

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE, 2014

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Grice, Mrs. D. (Chairman)
Pearson, A. (Vice Chairman)

Adamson, G.	Hardman, W.
Alcott, G.	Holder, M.J.
Allen, F.W.C.	Johnson, J.
Allt, Mrs. A.	Jones, Ms. J.L.
Anslow, C.	Jones, R.
Ball, G.D.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Bennett, C.	Lovell, A.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Mitchell, Mrs. C.
Bernard, J.D.	Molineux, G.N.
Bottomer, B.	Preece, J.
Buttery, M.	Snape, P.A.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.	Spicer, Mrs. A.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Dean, A.	Sutton, Mrs. H.
Dixon, D.I.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Fisher, P.A.	Todd, R.
Freeman, Miss M.	Toth, J.
Gamble, B.	Whitehouse, Ms. S.
Grocott, M.R.	Witton, P.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed the newly elected Councillors to the meeting: Councillors Martyn Buttery; Alan Dean; Bill Hardman; John Preece; Stephanie Whitehouse; and Paul Witton.

The Chairman then made her valedictory speech thanking all those who had supported her during her thirteen months as Chairman. She commented that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable year and she had made some great friends and had some memorable experiences.

The Chairman mentioned that she had attended a variety of functions with her brother-in-law, Brian, as Consort, who had been a great support to her, and she asked him to come forward to receive a Past Consort's Badge.

Chairman's Charities

The Chairman then referred to the Charities she had supported during her term

and asked representatives of Trinity Pop-In Centre and the Newlife Foundation to come forward to collect donations from the £804.77 raised.

Former Councillors

Finally, the Chairman asked former Councillors Clive Morgan (28 years service) and Linda Whitehouse (4 years service) to come forward to receive certificates recognising their service. In addition, certificates would also be sent to former Councillors Daniel Davies (26 years); Peter Gilbert (4 years); John Rowley (4 years); and Mike Sutherland (4 years), who were unable to attend.

Youth Endeavour Award

The Chairman then advised that the year's Youth Endeavour Award was to be presented to Joshua Crook, who had been nominated by Rachel Brennan of Fair Oak Academy, Rugeley, in recognition of his extensive fundraising efforts for Cancer Research and Katherine House Hospice. Most recently, Joshua had helped to organise a make-over day which, amongst other activities, involved head shaving, a cake sale and 'dare the teacher'. He goes out of his way to gather interest amongst his fellow students and promotes events around the Academy. One event alone had raised over £700. The Chairman then asked Joshua forward to collect his award.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Dudson.

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

No other Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

3. Election of Chairman of the Council

Councillor B. Gamble nominated Councillor A. Pearson to be the Chairman of the Council, which was seconded.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor A. Pearson be elected Chairman of the Council to hold office for the ensuing Municipal year.

(Councillor Pearson thereupon declared and signed the Acceptance of Office and was invested with the badge of office.)

Councillor Pearson, the newly appointed Chairman, thanked Members for electing him to office and took the Chair.

(Councillor Pearson in the Chair)

4. Election of Vice Chairman of the Council

Councillor J. Kraujalis nominated Councillor Miss M. Freeman to be Vice Chairman of the Council, which was seconded.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Miss M. Freeman be appointed Vice Chairman of the Council to hold office for the ensuing Municipal year.

(Councillor Freeman thereupon declared and signed the Acceptance of Office and was invested with the badge of office.)

5. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April, 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed.

6. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Chairman's Charity Collection

The Chairman advised that a charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation to support his charity fund, details of the charities he would be supporting would be announced at the next Council meeting on 16 July, 2014.

(ii) Civic Handbook (Item 16 on the Agenda)

The Chairman advised that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

(iii) Armed Forces Day

The Chairman advised that the Council would be hosting a flag raising ceremony on Monday, 23 June at 10.00 a.m. at the front of the Civic Building, followed by light refreshments, and he looked forward to seeing Members there.

(iv) Freedom March

The Chairman reminded Members that the Council would be hosting its first Freedom of the District March on Friday, 27 June, and he asked them to encourage their friends, family and residents to support the event.

7. Leader of the Council

Councillor M.J. Holder nominated Councillor G. Adamson to be the Leader of the Council, which was seconded.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor G. Adamson be appointed Leader of the Council to hold office in accordance with the Constitution.

(Councillor Adamson thereupon declared and signed the Acceptance of Office.)

8. Form and Composition of the Cabinet

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G. Adamson, notified the Council of the form and composition of the Cabinet.

Cllr. G. Adamson	Leader of the Council
Cllr. M.J. Holder	Deputy Leader of the Council and Crime and Partnerships Portfolio Leader
Cllr. A. Lovell	Corporate Improvement Portfolio Leader
Cllr. Mrs. C. Mitchell.	Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader
Cllr. G. Alcott	Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Leader
Cllr. C. Bennett	Environment Portfolio Leader
Cllr. Mrs. M.A. Davis	Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader
Cllr. F.W.C. Allen	Housing Portfolio Leader
Cllr. Mrs. D.M. Todd	Town Centre Regeneration Portfolio Leader

9. Leader of the Opposition

The Chairman called upon the Leader of the largest opposition group to confirm the acceptance of office as the Leader of the Opposition.

Councillor J. Bernard confirmed his acceptance of office as Leader of the Opposition.

10. Form and Composition of the Shadow Cabinet

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor J. Bernard, notified the Council of the form and composition of the Shadow Cabinet and of the lead Members for each of the Shadow Portfolios.

As a result of there being only 6 UKIP Councillors, there would be 6 Members of Shadow Cabinet who would be responsible for speaking on the following portfolios.

Cllr. J.D. Bernard	Leader of the Opposition; Crime and Partnerships Shadow Portfolio Leader; and Corporate Improvement Shadow Portfolio Leader
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Cllr. W. Hardman	Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Town Centre Regeneration Shadow Portfolio Leader
Cllr. Ms. S. Whitehouse	Culture and Sport Shadow Portfolio Leader
Cllr. M. Buttery	Economic Development and Planning Shadow Portfolio Leader
Cllr. A. Dean	Environment Shadow Portfolio Leader
Cllr. Mrs. A.F. Bernard	Health and Wellbeing Shadow Portfolio Leader; and Housing Shadow Portfolio Leader

11. Allocation of Seats to Political Groups to Committees and Other Bodies

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Item 11.1 – 11.5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the allocation of seats to the different Political Groups to the Council's Committees and Other Bodies as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be confirmed, in order that the appointment of Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Members to Committees and Other Bodies could be considered subsequently on the agenda of the meeting.

12. Appointment of Members, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees and Other Bodies

A schedule setting out the nominations provided by each of the Political Group Leaders for Members to be appointed to the Council's Committees, Sub Committees and Other Bodies, together with nominations for the appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman was circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the membership, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Council's Committees, Sub Committees and other Bodies for the 2013-14 Municipal Year, as set out on the schedule circulated, be agreed, subject to the UKIP representative on the Trade Union Consultative Forum, being amended to Councillor Mrs. A.F. Bernard.

13. Representatives on Outside Bodies

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Item 13.1 – 13.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

A schedule of outside bodies, together with the nominations received by each of the Political Groups, was circulated at the meeting.

Members agreed to suspend Rule 15 (8) of the Council Procedure Rules for voting purposes, and then determined the appointment of representatives to outside bodies. Following a vote on each of the nominations requiring determination, it was

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The Council's representatives on the following Outside Bodies, as detailed in the schedule circulated at the meeting, year should be:

<u>Outside body</u>	<u>Representative(s)</u>	
	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Other</u>
Allotments for the Ancient Parish of Rugeley (2)	C. Bennett B. Bottomer	
Beadesert Sports Field and Recreation Ground Charity Management Committee (1)		Mrs. S. Halliday, 14 Bradwell Lane, Cannock Wood WS15 4RW
Cannock Bowling Green Trust (4)	Miss. M. Freeman J. Kraujalis Mrs. H. Sutton Toth, J.	
Cannock Chase Arts Council (3)	G. Adamson Mrs. D. Grice Mrs. C. Mitchell	
Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Advisory Partnership (1)	A. Pearson	
Chase Council for Voluntary Service (2)	Mrs. S. Cartwright Mrs. M. Davis	
Chase Sports Council (6)	G. Ball B. Bottomer Mrs. S. Cartwright P. Fisher Mrs. C. Mitchell Ms. S. Whitehouse	
Cannock Conduit Trust (Longest serving Members for Cannock East, Cannock West, Cannock North, Cannock South and the second longest serving Member from the Ward that has the largest number of voters, currently Cannock South) (5)	G. Alcott Mrs. M. Davis Miss M. Freeman J. Kraujalis Mrs. H. Sutton	
Cannock TUC Advice Centre (3)	G. Adamson G. Ball Miss M. Freeman	

Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall Management Committee (1)	J. Toth	
Charity for the Provision of a Recreation Ground (2)	A.Dudson A.Lovell	
Chetwynd Charity (2)	C. Bennett (to 2014)	Mr. T. Anderson 54, Hagley Road, Rugeley, Staffs.
Community Council of Staffordshire (Councillor or Officer) (1)	B. Gamble	
Etching Hill Village Hall Committee (1)	C. Bennett	
Landor Society (2)	A.Dudson A.Lovell	
Longdon (Colton) Almshouses (1)	P. Fisher	
National Association of Councillors (2)	J. Bernard A.Lovell	
Norton Canes Community Centre (1)	M. Holder	
Poplars Landfill Site Liaison Committee (8)	Environment Leader Chair of Environment PDC Mrs. A. Bernard J. Bernard Miss M. Freeman M. Holder J. Kraujalis J. Preece	
Rugeley Physically Handicapped Association (1)	A.Dudson	
Rugeley and District Senior Citizens' Committee (2)	B. Bottomer P. Fisher	
Shoal Hill Common Joint Committee (Must be Councillors) (2)	Miss M. Freeman J. Kraujalis	
Slitting Mill Village Hall Committee (1)	<i>Deferred to next meeting – nomination missing</i>	
St. Giles Hospice (Whittington) – 'Local Government Friends Group' (1)	Mrs. S. Cartwright	
Staffordshire Playing Fields Association (2)	Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader A.Pearson	

Staffordshire County Council – Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – Co-opted Member (1)	B. Gamble	
West Midlands Reserve Forces and Cadets Association	Mrs. A. Spicer	

- (B) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Political Group Leaders, be authorised to make additional appointments at any Outside Bodies, as necessary, throughout the Municipal year.
- (C) That, in the event of the Political Group Leaders failing to agree on a nomination(s) to an Outside Body (as referred to in (B) above) the appointment be a matter for determination by the Council.
- (D) That, subject to (B) above, the Chief Executive when appointing representatives to Outside Bodies, be authorised to determine which of the appointments should be classed as an ‘approved duty’ for the purposes of claiming travelling and subsistence expenses.

14. Recommendation Referred from Cabinet

Consideration was given to the following recommendation to Council considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 17 April, 2014, in respect of:

Waste Collection Contracts (Minute 169 (C))

“That Council agrees to waive Contract Procedure Rules, in order that the Head of Housing and Waste Management may undertake negotiations with Biffa Municipal Limited to extend the current Dry Recyclables Collection Contract for a further year, following a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency Notice.”

RESOLVED:

That Contract Procedure Rules be waived, in order that the Head of Housing and Waste Management may undertake negotiations with Biffa Municipal Limited to extend the current Dry Recyclables Collection Contract for a further year, following a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency Notice.

15. Cannock Chase Local Plan – Local Plan (Part 1) Adoption

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration (Item 15.1 – 15.79 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The content of the Inspector's Report be noted.
- (B) The recommendations of the Inspector be agreed.
- (C) The Local Plan (Part 1) be adopted under Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 including the minor and Main Modifications to the Plan (set out in Appendix 1 to the report), identified during the examination process.

(The meeting closed at 5.25 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN