

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL, 2014

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

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

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

The Chairman had advised that she would be late arriving due another commitment, and the Vice Chairman took the Chair in her absence.

95. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Johnson; and Ms. J.L. Jones.

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

Kraujalis, J.T. Member of Bridgtown Parish Council Personal

No other Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already

confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

97. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 February, 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

98. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Councillor J.D. Bernard

On behalf of the Chairman and all Members, the Vice Chairman said how heartening it was to see Councillor Bernard back amongst them after his recent time in hospital, and he was sure he spoke for them all in wishing him a continued good recovery.

(ii) Charity Box

The Vice Chairman advised that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation to the Chairman's charity fund. The Vice Chairman reported that at the meeting held on 26 February, 2014, a total of £31.33 was collected and he thanked Members on behalf of the Chairman for their donations.

(iii) Chairman's Charity Evening

The Vice Chairman reminded Members that the Chairman's Charity Evening would be held on Friday, 11 April, 2014 at the Rose Community Hall and Theatre, Rugeley. Tickets could be purchased from the Executive and Civic Support Manager.

(iv) Easter Art Competition

Through the Chair, the Town Centre Regeneration Portfolio Leader, thanked local schools and school children who had taken part in an Easter Art competition that had closed on Friday, 4 April, 2014.

The winners and runners up artwork was being displayed in the town centre.

(v) Councillor C.W.J. Morgan

Through the Chair, Councillor the Leader advised that, due to health problems, Councillor Clive Morgan would not be standing for re-election at the end of his term of office in May. Councillor Morgan had served on the Council for 28 years and the Leader offered thanks on behalf of the Council for his service.

The Chairman joined the meeting at this stage and took the Chair.

99. Question(s) in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

100. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees and Panels

RESOLVED:

That the Part 1 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees and Panels be adopted and any recommendations be approved and decisions implemented following the expiry of any call-in period:-

- (a) Cabinet – 30 January, 2014
- (b) Planning Control Committee – 19 February, 2014
- (c) Health Scrutiny Committee – 3 February, 2014
- (d) Audit and Governance Committee – 19 November, 2013
- (e) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 27 January and 3 March, 2014
- (f) Cannock Community Forum – 17 December, 2013
- (g) Heath Hayes, Norton Canes and Rawsley Community Forum – 2 December, 2013
- (h) Hednesford Community Forum – 11 December, 2013
- (i) Rugeley and Brereton Community Forum – 9 December, 2013

101. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet

No recommendations had been referred from Cabinet.

102. Motion(s) Received under Rule 6

No Motions had been submitted under Rule 6.

103. Review of Members' Allowances Scheme

Consideration was given to the Report of the Monitoring Officer (Item 9.1 – 9.4 + Appendices, of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That, in respect of the Members' Allowances Scheme, the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel be approved as follows:

Scheme Area/Allowance	Current Provision/Allowance	Recommendation
Length of Scheme	2 years	2 years
Basic Allowance	£5,339 (inclusive of £1,224 for consumables purchases)	No change for 2014-15. Amend for 2015-16 in line with the December 2014 CPI rate
Leader of the Council	£18,150	No change for 2014-15. Amend for 2015-16 in line with the December 2014 CPI rate
Deputy Leader of the Council	£9,260	No change for 2014-15. Amend for 2015-16 in line with the December 2014 CPI rate
Councillors of Cabinet	£8,025	No change for 2014-15. Amend for 2015-16 in line with the December 2014 CPI rate
Leader of the Opposition	£6,791	No change for 2014-15. Amend for 2015-16 in line with the December 2014 CPI rate
Chairman of Scrutiny Committee	£6,791	No change for 2014-15. Amend for 2015-16 in line with the December 2014 CPI rate
Chairman of Planning Control Committee	£4,322	No change for 2014-15. Amend for 2015-16 in line with the December 2014 CPI rate

Scheme Area/Allowance	Current Provision/Allowance	Recommendation
Councillors of Shadow Cabinet	£NIL	Remove from Scheme
Chairmen of Policy Development Committees	£1,853	No change for 2014-15. Amend for 2015-16 in line with the December 2014 CPI rate
Chairman of Licensing & Public Protection Committee	£1,853	No change for 2014-15. Amend for 2015-16 in line with the December 2014 CPI rate
Chairman of Audit & Governance Committee	£1,853	No change for 2014-15. Amend for 2015-16 in line with the December 2014 CPI rate
Chairman of the Fundamental Services Review	£840	Remove from Scheme
Chairman of the Standards Committee (Independent Councillor)	£378	Remove from Scheme
Chairman of the Council	£8,980	No change for 2014-15. Amend for 2015-16 in line with the December 2014 CPI rate
Vice-Chairman of the Council	£3,525	No change for 2014-15. Amend for 2015-16 in line with the December 2014 CPI rate
ICT Allowance	£1,200 in year of (re)election, followed by £400 per year for following three years	No change
Carers' Allowances	Maximum hourly rate equivalent to the maximum wage applicable to the age of the carer (this increases for people aged over 60 with disabilities or learning difficulties where professional care is required)	No change

Travel Allowances	Same as rates paid to officers	Continue to link to Officer rates
Subsistence Allowances	Same as rates paid to officers	Continue to link to Officer rates

104. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph(s) 1; 2; and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

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PART 2

105. Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels

RESOLVED:

That the Part 2 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels be adopted and any recommendations be approved and decisions implemented following the expiry of any call-in period:-

- (a) Cabinet – 30 January, 2014
- (b) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 27 January and 3 March, 2014

(The meeting closed at 4.20 pm.)

CHAIRMAN