain and should not involve in the projects of the Government but it was respectable platform and had its influence, so with a little effort/coordination, if the citizens could be facilitated then Chamber must play its role, because there were lot of issue of the traffic in the city due to road construction. She suggested to have coordination with the District Government for monitoring of the projects of PICIIP for the facilitation of public.

The President replied that the real issue was demand of financial support by the public offices, as discussed by Sheikh Sohail Zafar. He said that Chamber was always ready to provide services other than financial. The President said that it was needed to request the Government to release the development funds for road infrastructure, health and education etc., for Sialkot as spent in neighboring Districts. He informed that the Chamber was in regular coordination with District Government about the project of PICIIP initiated in Sialkot. He shared that it had been informed by DC that the sewerage/construction work on Khadim Ali Road, Kashmir Road and Defense Road would be completed till March 15, 2022 after which the Sewerage work on Paris Road would be started.

Mr. Adnan Yousaf appreciated the President and assured full support. He requested that EC Members and the Chairmen of the Committees should also support and cooperate with the President in this regard. He shared that he had noticed that the Chairmen of the Departmental Committees and some of the members invited the Government Officials in this Chamber and offered every kind of support without any approval from the house which should be stopped.

The President replied that there was no restriction to invite officials in the Chamber. He informed the house that in meeting with Government Officials he had requested for launch of Punjab Safe City Project in Sialkot to control and improve the security and safety of the public. He said that it was agreed by the govt. but again the issue was the provision of funds. The concerned dept. considered that the Chamber could provide funds to initiate the project. However, the Chamber would not finance the project and that it would be done by the govt.

Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz said that a counter for the Driving License was set up in this Chamber for the facilitation of members but was not operational yet. He requested the President to approach the concerned authorities to make it operational.

The President replied that it was in his notice but could not be made operational, hence it had been closed, because it had been planned to establish a state of the art One Window Operation Counter in SBCC building. The desks like Nadra, Passport, Police Complaint, Driving License etc., under one roof as one window operation would be set up for the facilitation of public and hopefully, it would be operation by January 15, 2022.

Participants	The President, Mr. Adnan Yousaf, Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz, Mr. Muhammad Sarwar, Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh, Sheikh Sohail Zafar and Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan.
Approval	Approved.

16. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Surgical Instruments, Health, Personal Care and Allied Industries held on December 21, 2021.
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<u>Discussion:</u>	
The President appreciated Mr. Zeeshan Tariq on his performance as Chairman of Surgical Instruments Committee. He also appreciated the Committee on initiating work on the requirement of Medical Device Regulation (MDR) for Surgical Industry of Sialkot for survival of industry in the long-run.	
Mr. Naeem Yousaf endorsed the President and said that Mr. Zeeshan Tariq was working efficiently on MDR. The Committee had visited two Universities to collaborate & assign the task to them regarding the initiative of short courses on industry related skills and most importantly about the “MDR Consultancy / Quality Inspection. He also informed that his son was also working on it.	
Participants	The President and Mr. Naeem Yousaf.
Approval	Approved.

17. Point discussed.	Approval of report of Brain Storming Session on SCCI Hackathon 2022 held on November 23-27, 2021.
<u>Discussion:</u>	
The President shared that the young mind(s) and start-ups of Sialkot were more inclined toward the growing IT Industry rather than relying on traditional export methods, therefore the “SCCI's Hackathon 2022” would provide an opportunity to youth to explore the emerging technology and potential of IT Exports. He said that Series of Meeting(s) with various Universities and Software Houses were held to give them a brief overview of the vision and mission of “SCCI's Hackathon 2022”. The establishment and development of IT Business Incubation Centers were also in the pipeline.	
Participants	The President.
Approval	Approved.

18. Point discussed.	Approval of report of a seminar on Refinance Schemes by State Bank of Pakistan held on November 25, 2021.
<u>Discussion:</u>	
The President said that number of members had complained that they had no information about the Refinance Schemes of State Bank of Pakistan, therefore, a Webinar was arranged on it but the attendance of the members was very poor. He said that Mr. Safian Taseer-Assistant Director-SBP BSC Sialkot, explained the Refinance Schemes initiated by State Bank of Pakistan for SMEs sector of Pakistan.	
The President said that the Chief Manager, State Bank had informed that State Bank had planned to refinance for energy sector this year, especially installation of solar system on very cost effective rates. The President said that it was a very good scheme, therefore, the members should avail the opportunity from the scheme and install Solar System at the industry. He said that both Conventional and Islamic Banking proposals were offered by State Bank.	
Mr. Muhammad Idrees replied that as concerned to the attendance, he was the Senior Vice Chairman and Mr. Ahmed Imtiaz Khan was the Vice Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Banking & Finance Committee but they were not invited in the meetings, held during last month relating to Banking	

Committee. Even the Committee Members were also not been invited. The Chairman of the Committee was present in all 3-4 programs/meetings which were held in the last month relating to the Banking Committee while there was no participation of the members of the Banking Committee. He said that in case the Chairman of the Committee was not willing to accompany his SVC/VC in the meetings, he could be changed because there should be a team work for better working of the Committee instead of handling by a single person.

The President ensured to resolve the issue.

Mr. Ahmed Imtiaz Khan endorsed Mr. Muhammad Idrees.

Participants	The President, Mr. Muhammad Idrees and Mr. Ahmed Imtiaz Khan.
Approval	Approved.

19. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting with Inland Study Tour of 32 nd Mid-Career Management Course, from National Institute of Management Islamabad held on December 01, 2021
Approval	Approved.

20. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting on visit of H.E. Mr. Philippe Bronchain, Ambassador of Belgium to Pakistan held on December 02, 2021.
Approval	Approved.

21. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting on visit of Mr. Sultan Mehmood Chaudhary, President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir held on December 02, 2021.
Approval	Approved.

22. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of an emergent meeting to extend solidarity on the incident of murder of Mr. Priyantha Kumara held on December 04, 2021.
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Discussion:

Sheikh Sohail Zafar expressing his annoyance complained that he was not allowed by the Chair to present his point of view in the meeting. He requested, many time, in the meeting but was ignored. He said that the Senior members were respectable to him but Executive Committee Members had also a respect, therefore, EC should be given the opportunity to speak in the meetings and should not be ignored.

Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh endorsed Sheikh Sohail Zafar and said that sequence of the meeting was disturbed because the members sitting at the front seats left the meeting after presenting their view point and the late coming members got seated at the vacant seats.

The President replied that care would be taken and meeting decorum would be considered in future.

Mr. Adnan Yousaf said that there was a lack of coordination among the Office Bearers and EC Members. He said that the Vice President called him to inform that he had announced financial support, on behalf of this Chamber, therefore requested for collection of funds but on inquiry from the EC Members, nobody had the information. Mr. Adnan Yousaf suggested that the Chamber should have collective stand on such issues to handle it as a team instead of individual positioning.

Mr. Muhammad Sarwar said that the Vice President also called him for the funds. He said that Government had also announced US\$100,000/-, as compensation. He enquired about the current position of it.

Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh said that Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi contacted him and informed that the President had assigned the duty for fund raising. He had informed the SVP that it would be difficult to collect the funds. Moreover, the President did not directly contact him. Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh confirmed from the President whether it was true or not.

Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi replied that he did not make any call.

Mr. Naeem Yousaf informed that some wrong information with pictures was also uploaded and circulated on the Social Media.

The President replied that it was not announced to pay amount of US\$100,000/- from the platform of this Chamber due to the reason that it was the body of 16000 members and he did not want to set a precedent to pay such a big amount for a single member which could create problem in future. Secondly, it was actually the liability of the employer to assist financially his employee and in case, the employer was not in a position, then it could be considered to extend help but unfortunately the employer did not contact the Chamber at any time or shared information about his contribution.

Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh informed that many companies had group insurance for their employees and got 1 (M) in case of any accidental death but the slain was a foreigner who would have pooled a lot of funds in the shape of insurance, provident funds etc.

The President said that District Administrative and some members again approached him, for the support but he replied that only sympathy could be expressed but not the financial support. The Chamber handled the issue skilfully and did not allow it to become a threat for the industry. A walk for the solidarity of Mr. Priyantha Kumara was arranged by this Chamber, wherein, the employer did not been participate. The President said that a strategy was adopted to handle the case, which remained successful.

The house appreciated the President.

Mr. Adnan Yousaf appreciated the President and said that number of questions were raised while handing the issue, due to lack of communication and different statements of Senior Vice President and Vice President. He requested the President that he should nominate the spoke person on the issue, either, the SVP or VP and the statement should be similar to avoid any such inconvenience.

The President replied that there could be chances of miscommunication, in such incidents, but overall the role of this Chamber was acknowledged and appreciated.	
Participants	The President, Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi, Mr. Adnan Yousaf, Mr. Naeem Yousaf, Mr. Muhammad Sarwar, Sheikh Sohail Zafar and Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh.
Approval	Approved.

23. Point discussed.	Approval of report of a seminar on Smog Day & Inauguration of Air Quality Meter at Sialkot Chamber held on December 06, 2021.
Approval	Approved.

24. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting with Inland Study Tour of 32 nd Mid-Career Management Course, from National Institute of Management Lahore held on December 08, 2021.
Approval	Approved.

25. Point discussed.	Approval of report of Workshop on "REX Registration System" organized by TDAP held on December 09, 2021
Approval	Approved.

26. Point discussed.	Approval of report of Seminar on E-Commerce in Pakistan- Opportunities and Challenges organized by Digital Pulp held on December 10, 2021.
Approval	Approved.

27. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting on visit of Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Religious Harmony held on December 16, 2021.
Approval	Approved.

28. Point discussed.	Approval of report of meeting with Sheikh Momin Ahmed, Global President, Commonwealth Entrepreneurs Club held on December 17, 2021.
Approval	Approved.

29. Point discussed.	Approval of report of meeting of the Sub Committee on Delivery of SCCI Bulletin held on December 20, 2021.
Discussion:	
Mr. Muhammad Sarwar said that the Chamber's Bulletin was regularly printed and dispatched but did not deliver to members on their given addresses. The issue of non-delivery of bulletin to members as per the dispatched copies was from last three years. In this regard, all kinds of efforts like meetings with Post	

Master, limited printing of bulletin, services of TCS and other Couriers Companies in Sialkot to ensure the delivery was made but remained futile.

Finally, the Executive Committee formed a Sub-Committee to look after the issue of printing and ensure delivery of the bulletin. The Committee Meeting was held on December 20, 2021. The Committee observed that 15000 Copies of Bulletin were published in the last month without establishing any mechanism how it would be delivered to members and the cost of printing of bulletin was PKR 10 (M) annually. Moreover, it was not a legal requirement to print the bulletin which was confirmed by DGTO Office. After thorough discussion and considering all issues, the Committee had been recommended following:-

- Instead of printing and sending bulletins to all Chamber members, they should follow the "Go Green" policy announced by the government and send Bulletin via e-mails in digital form. It would not only eliminate the complaint of non-receipt of bulletins by the members but the costly printing of the Chamber Bulletin would be reduced.
- The Chamber Bulletin should be sent only to those members who were valid voters, until the issue of dispatch of Chamber Bulletin was not finalized.
- The Bulletin should be uploaded on Website and sent through e-mail and in this regard, if required a staff could be hired.

The President replied that it would be further discussed because the publication fee was charged from the members which should be justified. Secondly, it would be difficult to member to download the file due to big size of file.

Mr. Naeem Yousaf replied that the PDF file could be displayed and downloaded easily. Secondly, the link of bulletin uploaded on SCCI's website could be sent to members through SMS. From the link members could easily check the bulletin. He said that such system was implemented by Sialkot International Airport for its directors and if house agreed, he would share it. The President agreed on the suggestion of Mr. Naeem Yousaf to share the model of SIAL for consideration.

Sheikh Sohail Zafar appreciated the idea of "Go Green" of the Chamber and said that it would be appreciated and adopted by other Chambers as well.

Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh agreed with the suggestion of the members but said that the people of different fields apart from the members also studied the Chamber's bulletin available in their offices and appreciated it. He said that if the publication charges were charged from the members, then the bulletin should be printed. He said that most of the members might not check their e-mails and many members did not update their e-mail addresses in this Chamber.

Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz agreed with the suggestion of Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh and said that advertisement of different companies and Job Vacancies were also published in the Chamber's bulletin. He said that all the institutions published and printed their bulletin for the information of public, therefore, the Chamber's bulletin should also be printed.

Mr. Naeem Yousaf said that the publication fee charged from the members could be justified in the head of designing, generated PDF file etc.

The Secretary General informed that the bulletin was already uploaded on the website.

The President said that there was a need to discuss further to finalize, hence, the minutes be deferred.

Mr. Muhammad Idrees requested the President to initiate voting by show of hands of the members to decide to defer or approve the minutes.

Mr. Muhammad Sarwar said that issue was not of printing of bulletin but the Chamber did not make sure about delivery of bulletin to members from the last 3 years, therefore, after thorough consideration, the sub-committee had recommended to follow the "Go Green" policy announced by the government and send bulletin through e-mails in digital form.

Mr. Naeem Yousaf suggested that a limited copies of the bulletin like 2000-3000 could be printed to place them in the specific place of the Chamber and allow members or factories staff to get copy from Chamber.

Mr. Adnan Yousaf suggested that the bulletin should be published on monthly basis instead of printing on fortnightly. Secondly, the services of a newspaper vendor could be availed for delivery of bulletin.

Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dodhy said that actual issue was the delivery of bulletin to members but not the printing. He endorsed the suggestion of the Sub-Committee and said that the minutes of the meeting should be approved.

Sheikh Sohail Zafar said that If the bulletin was not delivered to the members, then why was it printed/published?

Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan said that there was a need to improve delivery system of the bulletin. She said that the bulletin should be printed because it had importance. If it was not the case international organizations who regularly publish their reports should have adopted the go green initiative first.

The President said that the Sub-Committee was formed to get their recommendations for proper delivery system of the bulletin but not to give opinion about discontinuing printing of bulletin and further the EC could make decision.

Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh said that it had been mentioned in the minutes the Post Office Service was much cheaper and feasible to deliver the bulletin as compared to Courier Services. He suggested that it should keep pending the minutes till next meeting.

The President said that recommendations from the Committee be gotten to further discuss the issue.

Participants	The President, Mr. Naeem Yousaf, Mr. Muhammad Sarwar, Sheikh Sohail Zafar, Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh, Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz, Qasier Ikram Dodhy, Mr. Adnan Yousaf, Mr. Muhammad Idrees and The Secretary General. .
Approval	Deferred

30. Point discussed.	Approval of minutes of meeting with Mr. Ahmad Kamal, Commissioner Inland Revenue held on December 21, 2021 at RTO Sialkot.
<u>Discussion</u>	
<p>The President shared that after holding various meetings and considering proposal of Joint Trade Bodies of Sialkot and proposal based on Departmental Working, sector-wise purchase formula had been agreed upon between Tax Department and Sialkot Chamber to settle the issue of 5% Withholding Sales Tax on Companies against purchases from unregistered suppliers. The formula was mentioned in the minutes. He thanked Mr. Ahmad Kamal Commissioner Inland Revenue for his cooperation and also appreciated & acknowledged efforts of Mr. Ahmed Zulfiqar Hayat, Mr. Z.A. Nasir and othe team members to resolve the issue.</p>	
Participants	The President.
Approval	Approved.

31. Point discussed.	Approval of report of a Seminar on "Protection of Intellectual Property Rights and How to Register Trademark & Logo in Pakistan" held on December 22, 2021.
<u>Discussion:</u>	
<p>Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz said that Protection of Intellectual Property Rights and How to Register Trademark & Logo in Pakistan was very important topic. He mentioned the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The attendance of the members was very low in the seminar due to the reason that it was not circulated to all members. • This meeting should be held on monthly basis. • A Sub-Committee on IPO comprising of the members who were expert on the subject of IPO should be formed. • The points discussed by him in the meeting were not recorded properly. <p>The President replied that points would be recorded.</p> <p>The Secretary General replied that the notice of Seminar was circulated to all members. Moreover, the notice was also placed on Social Media.</p> <p>Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz again requested the President to form a Sub-Committee on IPO which was positively replied by the President.</p> <p>Sheikh Sohail Zafar suggested that the information of Trade Mark registered by the Members from IPO should also be published in Chamber's Bulletin for the information of other members</p>	
Participants	The President, Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz, Sheikh Sohail Zafar and the Secretary General.
Approval	Approved.

32. Point discussed.	Approval of report of Cake Cutting Ceremony on Quaid Day held on December 24, 2021.
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Approval	Approved.
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33. Point discussed.	Approval of Minutes of meeting of the Departmental Committee on Membership By-Laws held on December 24, 2021.
Approval	Approved.

Any other point.

34. Mr. Qasim Malik requested the house for the approval of PKR 1 (M) for purchase of AC, Electronic Equipments and other work of the office of Sialkot Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Sheikh Sohail Zafar requested that a Purchase Committee should be formed to approve and purchase the equipments of this Chamber.

Mr. Qasim Malik replied that a set procedure was followed for purchase at the Sialkot Chamber. The quotations from different vendors to compare the rates were invited before purchase. Moreover, he also re-verified the rates from the vendors who were personally known to him. He said that members could verify the bills, available in the Accounts Department.

The house approved the request of PKR 1(M) for Women Chamber Sialkot, as requested by Mr. Qasim Malik.

Mr. Naeem Yousaf asked whether this point should be the part of the agenda or could be discussed in any other point.

The President replied that it could be discussed in any other point.

35. Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas announced an amount of Rs. 200,000/- personally for the work of Sialkot Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The house acknowledged and appreciated Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan on announcement of the amount of PKR. 200,000/-

36. Mr. Amir Majid Sheikh said that in the last Executive Committee Meeting it had been approved that All Departmental Committee Lists including the names of Chairman, SVC, VC and members should be delivered to all Executive Committee Members in hard form but was not delivered yet.

The President replied that it would be delivered.

37. Sheikh Sohail Zafar said that the house had also approved PKR 1(M) for up gradation of Kashmir Park. He inquired the progress of renovation work of Kashmir Park.

The President replied that an MOU regarding the responsibilities of GOC, District Government and SCCI for the renovation work of Kashmir Park had been prepared. The MOU had been sent to GOC and District Government for signing by their representatives but was not yet signed. The President informed the house that amount of PKR 1 (M) was not released yet and it had been conditioned with the signatures of MOU by GOC and District Government.

He said that amount would not be issued until the MOU was signed.

The house appreciated the President.

38. Mr. Muhammad Idrees said that the last date of the registration of Pakistan Single Window System (PSW) was January 05, 2022 as per the circular of State Bank of Pakistan which should be extended. He said that it should be requested to the concerned authorities to extend the date.

Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi replied that it would be extended because the system of National Bank had also not been upgraded on PSW yet.

39. Sheikh Sohail Zafar requested the President that one of the Executive Committee Members should accompany him in the meetings with Ambassadors in different Embassies, Ministries etc, at Islamabad.

The President replied that all the Executive Committee were respectable to him and he would take them in the meeting whenever it was required.

Mr. Amir Majeed Sheikh suggested that a visit of Islamabad of Executive Committee could be arranged, as requested by Sheikh Sohail Zafar.

40. Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz requested that Ambassadors of different Countries should be invited in the Chamber.

The President replied that the letter of invitations had already been sent but he presently on account Covid etc., nobody would be willing to visit in the near future.

41. Mr. Ahmed Imtiaz Khan inquired about the status to organize a weekly Traffic Awareness Campaign on accident prevention and better traffic sense

The President replied that it was an important issue of the society which he discussed in the meetings with the concerned authorities. He informed that he had also shared the judgment of the Supreme Court of Pakistan with DC against Ching Chee Rikshaw Drivers. The DC had instructed the DSP Traffic Police to start action immediately against the Drivers of Ching Chee and Motor Cycle who were not following the driving rules. He requested the DC that to exempt the Motor Cycle Drivers (Students) because it was the duty of state to provide the public transport and in case it was not provided, then how the students would reach the schools/colleges.

The President said that there was a dire need of awareness, especially to those who overtook from left side. He said that all the sources including Social Media, Display of Banners etc., should be used, in this regard. He said that short video clips on the awareness of driving rules, public welfare, significance of water etc., should be made and displayed repeatedly on local TV Channels, Cable etc., on behalf of this Chamber.

Mr. Ahmed Imtiaz Khan suggested that a Sub-Committee should be formed in this regard.

The President replied that the Committee under the supervision of Mr. Ahsan Ul Haq had already been formed and most the EC Members were its members.

Mr. Naeem Yousaf suggested that an awareness Seminar on Traffic Rules at School Level should be organized.

Sheikh Sohail Zafar suggested that issue of school timings should be discussed with the Management School due to which the Traffic was blocked.

Mr. Asif Ali confirmed that he would initiate awareness information about traffic in two schools after winter holidays.

42. The President said that Mr. Muhammad Usman Dar had requested him to setup "Jawan Ahsas Programme" desk in the premises of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry which would be established during next month.

Mr. Adnan Yousaf said that it would be politicized.

The President replied that it was a Program of the Government of Pakistan not of a political part.

Sheikh Zohaib Rafique Sethi informed that such desks were already setup in Lahore, Faisalabad and other Chambers in Pakistan.

The house agreed with The President.

43. Mr. Adnan Yousaf suggested that copies of the Chambers Bulletin could be printed and placed the specific place of the chamber.

Mr. Naeem Yousaf replied that he had already proposed this idea.

44. Before closing of the meeting the house prayed for the health of the President and others.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes approved by the President, Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry.