



Agenda

Cannock Community Forum

Time and Date

7.00pm on Tuesday, 15 September 2009

Venue

Bar End of Ballroom, Civic Centre, Cannock

You are invited to this meeting to consider the matters listed below.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.G. Brown".

S.G. Brown
Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

To declare any personal or prejudicial interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any possible contraventions under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

3. **Notes**

To receive the Notes of the meeting held on 17 June 2009 (Enclosed)

4. **Questions for Staffordshire Police**

Members of the public are invited to ask questions of the representative from Staffordshire Police in relation to local policing matters.

5. **Update – Bus Service 31**

Further to the update provided by Adrian Hunt of Staffordshire County Council at the last meeting of the Forum, Mr. Wayne Mortiboys of Staffordshire County Council will be attending the meeting to provide a progress report.

6. Closure of Cannock Park Gates

Following the last meeting of the Forum, it was agreed that the Forum be provided with a progress report in relation to this matter the survey that was recently undertaken.

Mr. Tom Walsh, Parks & Open Spaces Manager, will be attending the meeting to deal with this item.

7. Condition of Old Fallow Road and Hamelin Street.

The following question has been submitted by Mr. L. Cooper:

"Are there any plans to repair local roads, particularly Old Fallow Road and Hamelin Avenue?"

Mr. Wayne Mortiboys of Staffordshire County Council will be attending the meeting to deal with this matter.

8. Freedom of Information Request

The following question has been submitted by Mr. P. Rainsbury:

"Why am I being denied a breakdown of approved tranches of money related to Cannock Park?" (as requested under Freedom of Information).

A representative from Cannock Chase Council will be attending the meeting to deal with this matter.

9. Questions in Respect of Senior Officers' Salaries and Expenses and Members' Expenses

The following questions have been submitted by Ms. H. Heath:

(A) 'Would you please tell me and the public how, according to one item in the newspaper cutting (dated 4 October, 2008), in December, 2006, Chief Executive, Stephen Brown, was given a pay rise of £10,000 overnight? Who gives this authority to Councillors, and where is the money coming from to pay all these fantastic wage increases?'

(B) 'Another item in the article stated that Senior Officers at Cannock Chase Council (13 in all) "have seen their pay soar again with a total wage bill coming in at £780,000." Councillor Neil Stanley defended the wage increase of Senior Officers arguing the authority has to keep pace with pay levels to attract the best Officers. Please tell me the total of expenses these senior staff claim as, according to press items, the public are obliged to know.'

(C) 'Mercury News of 8 August, 2002, reported that Councillors picked up a quarter of a million pounds in allowances (in 2001-02). Please tell me the sum for 2008-09.'

(D) 'How many Councillors are there for the Cannock Chase District? What is the size of the population of the district?'

(E) 'Where are the rules for the number of Councillors to be appointed, and who makes these rules?'

A representative from Cannock Chase Council will be attending the meeting to deal with this matter.

10. Forward Agenda for Future Meetings

To consider a forward agenda of issues to be discussed at future meetings. Forms for this purpose will be available for completion at the meeting. Appropriate representatives will be invited to attend future meetings to debate the issues and answer any questions.

11. Dates of Future Meetings

The dates of future meetings of the Forum have been arranged as follows: -

- 23 November 2009 – Bar End of Ballroom, Civic Centre
- 17 March 2010 – Venue to be confirmed

To: Councillors

Freeman, M. P. (Chairman)
Bennett, Mrs. D. J. (Vice-Chairman)

Alcott, G.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Allen, F.W.C.	Mitchell, C.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Dixon, D.I.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Green, M.R.	Thomas, D.

Clerk to Bridgtown Parish Council
County Councillor J. Rowley – Cannock Villages Division
County Councillor P. Corfield – Cannock Town Centre Division
County Councillor D. J. Davis – Chadsmoor Division
Chief Executive, Chase Council for Voluntary Services
Inspector Pat Shannaghan, Cannock Police
Chief Superintendent of Chase Division, Staffordshire Police
Representative of Cannock Chase Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Representative / Chief Executive, Staffordshire County Council
Mr. J. Bletcher – Partnership Manager, South Staffs Primary Care Trust
Geraint Griffiths – South Staffs Primary Care Trust
Mrs. H. Heath – Secretary, Longford and Avon Residents Association
Mr. A. Thomas – Chairman, Avenue Tenants and Residents Association
Mr. M. Walters – Vice Chairman, Moss Road Residents Action Group
Mr. D. Stagg – Chairman, Area Tenants and Residents Collective
Ms. A. Ames – Chairperson of Rumer Hill Residents Association and Secretary of CTRF
Mrs. A. Higgs – Chairperson, Bevan Lee Estate Residents Association
Representative of Cannock Street Wardens

Dr. A.W. Wright, Member of Parliament (Cannock Chase Constituency)
Mr. G. Hunt, Partnership District Manager, PDU Office, Cannock Chase Council
Mrs. M. Lucas, Town Centre Operations Manager
Representative of Staffordshire Ambulance Service
Representative / Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Matt Challoner, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock Tel. 01543 462621 or e-mail matthewchalloner@cannockchasedc.gov.uk

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