

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 2014

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

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

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

81. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs. A.F. Bernard; J.D. Bernard; Ms. J.L. Jones; A. Lovell; C.W.J Morgan.; and M. Sutherland.

82. 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.

83. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 February, 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

84. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Councillor J.D. Bernard

The Chairman advised that Councillor Bernard was critically ill in hospital, and that the thoughts of all Members and Officers were with him, his wife, Councillor Mrs. Ann Bernard, and their family.

(ii) Charity Box

The Chairman advised that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation. At the meeting held on 12 February, 2014, a total of £34.61 had been collected and she thanked Members for their donations.

(iii) Chairman's Charity Evening

The Chairman advised that her Charity Evening would be held on Friday, 11 April, 2014 at the Rose Community Hall and Theatre, Rugeley. Tickets were available from the Chief Executive's Secretariat at £30 per person to include a hot and cold buffet and live entertainment. There would be a raffle on the night and prize donations would be gratefully received.

(iv) Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust (MSNHSFT) / Cannock Hospital

The Chief Executive referred Members to the announcement of the Secretary of State for Health's decision in respect of the futures of the Trust and how the proposals would affect Cannock and Stafford Hospitals.

Briefly, this was that on 26 February, 2014 the Secretary of State approved the Trust Special Administrators' (TSA's) principal recommendation, to dissolve the Trust. The TSA's had been working closely with the Chief Executive of the Trust, and the Chief Executives of The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust and the University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust, respectively, to ensure that they would be prepared to implement the dissolution of the Trust as quickly as possible, in anticipation of its approval.

The announcement of the decision meant that their joint working would intensify over the coming months as the TSA process moved into the next phase.

It is important to note that the Trust is not yet dissolved. Both Cannock Chase and Stafford Hospitals are operating as usual and patient services continue to be provided in the normal manner.

The TSAs remain in charge of the Trust at this time, as required by the TSA process.”

85. Question(s) in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

86. 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 – 19 December, 2013
- (b) Planning Control Committee – 18 December, 2013; 8 January, 2014; and 29 January, 2014
- (c) Scrutiny Committee – 10 December, 2013
- (d) Health Scrutiny Committee – 14 and 26 November, 2013
- (e) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 17 December, 2013
- (f) Joint Parking Committee – 22 October, 2013
- (g) Rate Relief Committee – 26 September, 2013

87. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet

Consideration was given to the following recommendations, considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 30 January, 2014, in respect of:

- (i) 2014-15 Priority Delivery Plans

“That Council is recommended to adopt and approve for publication the Priority Delivery Plans for the 2014/15 financial year.”

RESOLVED:

That the Priority Delivery Plans for the 2014/15 financial year be adopted and approved for publication.

88. Motion(s) Received under Rule 6

No Motions had been submitted in under Rule 6.

89. Allocation of Seats to Committees and Other Bodies

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Item 9.1 – 9.5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The allocation of seats to the different political groups to the Council's Committees and Other Bodies as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved forthwith.
- (B) The affected political group Leaders notify the Chief Executive, within 5 working days, of the names of those Members to be appointed / removed from the Council's Committees and other bodies.

90. Council Tax Resolution 2014-15

Consideration was given to the proposed Council Tax Resolution 2014-15 (Item 10.1 – 10.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the Council Tax Resolutions as detailed in Item 10.1 - 10.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council (and attached as an Appendix to these Minutes) be approved.

91. Review of Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy

Consideration was given to a Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Item 11.1 – 11.44 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The revised Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy ('the Policy') be approved and adopted.
- (B) The Head of Environmental Health be authorised to determine appropriate timescales for policy implementation.
- (C) The Head of Environmental Health be authorised to make any amendments to the Policy required due to changes in legislation or government guidance and minor variations to the Policy in the interests of operational efficiency.

92. 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

93. 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 – 19 December, 2013
- (b) Licensing and Public Protection – 17 December, 2013

94. Proposals to Change the Management Structure of the Council

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Chief Executive (Item 14.1 – 14.6, plus Appendices, of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The deletion of the Head of Policy post from the Management structure of the Council be approved.
- (B) The establishment of a Head of Service LEP Consultant post for a fixed two year period from 2014 to 2016 only be approved.
- (C) The request from the Head of Planning and Regeneration for flexible retirement and voluntary transfer to the Head of Service LEP Consultant post for a fixed two year period be approved.
- (D) The amended job title and job description for a Head of Economic Development post to replace the existing Head of Planning and Regeneration post in the management structure of the Council be approved.
- (E) The Appointments Panel be convened as outlined in Paragraph 5.4 of the report, and Group Leaders confirm their nominations for membership.

(The meeting closed at 4.35 pm.)

CHAIRMAN

COUNCIL

26 FEBRUARY, 2014

COUNCIL TAX 2014 / 2015

Council Tax 2014 / 2015

Following Minute No 80 of the Council of 12 February 2014 setting the Council's formal Council Tax requirement for 2014 / 2015; the Council is recommended to make a Council Tax for 2014 / 2015 by formally approving the following resolution (It should be noted, at the time of writing, that the precept for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is still to be formally ratified by the Police Commissioner:-

- 1 It be noted that under the power delegated to the Council's Section 151 Officer, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2014/15
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 26,409.89 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as shown below

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Tax Base</u>
Brereton and Ravenhill	1,719.14
Bridgtown	405.09
Brindley Heath	215.14
Cannock Wood	382.75
Heath Hayes / Wimblebury	3,914.13
Hednesford	4,568.04
Norton Canes	1,957.12
Rugeley	5,013.37
Unparished	
Cannock	8,235.11
	26,409.89

- 2 That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated at £5,307,067.
- 3 That the following amounts are calculated for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - (a) £58,497,333.91 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

- (b) £52,627,707 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £5,869,626.91 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) £222.25 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £562,559.91 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £200.95 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
- (g) For the following parts of the Council's Area

	£.p
Brereton and Ravenhill	225.48
Bridgtown	214.70
Brindley Heath	216.05
Cannock Wood	227.68
Heath Hayes and Wimblebury	216.88
Hednesford	225.53
Norton Canes	221.91
Rugeley	257.94

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (1)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h) For the following parts of the Council's area

Parish	Band A Disabled £ p	Band A £ p	Band B £ p	Band C £ p	Band D £ p	Band E £ p	Band F £ p	Band G £ p	Band H £ p
Brereton & Ravenhill	125.27	150.32	175.37	200.43	225.48	275.59	325.69	375.80	450.96
Bridgtown	119.28	143.13	166.99	190.84	214.70	262.41	310.12	357.83	429.40
Brindley Heath	120.03	144.03	168.04	192.04	216.05	264.06	312.07	360.08	432.10
Cannock Wood	126.49	151.79	177.08	202.38	227.68	278.28	328.87	379.47	455.36
Heath Hayes & Wimblebury	120.49	144.59	168.68	192.78	216.88	265.08	313.27	361.47	433.76
Hednesford	125.29	150.35	175.41	200.47	225.53	275.65	325.77	375.88	451.06
Norton Canes	123.28	147.94	172.60	197.25	221.91	271.22	320.54	369.85	443.82
Rugeley	143.30	171.96	200.62	229.28	257.94	315.26	372.58	429.90	515.88
Unparished	111.64	133.97	156.30	178.62	200.95	245.61	290.26	334.92	401.90

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (3)(f) and (3)(g) above by the number by which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- 4 To note that the County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

Valuation Bands

	A £ p	B £ p	C £ p	D £ p	E £ p	F £ p	G £ p	H £ p
Staffordshire County Council	684.83	798.97	913.11	1,027.25	1,255.53	1,483.81	1,712.08	2,054.50
*Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	118.41	138.14	157.88	177.61	217.08	256.55	296.02	355.22
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffs Fire Authority	45.09	52.61	60.12	67.64	82.67	97.70	112.73	135.28

*provisional

5 That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Parish	Band A Disabled £ p	Band A £ p	Band B £ p	Band C £ p	Band D £ p	Band E £ p	Band F £ p	Band G £ p	Band H £ p
Brereton & Ravenhill	832.21	998.65	1,165.09	1,331.54	1,497.98	1,830.87	2,163.75	2,496.63	2,995.96
Bridgtown	826.22	991.46	1,156.71	1,321.95	1,487.20	1,817.69	2,148.18	2,478.66	2,974.40
Brindley Heath	826.97	992.36	1,157.76	1,323.15	1,488.55	1,819.34	2,150.13	2,480.91	2,977.10
Cannock Wood	833.43	1,000.12	1,166.80	1,333.49	1,500.18	1,833.56	2,166.93	2,500.30	3,000.36
Heath Hayes & Wimblebury	827.43	992.92	1,158.40	1,323.89	1,489.38	1,820.36	2,151.33	2,482.30	2,978.76
Hednesford	832.23	998.68	1,165.13	1,331.58	1,498.03	1,830.93	2,163.83	2,496.71	2,996.06
Norton Canes	830.22	996.27	1,162.32	1,328.36	1,494.41	1,826.50	2,158.60	2,490.68	2,988.82
Rugeley	850.24	1,020.29	1,190.34	1,360.39	1,530.44	1,870.54	2,210.64	2,550.73	3,060.88
Unparished	818.58	982.30	1,146.02	1,309.73	1,473.45	1,800.89	2,128.32	2,455.75	2,946.90

6 That it is determined in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of that Act.