

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 2013**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors:

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

Adamson, G.	Grocott, M.
Alcott, G.	Johnson, J.
Allen, F.W.C.	Jones, Ms. J.L.
Allt, Mrs. A.	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.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.	Rowley, J.
Davies, D.N.	Snape, P.A.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Stretton, Mrs. Z.
Dixon, D.I.	Sutherland, M.
Dudson, A.	Sutton, Mrs.
Fisher, P.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Freeman, Miss M.	Todd, R.
Gamble, B.	Whitehouse, Mrs. L.
Gilbert, P.	

**38. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C. Anslow, M.J. Holder, Mrs. A. Spicer and J. Toth.

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

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

**40. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 August, 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

#### **41. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence**

(i) Charity Box

The Chairman advised that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation to support her chosen charities. The Chairman reported that at the meeting held on 7 August, 2013, a total of £25.72 was collected and she thanked Members for their donations.

(ii) Change in Order of Agenda

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4B(p), the Chairman moved that Agenda Items 7 and 8 (Recommendations Referred from Cabinet and Motions Received Under Rule 6) be taken before Agenda Item 5 (Questions in Accordance with Rule 8).

#### **42. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet**

Consideration was given to the following recommendations to Council considered by Cabinet at its meetings held on 22 August, 2013 and 19 September, 2013, in respect of:

(i) Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP – Supervisory Board – 22 August, 2013

“(E) That Council be recommended to agree to pass resolutions in the same form as (A) – (D) of the relevant Cabinet report, in respect of Council functions, and to appoint nominees to sit on the Supervisory Board.

(F) The need for a Joint Scrutiny Committee be noted, and that the Council be recommended to approve the Terms of Reference for the Joint Scrutiny Committee as set out in Appendix 2 of the same Report.”

(ii) Social Sector Size Criteria – 19 September, 2013

“That Council be requested to approve a supplementary estimate to increase the 2013-14 Discretionary Housing Payment Scheme budget by £125,374, funded from Housing Revenue Account working balances.”

*As this item had not been included on the Council Agenda, the Chairman determined that the item be taken as urgent, as the expenditure of the funds was scheduled to commence from 7 October, 2013, therefore the recommendation could not be deferred until the November meeting of Council.*

RESOLVED:

That, in respect of:

Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP – Supervisory Board:

- (A) The creation of a Joint Committee, to be known as the Supervisory Board, with the local authorities who are members of the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership with the Terms of Reference set out in Appendix 1 of the relevant Cabinet Report be agreed.
- (B) Any necessary Council Functions be delegated to the Joint Committee to give the Committee effectiveness.
- (C) The Solicitor and Monitoring Officer be authorised to agree and enter into all necessary legal agreements to give effect to the above decisions.
- (D) The Council's representatives on the Supervisory Board be authorised to vote on behalf of the Council on any matters relating to Council Functions.
- (E) Councillors be appointed as the Council's representatives to sit on the Supervisory Board.
- (F) The need for a Joint Scrutiny Committee be noted, and that the Terms of Reference for the Joint Scrutiny Committee, as set out in revised Appendix 2 of the same Report (circulated at the Council meeting) be approved.

Social Sector Size Criteria:

- (G) A supplementary estimate to increase the 2013-14 Discretionary Housing Payment Scheme budget by £125,374, funded from Housing Revenue Account working balances, be approved.

#### **43. Motion Received Under Rule 6**

Consideration was given to the following Motion submitted under Rule 6 by Councillor G. Adamson, Leader of the Council, which was seconded and debated:

“This Council recognises that the Royal Mail is part of the fabric of our nation and believes that plans for its privatisation will lead to high prices and a reduction in services for the people who need it most. Therefore we resolve that Cannock Chase Council should formally sign the ‘Save our Royal Mail’ petition to put pressure on the Government to reverse its decision and protect the Country’s postal services; and that the Leader of the Council should write to the Secretary of State for Business and Enterprise conveying the terms of this Resolution.”

RESOLVED:

That:

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pressure on the Government to reverse its decision and protect the Country's postal services; and that the Leader of the Council should write to the Secretary of State for Business and Enterprise conveying the terms of this Resolution.

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

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

**45. 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 – 25 July 2013
- (b) Planning Control Committee – 10 July, 2013, 31 July, 2013 and 21 August, 2013
- (c) Audit and Governance Committee – 25 June, 2013
- (d) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 20 June, 2013 and 9 August, 2013
- (e) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 3 September, 2013
- (f) Health Scrutiny Committee – 24 July, 2013

Latest Position with Trust Special Administrators (TSAs) Proposals for Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust – The Leader of the Council advised that the Cabinet had this week sent to the TSAs the Council's formal response to the TSAs consultation document.

- (g) Heath Hayes, Norton Canes and Rawsley Community Forum – 13 June, 2013

Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman – Councillor Grocott advised that Councillor Sutherland's name had been misspelt, so would need amending accordingly.

- (h) Hednesford Community Forum – 18 June, 2013
- (i) Rugeley and Brereton Community Forum – 10 June, 2013

Questions for Staffordshire Police – Councillor Lovell advised that in the final paragraph of this item, there appeared to be some text missing after the word 'extremely'.

Any Other Business – Councillor R. Jones raised that in respect of the question on localisation for council tax support, Councillor Lovell had stated he would follow this up to arrange a meeting between Rugeley Town Council and Cannock Chase District Council, but it did not appear that meeting had yet taken place.

Councillor Lovell responded that the matter was being dealt with as promised. A meeting had been arranged, but the relevant officer was unable to attend, so a revised meeting was being organised.

**46. 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**

**47. 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 – 25 July, 2013
- (b) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 20 June, 2013 and 9 August, 2013
- (c) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 3 September, 2013

(The meeting closed at 5:05pm.)

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CHAIRMAN