

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD VIA REMOTE ACCESS
AT 6:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 2020
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Dudson, A. (Chairman)	
Witton, P.T. (Vice-Chairman)	
Adamson, G. (Leader)	Kraujalis, J.T.
Alcott, G.	Layton, A.
Allen, F.W.C.	Lyons, Miss O.
Bennett, C.	Martin, Mrs. C.E.
Boucker, A.S.	Mitchell, Mrs. C.
Buttery, M.S.	Molineux, G.N.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Muckley, A.M.
Crabtree, S.K.	Newbury, J.A.A.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Pearson, A.R.
Dunnett, Ms. A.J.	Preece, J.P.T.L.
Fisher, P.A.	Smith, C.D.
Fitzgerald, Mrs. A.A.	Startin, P.D.
Freeman, Miss M.A.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z., M.B.E.
Hewitt, P.M.	Sutherland, M.
Hughes, R.J.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Johnson, J.P.	Thompson, Mrs. S.L.
Johnson, T.B.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Jones, B.	Wilkinson, Ms. C.L.
Jones, Mrs. V.	Woodhead, P.E.

31. Apologies

None.

32. 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.

33. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 August, 2020, be approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendments being made:

- Delete the word 'annual' at top of page 9; and
- Under minute no. 26(ii), delete the words 'The vote was tied and the Chairman used his casting vote' (this motion was agreed unanimously, therefore the Chairman did not need to use his casting vote).

34. Questions Received from the Public under Council Procedure Rule 4B(c)

(i) The following question was submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4B(c) by member of the public, Stuart Haynes:

"Please could you advise, outside of necessary infrastructure changes, how much money has McArthurGlen provided to the Council as part of its Mill Green development and how has it been spent / allocated?"

Councillor T.B. Johnson, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Leader provided the following response:

"The McArthurGlen Designer Outlet West Midlands is due to open in February 2021 and on opening will be a major visitor destination for the West Midlands region and provide a massive contribution to the economic recovery of the District, creating 1,000 much needed jobs.

The Council is working with McArthurGlen and Walsall College to ensure that local residents can access these new jobs via a Retail Skills Academy. Furthermore, the Council is working with McArthurGlen to organise a jobs fair which will take place later this year, to directly connect local people with the available job opportunities.

In terms of the specific question from Mr Haynes:

The Council will receive three allocations of funding arising from the sale of Mill Green site.

The site was acquired from the Council for £7million. This consisted of a non-refundable deposit of £400,000 followed by an instalment of £3.2million (which has been received) and £3.4million to be paid on completion of the scheme.

I can confirm that £237,000 from the deposit was spent by the Council on professional advice linked to the sale of the site, with a further £825,000 repaying the loan undertaken by the Council to acquire outright ownership of the land in 2012.

All remaining monies have been allocated to the Council's District Investment Fund and will be invested to support the economic recovery of the District.

I can confirm that the Council has received £1.355million in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies. Such monies are aggregated as part of the overall CIL regime and allocated to projects that are eligible to be reflected in the CIL Infrastructure List. Initial CIL allocations were made as part of the 2020/21 budget process to two projects as follows:

- Rugeley leisure centre ATP extension;
- Rugeley Town train station access route

Furthermore, CIL monies have been received for the Cannock East ward and these totalled £210,326 at the end of the 2018/19 financial year. There is £70,881 identified in the 2019/20 financial year. None of this funding is so far allocated but will be retained for community projects. The CIL income can be spent on infrastructure within the local community such as transport facilities, sport/recreation facilities and open spaces or anything else that addresses the demands that development places on the area.

Finally, the Council is in receipt of £370,000 of Section 106 monies that are specifically required to fulfil planning obligations to support the Mill Green development, this includes £90,000 for improvements at Cannock railway station.”

(Cllr. F.W.C. Allen joined during the presentation of this response.)

Stuart Haynes asked the following supplementary question:

“The figures suggested there was still room for direction for some of that money not as yet allocated; how can residents influence that spend?”

The Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Leader provided the following response to the supplementary question:

“I would reiterate that this information is all in the public domain and would suggest that local residents lobby and use their local Councillors. Speak to them and any community organisations that want to put a bid in, as long as criteria met. District Investment Fund monies will be needed significantly in future to reform local economy for the benefit of Cannock Chase.”

(ii) The following question was submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4B(c) by member of the public, Darrell Mawle:

“I read on Cannock Chase Life (the Council’s Facebook page) stories of rejected dry recycling loads due to contamination (Nappies, Toasters, food waste etc). It’s very frustrating for committed recycling members of the public to see this happen so frequently.

What are the council doing about these inconsiderate people who are costing us all extra money for this contamination to go to landfill and what percentage of the overall total of dry recycling is getting contaminated?”

Councillor J.A.A. Newbury, Environment and Climate Change Portfolio Leader, provided the following response:

“I welcome Mr Mawle’s question.

It is a fact that the coronavirus outbreak has placed a big strain on waste and recycling services not only in Cannock Chase but in Councils all over the Country. This is not only a local problem but a national one. The levels of waste have increased significantly because more people are at home and this has unfortunately had a knock on effect on the levels of contaminated waste being placed in residents blue recycling bins.

It is not only about the quality of the items being recycled there are also serious

health and safety concerns with some of the items being disposed of in blue bins, particularly during the pandemic. Items such as nappies, food and animal waste, and used tissues have to go through hand picking processes at the plant as well as mechanical ones, putting the health and safety of operators at risk of infection.

Every blue bin is checked at the roadside for any obvious signs of contamination. If contamination is seen, the bin gets tagged and is left unemptied. Working with our waste partner, Biffa, we have clamped down on contamination. Since 23 March, over 25,000 bins in Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley have been tagged for contamination and 285 tonnes of dry recycling waste have been sent for incineration. This represents just over 7% of the total dry recycled waste tonnage recycled for the 21 week period.

Mr Mawle asks what the Council is doing to tackle this problem.

We, as a Council are committed to improving the quality of the waste that can be recycled but we can only do this with our residents help and support. The majority of our residents have been fantastic through these difficult times and we understand that it can sometimes be confusing for our residents to know exactly what can be recycled.

That is why we are currently undertaking a new Sticker campaign on all blue bins throughout the District. The new sticker, which has been designed following feedback from our residents, will hopefully help. All we ask is for our residents to think twice about everything they throw out and to follow the clear guidance on our new sticker. If it's on the sticker put it in the blue bin. If it's not on the sticker leave it out." Residents can also use our 'whichbin' search engine on our waste and recycling web pages if they are not clear as to the items that can be placed in their blue bin.

At the same time our bin wagons driving around the District are displaying the sticker on the side of the wagon for all to see.

Our approach going forward is to continue with a strong communications plan and visual support to engage with our residents in ways that they can relate to. That is why alongside the new sticker campaign regular messages and an animated information video has been produced and is available for all to see on the Council's website and other social media channels such as Facebook and Twitter

And it is not just about us; our waste contractor, our Mixed Recycling Facility (MRF) operator in Aldridge and re-processors; also have their part to play too and we will continue to work with them to tackle this problem. ...

Following our new sticker campaign we will continue to monitor the situation and if necessary we will utilise more targeted communications and campaigns in poor performing areas and streets. We will also consider taking firmer action such as, carrying out random kerbside inspections of residents' bins and removing blue bins completely for those continual offenders who display a total disregard for the information and instructions being provided.

I trust this answers Mr Mawle's question and gives him some assurance that the Council is tackling this problem and will continue to do so. And I am even more pleased that he raised his question after seeing it on the Council's Facebook Page - confirmation that we are getting the message out there."

Darrell Mawle asked the following supplementary question:

“At the end of the statement, you were talking about repeating offenders – how many times does repeating tagging have to happen before collection is revoked?”

The Environment and Climate Change Portfolio Leader provided the following response to the supplementary question:

“This was being looked at the moment. A ‘three strikes and out’ process was being considered, which could consist of a warning letter, follow up visit and then removal of service.”

(iii) The following question was submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4B(c) by member of the public, Emma Hunneyball:

“I received a leaflet on 18 July from the Leader of the Council stating that demolition of the multi storey car park in Cannock Town Centre would “soon begin”. I was delighted to hear this as redevelopment of the site will be important for the regeneration of Cannock. Can the Cabinet member please tell me when demolition is scheduled to begin, the estimated cost and duration of the demolition work and the plans for redevelopment of the site?”

Councillor G. Alcott, Deputy Leader of the Council and Town Centre Regeneration Portfolio Leader, provided the following response: /

“The regeneration of Cannock town centre is a key priority for this Council and the redevelopment of the Multi-Storey Car Park (MSCP) site is identified as a priority in the Cannock Town Centre Development Prospectus which was approved by Cabinet in July 2019.

Officers are currently working to achieve vacant possession of the MSCP / Market Hall site, and as part of this work, the Cannock Indoor Market Hall will close in November 2020. I can also confirm that Cabinet, on 13 August 2020, agreed that the Council should seek to progress technical work to inform the business case to progress the full demolition of the MSCP / Market Hall site. This work will identify the proposed technical details including estimated costs of demolition, duration and will be the subject of further reporting back to Cabinet in due course. Officers are currently working to commission the technical work and £40,000 of revenue funding has been allocated for this purpose. It is considered that a cleared site will be potentially more attractive to the market place once the economic climate improves and demolition could help to address the Council’s risks associated with the ongoing maintenance of the MSCP.”

Emma Hunneyball asked the following supplementary question:

“What are the timescales for completion of the business case and what are the criteria set for the improvement in market conditions and when are they scheduled to be reviewed?”

The Town Centre Regeneration Portfolio Leader provided the following response to the supplementary question:

“The Council considered the report put before the Cabinet (13 August, 2020), and we are in the process of going out to consultants to advise us on various issues

including costs, demolition and duration work. Once known, a report will be taken back to Cabinet for a decision on what course of action needed to be taken.

Whilst Members have a number of ideas in mind for what they would like to see on the site, no criteria have been set yet, and they will have to wait to and see what proposals prospective developers come up with. There are a number of issues we could consider for site, but only once site marketed and interest from developers has come in, Councillors and Cabinet can make a decision on what action to be taken.”

35. Chairman’s Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Don Mincher

The Chairman advised Members that it was with sadness that he had to inform them Don Mincher, a former Head Architect for the Council, had passed away. Don was most memorable for the drawings and development of some of the key architecture in and around Cannock in the 1970s and 80s.

In particular, Don designed the Civic Centre building; Prince of Wales theatre; Chase leisure centre and the first phase redevelopment of Cannock town centre around the Church Street area. He also designed the Civic crests that could be seen in the Council Chamber and on the front of the Civic building.

In Don’s honour, his family had offered to donate a bench that would be sited at the Council offices for use by staff and Members.

Don left a lasting legacy with the Council and District and would be greatly missed by his friends and family, with whom the Council’s thoughts were at that sad time.

Cllr. Alcott gave a short speech in memory of Mr. Mincher.

(ii) Chairman’s Correspondence – Chairman’s Charity Fundraising

The Chairman advised that he had received the following correspondence from Councillor Doug Smith in respect of fundraising for the Chairman’s charity:

“Every year the Chairman of Cannock Chase District Council nominates their charity of the year. Councillors contribute to this charity at each Council meeting, as well as attending events run in aid of the charity. In these unprecedented times of Zoom meetings and restrictions on events, this way of fundraising is becoming increasingly difficult. The Conservative Group on Cannock Chase District Council would like to propose that each Councillor supports the chosen charity this year in undertaking to contribute by way of a donation. I am heavily involved with several charities and am aware just how hard it is for them to fundraise now, indeed many have already folded. I am sure all Councillors will support this.”

In response, the Chairman proposed that all Members make a £15 donation to the Chairman’s charity by way of a one-off deduction from their allowances payment each year.

Members debated the Chairman’s proposal and it was recommended that the Democratic and Resilience Services Manager should write to all Members reminding them of the discussion and asking them to confirm in writing:

- (i) if they wished to make a one-off donation to the Chairman's Charity;
- (ii) if appropriate, the value of the donation they wished to make.

(iii) Presentation of a Petition

The Chairman received a petition from Councillor P.E. Woodhead on behalf of residents requesting the replacement of a footbridge removed from Anglesey Nature Reserve in July 2020. The Chairman advised that the petition would be forwarded to Councillor Mrs. C. Mitchell, Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader, for review.

36. Leader's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Covid-19 Testing Site at Civic Centre

The Leader advised that in respect of the Covid-19 testing facility located adjacent to the Civic Centre in Cannock, the latest usage figures available from Staffordshire County Council were worrying low. As at the end of August, the highest usage was 42% of capacity, and 15% the lowest. (The facility had capacity for 288 tests daily.) The Leader advised of a constituent who wanted a test for her daughter. The lady tried for days on the phone and could not get one and was eventually offered a test in Scotland. Instead, she took her daughter to the Cannock site and walked straight in. This reflected news reports that people were being sent all over the country for testing.

It was understood from a meeting Councillor Martin had attended that there appeared to be a problem with different NHS systems not talking to each other and not always knowing where testing locations were based, which was also a cause for concern. While it was great that we had such a facility in Cannock, it was frustrating to see not being used and it was hoped that the system improved. The Leader urged Members to pass on the message to encourage those who needed a test to use the local facility.

(ii) Formation of New Political Party

The Leader advised that he was aware of correspondence between the Managing Director and Councillor Layton that had been published on social media in respect of the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. In responding to specific written questions that had been submitted by Councillor Layton, the Managing Director had provided an email response that he was not aware that the Council's response to the pandemic had been disrupted by the formation of the new [Chase Community Independents] political Party. The Leader said he begged to differ with the view for the following reasons:

"As Members were aware, while many were helping the community during the pandemic some people were also playing politics. A new Party was set up with T shirts, social media, a website, registered with the Electoral Commission and a new constitution that pretty much guarantees automatic re-selection for their Councillors, regardless of their performance.

As the Council approached its Annual Meeting in June, the Labour and Green Parties agreed to form a formal coalition to ensure stability for the Council, residents and staff. Two Members of the Green Party joined the Cabinet.

No mention was made of the Chase Independents until the weekend prior to the Annual Meeting., even though attempts had been made to persuade Members of all Parties to join them in the preceding months. Only one decided on the honourable course, which was to stay in the Party upon whose platform they were elected.

On the Sunday morning prior to the Annual Meeting I received a text from Cllr. Woodhead in which he stated that the new Group were considering pulling out of the coalition, with all of the confusion that would have entailed if the Council had been unable to agree on an administration to run the Council at a time of crisis. This threat was made because of an unauthorised e-mail from a Labour Party member, who has since been removed from his post. He is entitled to his views but they did not represent the official view of Cannock Chase Labour.

The Council was facing a period of instability just at a time when stability and leadership were needed because some people chose to put politics before people.

I reached out to other Members who agreed that stability and continuity was vital at a time of crisis and agreed to support the administration.

The moral of this tale is that Members should not try to involve Officers in politics and that Officers should ensure that they know all of the facts before they become involved in the world of politics.”

37. Questions Received under Council Procedure Rule 8

No Questions under Council Procedure Rule 8 were received.

38. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.

No Recommendations were referred.

39. Motions Received under Council Procedure Rule 6

- (i) Consideration was given to the following Motion, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6, by Councillor P.E. Woodhead, Leader of the Chase Independents and Green Group:

“Homelessness Charter

This motion will complement the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan that was updated in October/November 2019 with regard to Rough Sleeping provision. The revised Strategy incorporates the new outreach service which is based on Housing First principles and is designed to assist entrenched rough sleepers exit homelessness permanently, ending the cycle of homelessness. It will also seek to build on the work undertaken during the Covid-19 pandemic as part of the Government’s “Everyone’s In” Programme.

Council commits to adopting the following Homelessness Charter, and notes that when it refers to those who are ‘homeless’ it includes those who are without shelter of any kind - ‘rough, or street sleepers’ as well as individuals and families who have a roof over their head but no security of tenure, such as sofa surfers and those in temporary accommodation. The terms Roofless or homeless at home are also common terms used to refer to homeless people.

Cannock Chase Council believes that everyone has the right to a warm and secure home that they can afford to live in.

The Council does, and will continue, to respect and uphold the rights of anyone who is experiencing homelessness of any kind.

The Council does not and will not contribute in any way to the harsh and inhumane conditions too often experienced by people who do not have a place to call home and commits to improving the living conditions of people who are homeless and to lessen the impact of the negative effects of homelessness.

This council believes that it is essential to re-state that every person who is experiencing homelessness is entitled to the same treatment as any other resident in the District. No one should be denied rights because they are experiencing homelessness.

To this end Cannock Chase Council will make effective the following rights where it is within its legal powers to do so: -

1. Homelessness prevention

Each person has the right to access the help and support they need, including financial planning, to avoid homelessness. All individuals have the right to access any support services to which they are eligible and meet the criteria that may help them stay in their home be it due to a mental or physical health, financial or addiction issue.

2. The Right to Housing

If a person does find themselves without a home, their most important right is to exit homelessness. Services supporting access to appropriate housing must be accessible to all homeless people who are eligible and meet the relevant criteria for assistance.

3. The Right to Shelter

Where housing cannot be immediately provided, there must be access to decent emergency accommodation for anyone finding themselves without shelter. The Council is committed to ensuring that emergency accommodation will be sourced so that no one is forced to sleep rough.

4. The Right to Use Public Space

People who find themselves without a home will have the same right to use public space. Like all other citizens these public spaces can only be accessed for the purposes for which they are intended and in accordance with any appropriate bylaws. They have the right to move freely within it, to rest in it and expect to stay safe whilst there.

This includes, but is not limited to, access to pavements, parks, public transport and public buildings.

5. The Right to Equal Treatment

All Council employees and services uphold the right to equal treatment for all including those who find themselves homeless.

6. The Right to a Postal Address

The Council shall work with other agencies and organisations to secure that

homeless people who need one have an accessible address such as an electronic address e.g. e-mail address

7. The Right to Emergency Services

The right to emergency services (where the Council has influence) – social services, health services, the police and the fire service without fear of being discriminated against because of their housing situation or their physical appearance.

8. The Right to Vote

Homeless people are entitled and able to register to vote. If they do not have a correspondence address a specific registration form is available from:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/711758/Register-to-vote-if-you-havent-got-a-fixed-or-permanent-address-England-and-Wales.pdf

This form can be made available in hard copy by the Council.

9. The Right to Data Protection

People who find themselves homeless have the right to data protection. Their data will only be shared by public and other services with their consent, or only for other lawful purposes allowed by law. People who find themselves homeless have the right to exercise control over their personal details.

10. The Right to Privacy

The right to privacy must be respected and protected to the fullest extent possible. The Council is committed to working to ensure that all emergency accommodation provided can deliver on this right.

11. The Right to Survival Practices

The right to carry out practices necessary to survival within the law. While the Council strives for a District in which such practices are not necessary, The Council will proactively signpost those in need to specific services, voluntary support agencies and foodbanks etc. as circumstances dictate.

12. The Right to Respect for Personal Property

People who are homeless should have their belongings, including tents and sleeping bags, respected by everyone including public servants.

13. The Right to Life

The right to life requires public authorities to take measures to preserve life. If a person who is homeless dies, in each case there should be a public investigation in order to understand the causes of death, what might have prevented it and following this the Council will work with partners to put processes in place to effect any necessary change. The Council will make all reasonable efforts to trace family and friends in these circumstances.

The following amendment was moved by Councillor J.T. Kraujalis, Housing Portfolio Leader, which was duly seconded:

“That the motion and existing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy be referred to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee to develop a comprehensive strategy

and policy to address local needs to which Members from all parties can contribute.”

A vote was then taken on the amendment, which was carried. This then became the substantive motion.

An amendment to the new substantive motion was then moved by Councillor Miss O. Lyons, Leader of the Opposition, which was duly seconded:

“That the Council further resolves to commit to hold a stakeholder event to bring together local voluntary organisations, other local public authorities and partners to consider local issues and help deliver relevant elements of the Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.”

A vote was then taken on the amendment, which was carried.

(Cllr. C. Bennett lost his connection to the meeting at 7:15pm so did not take part in the vote on this item.)

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The motion and existing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy be referred to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee to develop a comprehensive strategy and to address local needs to which Members from all parties can contribute.
- (B) The Council further resolves to commit to hold a stakeholder event to bring together local voluntary organisations, other local public authorities and partners to consider local issues and help deliver relevant elements of the Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

- (ii) Consideration was given to the following Motion, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6, by Councillor A.S. Boucker, which was seconded:

“This Council recognises that integrity and transparency are fundamental elements of democracy. The increasing popularity of both the internet and various social media platforms allows pressure groups and parties promoting single issue campaigns to accelerate, which can have many benefits. However, broad motions designed at a national level do not always suit Cannock Chase or meet the needs of local residents.

In an effort for this Council to improve transparency and to enable Members within this Council to understand any wider persuasions or influences to a Motion brought forward locally and to informatively analyse any potential implications, I move that:

Future Motions be signed by the proposer as confirmation that, to the best of their knowledge, the motion is original and comprises of their own work; or the provenance of any borrowed Motion be cited.”

(Cllr. C. Bennett re-joined the meeting at 7:25pm.)

RESOLVED:

That future Motions be signed by the proposer as confirmation that, to the best of their knowledge, the motion was original and comprised of their own work; or the provenance of any borrowed Motion be cited.

- (iii) Consideration was given to the following Motion, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6, by Councillor J.A.A. Newbury, Environment and Climate Change Portfolio Leader, which was seconded:

“We move that Councillor Newbury be authorised in his role as Portfolio Leader for the Environment and Climate Change to write on behalf of this Council to the Special Area of Conservation Partnership’s Joint Strategic Board to request action on the following points:

Transparency

- That any documentation related to future plans for the Cannock Chase SAC are available in one place on the haveyoursaycannockchase.org.uk website.
- That this website provides an ongoing opportunity for the public to submit their views and questions regarding the plans as they develop, even if these are not responded to until the next formal consultation.

Conservation

- That a comprehensive assessment of the state of the heathland in the SAC be undertaken to ascertain the level of erosion it may be suffering and the extent to which different areas are affected.

Car Parking

- That an impact assessment be undertaken to ascertain the potential effects on visitors of car park closures in the SAC.
- That no further closures or fencing of car parking areas be put in place until this impact assessment has been completed and further consultation on more detailed proposals is held.”

The following amendment was moved by Councillor P.E. Woodhead, Leader of the Chase Community Independents & Green Group, which was duly seconded:

“Under the ‘Transparency’ heading, insert a third bullet point that reads: “That a visitor and / or resident representative as an Independent Person be appointed to the Special Area of Conservation Partnership’s Joint Strategic Board”.”

Councillor Newbury accepted the amendment as part of his Motion.

The following further amendment was moved by Councillor G. Adamson, Leader of the Council, which was duly seconded:

“That the Chairman of Friends of Cannock Chase, June Jukes, be put forward as the visitor and / or resident representative Independent Person for the Special Area of Conservation Partnership’s Joint Strategic Board.”

Councillor Newbury accepted the amendment as part of his Motion.

The matter was put to the vote.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Newbury be authorised in his role as Portfolio Leader for the Environment and Climate Change to write on behalf of this Council to the Special Area of Conservation Partnership’s Joint Strategic Board to request action on the

following points:

Transparency

- That any documentation related to future plans for the Cannock Chase SAC are available in one place on the haveyoursaycannockchase.org.uk website.
- That this website provides an ongoing opportunity for the public to submit their views and questions regarding the plans as they develop, even if these are not responded to until the next formal consultation.
- That a visitor and / or resident representative as an Independent Person be appointed to the Special Area of Conservation Partnership's Joint Strategic Board, and that the Chairman of Friends of Cannock Chase, June Jukes, be put forward for this role.

Conservation

- That a comprehensive assessment of the state of the heathland in the SAC be undertaken to ascertain the level of erosion it may be suffering and the extent to which different areas are affected.

Car Parking

- That an impact assessment be undertaken to ascertain the potential effects on visitors of car park closures in the SAC.
- That no further closures or fencing of car parking areas be put in place until this impact assessment has been completed and further consultation on more detailed proposals is held.”

40. Comments and Questions on Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels under Rule 9

No comments or questions on Part 1 Minutes had been submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.

41. Comments and Questions on Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels under Rule 9

No comments or questions on Part 2 Minutes had been submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.

The meeting closed at 8:08 p.m.

CHAIRMAN