

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 2011

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Beddows J. (Chairman)
Ball, G.D. (Vice-Chairman)

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| Adamson, G. | Jones, Ms. J.L. |
| Allen, F.W.C. | Jones, R. |
| Allt, Mrs. A. | Kraujalis, J.T. |
| Bennett, Mrs. D.J. | Mitchell, Mrs. C. |
| Bernard, Mrs. A.F. | Molineux, G.N. |
| Bernard, J.D. | Morgan, C.W.J. |
| Brown, G.C. | Rowley, J. |
| Burnett, J. | Snape, P.A. |
| Cartwright, Mrs. S.M. | Spicer, Mrs. A. |
| Davies, D.N. | Sutton, Mrs. H.M. |
| Davis, Mrs. M.A. | Sutherland, M. |
| Dixon, D.I. | Todd, Mrs. D.M. |
| Easton, R. | Todd, R.J. |
| Fisher, P.A. | Toth, J. |
| Gilbert, P. | Whitehouse, Mrs. L. |
| Green, M.R. | Williams, A. |
| Grice, Mrs. D. | Williams, B. |
| Grocott, M.R. | Williams, Mrs. P. |
| Holder, M.J. | |

39. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Alcott and G. Burnett.

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

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

41. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 August, 2011 be approved as a correct record.

42. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Chairman's 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 25 August, 2011 a total of £39.50 was collected, and he thanked Members for their donations.

(ii) Chairman's Charity Ball

The Chairman reminded Members that his annual Charity Ball would be raising money for the National Poppy Appeal and would be held on the evening of Friday, 11 November, 2011, with a 1940's War Time Theme. He hoped to see as many Members of the Council in attendance as possible.

(iii) Quarter 1 Performance Report, 2011-12 (Item 7. on the agenda)

The Chairman advised that the report had been included on the agenda in error and it was, therefore, agreed that it should be withdrawn.

43. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

44. 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 – 21 July, 2011

Draft Planning Policy Statement Relating to Gypsies etc. (Minute 23, page 13)

Members asked for clarification on the location of current sites within the District. The Leader of the Council agreed to ask Officers to provide this information.

Photovoltaic (Solar) Panels (Minute 34, page 19)

The Housing Portfolio Leader confirmed that the trial location would be in Norton Canes, though no decision had been taken as to which streets would be offered the opportunity to participate.

General Fund Provisional Outturn, 2010-11 (Minute 41(B), page 23)

The Leader of the Opposition sought an assurance from the Leader of the Council that every effort would be made to minimise Council Tax increases. The Leader of the Council advised that he was unable to give any guarantees until such time as the Council was advised of the level of Government support it was going to receive, but the Administration would seek to minimise any increases.

(b) Planning Control Committee – 3 August, 2011

- (c) Audit and Governance Committee – 27 June, 2011

The Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee stated that he would like to express his thanks to the Officers involved in supporting the Committee; a view which was endorsed by the Chairman of the Council who extended it to include other Officers of the Council who, he said, were highly professional and committed in their work. Other Members concurred with these comments.

Audit and Governance Statement for 2010-11 (Minute 7, page 3)

This item led to a wide ranging discussion about the role of the Scrutiny Committee, particularly in respect of Shared Services arrangements; both to date and going forward.

- (d) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 28 June, 2011
- (e) Hednesford Community Forum – 14 June, 2011
- (f) Rugeley and Brereton Community Forum – 6 June, 2011

45. Draft Policy on Sex Establishments

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 8.1 – 8.5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

There was a wide ranging debate on the relative merits of having in place a Policy on Sex Establishments, and the potential risk that the Council might open itself up to if it adopted a zero tolerance approach. Following the debate, a Member moved that a named vote be called, which was supported by the required number of Members, in respect of the Draft Policy on Sex Establishments.

The voting was as below:

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
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| Adamson, G. | Burnett, J. | |
| Allen, F.W.C. | Grocott, M.R. | |
| Allt, Mrs. A. | Jones, R. | |
| Ball, G.D. | Molineux, G.N. | |
| Beddows, J. | Williams, B. | |
| Bennett, Mrs. D.J. | Williams, Mrs. P. | |
| Bernard, Mrs. A.F. | | |
| Brown, G.B. | | |
| Cartwright, Mrs. S.M. | | |
| Davies, D.N. | | |
| Davis, Mrs. M.A. | | |
| Dixon, D.I. | | |
| Easton, R. | | |

For (cont'd)

Against (cont'd)

Abstain (cont'd)

Fisher, P.A.
Gilbert, P.
Green, M.
Grice, Mrs. D.
Holder, M.J.
Jones, Ms. J.L.
Kraujalis, J.T.
Mitchell, Mrs. C.
Morgan, C.W.J.
Snape, P.A.
Spicer, Mrs. A.
Sutherland, M.
Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Todd, R.
Toth, J.
Whitehouse, Mrs. L.
Williams, A.

Total: 31

Total: 6

Total: 0

In addition to Councillors G. Alcott and G. Burnett who were absent, Councillors J.D. Bernard and J. Rowley had excused themselves from the meeting and did not participate in the vote.

RESOLVED:

That the draft Policy on Sex Establishments, as attached at Annex 1 to the report, be approved and adopted.

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 2, 3 and 4, Part 1, Schedule 12A 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 – 21 July, 2011

S.106 Dispute with ASDA

The Leader of the Opposition enquired if the Leader of the Council was in a position to provide Council with an update in the matter. The Leader of the Council advised that ASDA had requested repayment of the S.106 monies, and the Council was taking Counsel's advice in the matter.

- (b) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 28 June, 2011

CHAIRMAN

(The meeting closed at 5.25pm)