

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 2013

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Todd, R. (Chairman)
 Grice, Mrs. D. (Vice Chairman)

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

76. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B. Bottomer and P. Gilbert.

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

Kraujalis, J.T	Volunteer	Advisor	at Chase	Advice	Personal
	Centre				
	Corporate	Member	of Chase	Leisure	Personal
	Centre				
Snape, P.A.	Corporate	Member	of Chase	Leisure	Personal
	Centre				

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

78. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January, 2013 be approved as a correct record.

79. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Charity Box

The Chairman reported that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation to support his chosen charities. He advised that at the Meeting held on 23 January, 2013 a total of £27.00 was collected, and he thanked Members for their donations.

(ii) Chairman's Scottish Evening

The Chairman reminded Members that he would be hosting a Scottish themed Charity Evening on Friday 15 March, 2013 and he asked that Members make a note in their diaries. If anyone wished to donate a prize to the evening's raffle, it would be gratefully received.

80. Question(s) in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

81. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Review

Consideration was given to the Joint Report of the Head of Housing and the Head of Finance (Item 6.1 – 6.20 of the Official Minutes of the Council)

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan (attached as Appendix 1 to the Report), and the associated programme of capital expenditure (attached as Appendix 2) be approved.
- (B) The assumptions used in formulating the HRA Business Plan (attached as Appendix 3 to the Report) and the associated risk analysis (attached as Appendix 4) be noted.

82. Rent Restructuring

Consideration was given to the Joint Report of the Head of Housing and the Head of Finance (Item 7.1 – 7.5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The Government's prescribed increase in 2013-14 formula rents and the resultant £2.60 average increase in Council dwelling rents be noted.
- (B) The rent increase be implemented with effect from 1 April 2013.

83. Housing Revenue Account Budget 2013-14 to 2015-16: Cabinet Resolutions

The Leader introduced the Housing Revenue Account Budget, and consideration was given to recommendations referred from Cabinet held on 31 January, 2013, in respect of:

- (i) HRA Budget 2013-14 to 2015-16
- (ii) HRA Capital Programmes 2013-14 to 2015-16

RESOLVED:

That in respect of:

- (A) HRA Budget 2013-14 to 2015-16:
 - (i) A minimum level of working balances of £1,505,700 for 2013-14 and indicative working balances of £1,529,480 and £1,542,850 for 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively, be determined.
 - (ii) The HRA Revenue Budget for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 be approved (and the estimated outturn for 2012-13 be noted).
- (B) HRA Capital Programmes 2013-14 to 2015-16:
 - (i) A three year HRA Capital Programme for 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 in accordance with the HRA Capital Expenditure requirements be approved.

84. Budget Timetable – Procedural Issues

Consideration was given to the Joint Report of the Head of Finance and the Council Solicitor (Item 9.1 – 9.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the procedure be noted and that the overall level of Council Tax would be set at Council's meeting on 27 February, 2013, following determination of Cannock Chase Council's Council Tax requirement in accordance with the procedural rules.

85. Budget 2012-13 to 2015-16: Cabinet Resolutions

The Chairman of the Council waived the 10 minutes rule for the Leaders' Budget Statement.

The Leader of the Council presented the Budget recommendations referred from Cabinet held on 31 January, 2013, in respect of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012-13 to 2015-16. The Budget recommendations were seconded.

Conservative Group Alternative Budget Proposal

The Chairman of the Council waived the 10 minutes rule for the Leader of the Conservative Group's Budget Statement.

The Leader of the Conservative Group then moved the Alternative Budget proposals put forward by the Conservative Group as a referral back to Cabinet, which was seconded.

Members debated the Conservative Group's Alternative Budget proposals, which were moved to a vote and not carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.40 pm and reconvened at 6.45 pm.

Liberal Democrat Group Alternative Budget Proposal

The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, then moved the Alternative Budget proposals put forward by the Liberal Democrat Group as a referral back to Cabinet, which was seconded.

Members debated the Liberal Democrat Group's Alternative Budget proposals, which were moved to a vote and not carried.

The Cabinet Budget recommendations were then moved to a vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

That in respect of:

(A) Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2013-14 to 2016-17:

- (i) Subject to no material changes being made to the Consultation Budget proposed by Cabinet or the Council Tax Base, as considered by Council at its meeting of the 23 January, 2013, Working Balances be set at £0.729m; £0.702m; and £0.714 m for 2013-14 to 2015-16.
- (ii) In so doing, a minimum level of Working Balances for the budget of £729,000 for 2013-14 be approved with indicative levels of £702,000 and £714,000 for subsequent years.

- (iii) A 2013-14 Council Tax be set for District Council purposes of £200.95, (Band D property), an increase of 2.0% over the current year.
 - (iv) The proposals for service developments be supported, as set out at Annex 1 to the agenda.
 - (v) The use of Section 106 Funds for Economic Development purposes be supported, as set out at Annex 2 to the agenda.
 - (vi) Indicative Council Tax increases of 2.0% in 2014-15 and 2.0% in 2015-16 be approved.
 - (vii) As a result of the above, the outturn budget for 2012-13 and the three year budget for 2013-14 to 2015-16 be approved, as set out at Annex 3 to the agenda.
- (B) Section 106 Capital Programme 2012-13 to 2015-16
- (i) The Section 106 Capital Programme for 2013-14 to 2015-16, as shown in Appendices 3 – 4 of the report to Cabinet be approved.
- (C) General Fund Capital Programme 2012-13 and Resources 2012-13 to 2015-16
- (i) The provision of the Capital Service Developments as set out at Annex 4 to the agenda, and, in particular, the creation of a Stadium Development Fund, be supported.
 - (ii) Hence approve the General Fund Capital Budget 2013-14 to 2015-16 as shown at Annex 5 to the agenda.
- (D) Treasury Management Strategy Statement
- (i) The control framework be adopted.
 - (ii) The revised Code and Treasury Management Policy Statement (TCMP) be adopted.
 - (iii) The Treasury and Prudential Indicators at Annexe 6 to the agenda, arising from the various Budget Recommendations, detailed above be approved.

(The meeting closed at 7.20 pm)

CHAIRMAN