

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST, 2016**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Stretton, Mrs. P.Z., M.B.E. (Chairman)  
Dudson, A. (Vice Chairman)

Adamson, G.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Alcott, G.	Lea, C.I.
Allen, F.W.C.	Martin, Mrs. C.E.
Allt, Mrs. A.	Mitchell, Mrs. C.
Bennett, C.	Molineux, G.N.
Burnett, G.	Peake, Mrs. C.L.
Buttery, M.S.	Pearson, A.R.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Preece, J.P.T.L.
Cooper, Miss J.	Smith, C.D.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Snape, D.J.
Dean, A.	Snape, P.A.
Foley, D.	Sutherland, M.
Grice, Mrs. D.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Grocott, M.R.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Hoare, M.W.A.	Witton, P.T.
Johnson, J.P.	Woodhead, P.E.

**29. Apologies**

Apologies for absence had been submitted by Councillors J.L. Bowater; Miss J. Christian; Miss M.J. Dudson, Miss M.A. Freeman, W.T.A. Hardman; T.B. Johnson and Miss S. Whitehouse.

**30. 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.

### 31. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July, 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed.

### 32. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Minute's Silence

The Chairman asked all Members to stand and join her in a minute's silence to pay respects to the victims of the terrorist attacks in Nice on Bastille Day, 14 July, 2016, where 84 people lost their lives and in Turkey on 20 August, 2016 where 54 people were killed by a suicide bomber at a wedding. Members were also asked to remember the victims of that morning's earthquake in central Italy where the death toll was still rising.

(ii) Chairman's Charity Collection Box

The Chairman advised that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation. She reported that at the meeting held on 6 July, 2016, a total of £26.51 was collected, and she thanked Members for their donations.

(iii) Fundraising Night

The Chairman advised that she would be hosting an Irish Night on Friday 28 October, 2016 in aid of her chosen charities, Birmingham Children's Hospital and the Royal Voluntary Service, Norton Canes. Further details would be circulated in due course and she hoped that all Members would be able to support the event.

### 33. Changes to Membership of Committees

The Leader of the Council requested Council's approval to make the following changes to the membership of the Planning Control Committee to take effect from the next meeting of the Committee. The Leader confirmed that replacement Members had already received the required training.

<u>Members to be Replaced</u>	<u>Replacement Members</u>
Allen, F.W.C.	Dudson, Miss M.J.
Dudson, A.	Freeman, Miss M.A.
Todd, Mrs. D.M.	Witton, P.T.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors Miss M.J. Dudson; Miss M.A. Freeman and P.T. Witton be appointed to the Planning Control Committee in place of Councillors F.W.C. Allen, A. Dudson and Mrs. D.M. Todd.

**34. Question(s) in Accordance with Rule 8**

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

**35. 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 – 16 June, 2016

Cannock Stadium (Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader's Update – part Minute 3)

The Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Leader advised that the electric connection for the lighting and CCTV column had been delayed since July due to the County Highways stated policy with regard to permitting more than one road opening in the vicinity of another. In spite of this, they had permitted other road openings to service housing developments by Barratt Homes off Limepit Lane and Pye Green Road, and also to their own sub-contractor, Amey, during this period. Generally, it was acknowledged that roads in the district were in a bad state repair. Potholes could go untreated for six months or more, and even major routes had only temporary fixes applied to them, which inevitably failed quickly.

The Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Leader considered these to be further examples of the disrespect and lack of consideration shown by the County Council towards the people of Cannock Chase.

Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) (Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader's Update – part Minute 3)

The Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader confirmed that contractors were on site at Bradbury Lane.

Hednesford Park (Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader's Update – part Minute 3)

The Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader advised that, following the official opening on 19 July, 2016, Hednesford Festival had taken place in the park and town on Saturday, 13 August. The event had been a great success thanks to the hard work of all involved.

(b) Planning Control Committee – 8 and 29 June and 20 July, 2016.

(c) Better Jobs and Skills Scrutiny Committee – 5 April, 2016

Work Programme Update (part Minute 24)

The Better Jobs and Skills Scrutiny Committee Chair commented that it was pleasing to hear the Sport England were to be involved in discussions about the impact of the closure of Rugeley Power Station.

- (d) Community Safety Scrutiny Committee – 14 April, 2016
- (e) Customers and Corporate Scrutiny Committee – 4 April, 2016
- (f) Environment Scrutiny Committee – 20 April, 2016

Waste Contract (Minute 28)

The Housing Shadow Portfolio Leader commented that it was sad to note that the Council was incurring costs due to recycling loads being rejected as a result of residents contaminating them by putting the wrong items in their bins. He wondered if this indicated that the budget set aside for awareness raising prior to going live with the new contract had not been effective.

The Environment Portfolio Leader advised that the awareness raising had been largely effective and education remained a key part of the Council's strategy in terms of recycling. Unfortunately, there would always be a small number of people that would choose to ignore the requirements and put the wrong items in bins, and it wasn't always obvious they made up part of the load until it was rejected at the recycling facility. A contamination campaign underway in conjunction with the Biffa, the Council's contractor, involving newspaper adverts, bus advertising and vehicle vinyls. Campaign messages and information would also be posted on social media and the Council's website.

Whilst the Council was not considering fining residents, during September Biffa would start to issue warning tags to residents if black refuse sacks were found in the blue bin, with a warning that all items should be loose and not in bags.

From October if black bags were found in the blue bin, it would be tagged and not emptied and residents would have to remove the items. The bin would then not be emptied until the next scheduled dry recycling collection day, two weeks later.

- (g) Health Scrutiny Committee – 19 April, 2016

Arthritis Care Group – Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust (RWNHS) (part Minute 54)

The Audit and Governance Committee Chair commented that the removal of funding was yet another example of the Government's misguided austerity cuts, which served only to hurt the most vulnerable in society. The Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader advised that the previously promised six months' funding was, in fact, to be withdrawn from September.

The Leader of the Council advised that Cannock Chase Council was actually one of the most active of the Districts in terms of its work programme and trying to hold the various bodies, including the County Council and the local Clinical Commissioning Group to account. Unfortunately, there was an underlying problem with Better Care Fund (BCF) funding provision as a result of which the County were reducing funding in other areas.

- (h) Housing Scrutiny Committee – 12 April, 2016
- (i) Licensing & Public Protection Committee – 27 April, 2016

**36. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.**

None received.

**37. Motion(s) Received under Rule 6**

No Motions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 6.

**38. Amendments to the Membership of Committees and Other Bodies**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Managing Director (Item 10.1 to 10.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That retrospective approval be granted in the following matters:

- (A) The membership of the Better Jobs and Skills Scrutiny Committee, as previously agreed, be amended to remove Councillor Miss J. Cooper as Chairman of the Committee (but retained on the Committee), to be replaced by Councillor Mrs. C.E. Martin as Chairman of the Committee.
- (B) The membership of the Council's Environment Scrutiny Committee, as previously agreed, be amended to remove Councillor Mrs. C.E. Martin from the Committee, to be replaced by Councillor Miss J. Cooper, who will also take the position of Chairman of the Committee.

**39. 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 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.



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**PART 2**

**40. Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees and Panels**

RESOLVED:

That the Part 2 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 – 16 June, 2016

Debt Recovery (Minute 15)

The Leader of the Opposition asked why the Minutes had to be discussed in Part 2, i.e. following exclusion of the public, which might give the public the impression that the Council had something to hide.

The Council Solicitor advised that the Minutes were already a matter of public record, having been published on the Council's website both as an agenda item to the Cabinet meeting of 21 July, as well as to the Council meeting of 24 August, 2016, and copies of the Council papers, including the Part 2 Minutes, were available in the Public Gallery. However, as the original report had been considered in Part 2, and the associated appendices listed details of individuals as well businesses as debtors of the Council, it would be inappropriate for any further discussion by Members to take place in front of the public.

The meeting closed at 5:10 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN