

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
GRANT APPLICATIONS AND RATE RELIEF COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, 13 MARCH, 2007 AT 2.00 P.M.  
CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Burnett, J. (Chairman)  
Davies, D. N. (Vice-Chairman)  
Grocott, M.R.            Thomas, D.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. M.A. Davis and S.M. Hewitt).

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Davies, D.N.	Application A304 - Rugeley Open Spaces Association – Member knows the Chairman	Personal
Grocott, M.R.	Application A304 - Rugeley Open Spaces Association – Member knows the applicant	Personal
Grocott, M.R.	Application by Alpha Metal Finishers Limited for Hardship Rate Relief – Member's relative is employed by company	Personal & Prejudicial
Thomas, D.	Application A310 - Longford Social Club – Member of Longford Social Club	Personal & Prejudicial

**10.          Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2006 be approved as a correct record.

**11.          National Non-Domestic Rates – Charitable Rate Relief**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Commercial Operations (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.37 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Prior to consideration of the applications, Members requested that future reports provide greater background information in relation to those organisations requesting financial assistance.

RESOLVED:

(A) That the action of the Head of Commercial Operations in awarding Mandatory Rate Relief as set out below be noted and that the amount of Discretionary Relief be awarded as follows:-

(i) Cannock Chase High School

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(ii) Cannock Chase Technical College (High Green)

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(iii) Cannock Chase Technical College (Progress Drive)

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(iv) Cardinal Griffin RC School

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(v) St. Joseph's RC Primary School, Hill Top

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(vi) St. Joseph's RC Primary School, Newman Grove

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(vii) St. Mary's RC Primary School

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(viii) Stoke-on-Trent College

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(ix) Walbrook Housing Association Limited

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(x) Birth Defects Foundation, Unit 1, Hemlock Business Park

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

That Discretionary Rate Relief for the financial year 2006/07 be refused in respect of the occupied large premises and that the amount of relief granted on those premises would budget for Discretionary Rate Relief.

(xi) Birth Defects Foundation, Unit 2, Hemlock Business Park

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

That Discretionary Rate Relief for the financial year 2006/07 be refused in respect of the occupied large premises and that the amount of relief granted on those premises would budget for Discretionary Rate Relief.

(xii) Home Farm Trust Limited

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(xiii) Housing 21

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(xiv) Age Concern England (Training Division)

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(xv) Be Together Limited (Lichfield Street, Rugeley)

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

- (xvi) Be Together Limited (8 St. Joseph's House)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xvii) Cannock Advice Centre  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xviii) Chase Council for Voluntary Services (Arthur Street Offices)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xix) Chase Council for Voluntary Services (Taylors Lane Garage)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xx) Chase Council for Voluntary Services (Unit 1, Ranton Park)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xxi) Citizens Advice Bureau (Cannock)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xxii) Citizens Advice Bureau (Rugeley)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xxiii) Connexions Staffordshire Limited (11 Queen Street, Cannock)  
That 50% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

- (xxiv) Connexions Staffordshire Limited (84 High Green, Cannock)  
That 50% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xxv) Family Focus (Cannock)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xxvi) Family Focus (Rugeley)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xxvii) Mencap  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xxviii) Mid Staffs Mind Limited  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xxix) Relate Marriage Guidance  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xxx) St. John Ambulance  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xxxi) The Prince's Trust  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(xxxii) 5c's Training, Kingston House

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(xxxiii) 5c's Training, (26) Manor Avenue

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(xxxiv) 5c's Training, R/o 8 Walsall Road

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(xxxv) Avon Business and Leisure Centre

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(xxxvi) British Red Cross Society

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(xxxvii) Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(xxxviii) Etching Hill Village Hall

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(xxxix) Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

- (xl) Norton Canes Community Centre
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xli) Prospect Village Hall
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xlii) Ravenhill Ward Social Club
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xliii) Rugeley Physically Handicapped Association
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xliv) Senior Citizens Welcome Club
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xlv) St. Joseph's Community Centre
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xlvi) The Victory Hall
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xlvii) West Cannock Sports & Social Centre
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

- (xlviii) West Cannock Youth Centre
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xlix) Weston Spirit
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (l) Wimblebury Community Services
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (li) Wolverhampton YMCA
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (lii) Acorn Children's Hospice
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (liii) Age Concern England (Shops) (17 Market Place)
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (liv) Age Concern England (57 Market Street)
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (lv) Age Concern South Staffordshire (49 Albion Street)
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.



- (Ivi) British Heart Foundation (21 Market Place, Cannock)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (Ivii) British Heart Foundation (2a Brook Square, Rugeley)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (Iviii) Help The Aged  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (Iix) International Aid Trust (38 Hednesford Road)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (ix) International Aid Trust (38a Hednesford Road)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (Ixi) International Aid Trust (8 Ashworth House, Cannock Road)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (Ixii) International Aid Trust (43 Market Street)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (Ixiii) Katharine House Hospice (72 Market Street)  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

- (Ixiv) Katharine House Hospice (19 Market Place)
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (Ixv) St. Giles Hospice Shops Limited (4 Upper Brook Street)
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (Ixvi) St. Giles Hospice Shops Limited (Ground Floor, Wolverhampton Road)
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (Ixvii) The Extra Care Charitable Trust (33 Market Square, Rugeley)
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (Ixviii) The Extra Care Charitable Trust (4B Market Place, Cannock)
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (Ixix) 1st Blackfords Scout Group
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (ixx) 1st Chadsmoor Scout Group
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (Ixxi) 1st Hednesford Scouts/2nd Guides
- That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(ixxii) 2nd Rugeley Scout Group

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(ixxiii) Chadsmoor Guides

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(Ixxiv) Rugeley Sea Scouts

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(ixxv) St. Luke's Scout Group

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(ixxvi) The Beaudesert Trust

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(ixxvii) Beaudesert Sports Field and Recreational Ground Trust

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(ixxviii) Rugeley Open Spaces Association

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(Ixxix) Little Friends Day Nursery

That 75% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

- (ixxx) Broomhill Albion WMC and Institute Limited
- That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (ixxxi) Cannock Social WMC and Institute Limited
- That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (ixxxii) Chadsmoor Progressive WMC
- That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (ixxxiii) Greenheath Progressive WMC
- That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (ixxxiv) Heath Gap 'Welcome' WMC
- That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (ixxxv) Lido WMC and Institute
- That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (ixxxvi) Norton East WMC
- That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (ixxxvii) Pear Tree WMC
- That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (ixxxviii) Rugeley Progressive WMC
- That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (ixxxix) Victoria WMC (Belt Road)
- That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

- (xc) Victoria WMC (Church Hill)  
That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xci) Bridgtown Social Club & Institute Limited  
That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xcii) Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Club  
That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xciii) Heath Hayes Constitutional Club  
That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xciv) Hednesford Ex-Servicemen's Club  
That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xcv) Royal British Legion (Rugeley)  
That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xcvi) Hagley Bowling Club  
That 75% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xcvii) Heath Hayes Football Club  
That 75% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xcviii) Rugeley Police Boys Boxing Club  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.
- (xcix) Brereton Town Football Club  
That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April

2007.

(c) Brereton Community Sports Club

That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(ci) Cannock Bowling Green Club

That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(cii) Rugeley Cricket Club

That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007.

(B) That the following grants be awarded in relation to new and renewal applications:-

(i) Stafford Women's Aid

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for the period 1 April, 2006 – 31 March, 2008.

(ii) The Birth Defects Foundation Limited

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

(iii) The Birth Defects Foundation Limited

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

Members did not consider that remitting all or part of the rate liability was in the council taxpayers' interest, given the circumstance of the business as described in the application.

(C) That the application by Alpha Metal Finishers Limited for hardship rate relief be refused on the grounds that Member did not consider that remitting all or part of the rate liability was in the Council taxpayers' interest, given the circumstance of the business as described in the application.

(Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest Councillor M.R. Grocott left the meeting during consideration of the application referred to in (c) above).

## 12. Applications for Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

(A) That the following grants be awarded:-

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Hednesford Pentecostal Church	A301	£300
3rd Heath Hayes Rainbows	A302	£150

(The application was awarded subject to the satisfactory receipt of audited accounts).

Mid Staffordshire Mencap	A303	£500
Rugeley Open Spaces Association	A304	£600
The Sea Cadets (Stafford & Rugeley Unit)	A305	£1,000
Trips for Kids	A306	£500
Busydays Nursery	A307	£500
Cannock Chase District Scouts	A308	£1,000

(The External Funding Officer advised that the organisation were currently working with the Council's Arts Development Unit).

Cannock Bowling Green Club	A309	£500
Longford Social Club	A310	£1,000

(Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, Councillor D. Thomas left the meeting during consideration of this application).

Florence Street Methodist Church Youth Club	A311	£400
Royal British Legion Hednesford	A312	£500

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CHAIRMAN