

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**AT 4.00 P.M., MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 2015**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Freeman, Miss M.A. (Chairman)  
Stretton, Mrs. P.Z. (Vice Chairman)

Adamson, G.	Hardman, W.
Alcott, G.	Hoare, M.
Allen, F.W.C.	Johnson, J.P.
Allt, Mrs. A.	Johnson, T.B.
Anslow, C.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Lea, C.I.
Bowater, J.L.	Lovell, A.
Burnett, G.	Mitchell, Mrs. C.
Buttery, M.S.	Molineux, G.N.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Peake, Mrs. C.
Christian, Miss J.	Pearson, A.
Cooper, Miss J.	Preece, J.T.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Snape, P.A.
Dean, A.	Sutherland, M.
Dudson, A.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Dudson, Miss M.J.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Foley, D.	Whitehouse, Miss S.
Gamble, B.	Witton, P.
Grice, Mrs. D.	

**45. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received for Councillors C. Bennett and M. Grocott.

**46. 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.

#### **47. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 August, 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

(i) 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 12 August, 2015, a total of £31.75 was collected, and she thanked Members for their donations.

(ii) Rugeley Miners' Memorial

The Chairman reported to Members her attendance at the official unveiling of the Memorial which had taking place on Sunday 13 September, 2015, and read out the following letter which she had received from the Secretary of the Lea Hall & Brereton Collieries Memorial Society:

*"Dear Councillor Freeman,*

*I am writing on behalf of the Memorial Society to thank you for attending the officiating of the unveiling of the mining statues on Globe Island, Rugeley last Sunday.*

*We were delighted that you were able at such short notice to take up the very important task unveiling the mining statues that represented the first part of the ceremony. Cannock Chase District Council should feel a lot of pride and satisfaction in supporting such a major project in such difficult financial times. Without the Council's support this project would not have come to fruition. Your part in the proceedings was warmly welcomed by all who were on Horsefair and back at Lea Hall Club.*

*Once again thank you for attending probably the most significant civic event in recent memory."*

(iii) Change in Order of Council Agenda

The Chairman moved that due to the nature of agenda item 8.2 'Proposals for a West Midlands Combined Authority' and the deadline to respond with the Council's decision being 5pm today, that it be considered as the next item on the agenda.

#### **49. Recommendations referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.**

Consideration was given to the following recommendations to Council considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 24 September, 2015, in respect of:

The Government's Devolution Agenda – Proposals for a West Midlands Combined Authority (Minute no. 44)

- “(B) Council, at its meeting to be held on 12 October 2015, be recommended to accept the invitation to become a non-constituent member of the proposed West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA).
- (D) In light of decision (B) above, Council, at its meeting to be held on 12 October 2015, be recommended to allocate £10,000 from existing budgets for this Council’s contribution to the WMCA set up costs in the 2015/16 financial year.”

A request for a named vote was called, and supported by the required number of Members:

<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Against</u></b>	<b><u>Abstain</u></b>
Adamson, G.		
Alcott, G.		
Allen, F.W.C.		
Allt, Mrs. A.		
Anslow, C.H.		
	Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	
Bowater, J.L.		
Burnett, G.		
	Buttery, M.S.	
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.		
Christian, Miss J.		
Cooper, Miss J.		
Davis, Mrs. M.A.		
	Dean, A.	
Dudson, A.		
Dudson, Miss M.J.		
Foley, D.		
Freeman, Miss M.A.		
Gamble, B.		
Grice, Mrs. D.		

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
	Hardman, B.	
Hoare, M.W.A.		
Johnson, J.P.		
Johnson, T.B.		
Kraujalis, J.T.		
Lea, C.I.		
Lovell, A.		
Mitchell, Mrs. C.		
Molineux, G.N.		
Peake, Mrs. C.L.		
Pearson, A.R.		
Preece, J.T.		
Snape, P.A.		
Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.		
Sutherland, M.		
Sutton, Mrs. H.M.		
Todd, Mrs. D.M.		
	Whitehouse, Miss S.	
Witton, P.T.		
<b>Total: 34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

In addition, Councillors Bennett, C. and Grocott, M. were absent from the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The invitation to become a non-constituent member of the proposed West Midlands Combined Authority be accepted.
- (B) £10,000 be allocated from existing budgets for this Council's contribution to the West Midlands Combined Authority set up costs in the 2015/16 financial

year.

**50. Amendment to Form and Composition of the Shadow Cabinet**

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor P.A. Snape, notified the Council of the following amendment to the form and composition of the Shadow Cabinet:

<b>Role</b>	<b>Previous Member</b>	<b>New Member</b>
Corporate Improvement Shadow Portfolio Leader	Councillor Miss J. Christian	Councillor M.W.A. Hoare

**51. Question in Accordance with Rule 8.**

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

**52. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Panels and Forums**

RESOLVED:

That the Part 1 Minutes and Notes 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 and 27 August, 2015

Updates from Portfolio Leaders – Culture and Sport (Minute No. 31)

The Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader, Councillor Mrs C. Mitchell, advised that following the arson attack at the Cannock Stadium site play area on 3 October, costings had been sought for replacement of the play equipment; intermittent security had been operating on site; meetings were held with the insurance company; and discussions held with the CCTV providers to try and bring forward the date of installation. Additionally, the Police had suspects they were speaking to regarding the incident.

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor P.A. Snape, requested that the access gates to the Stadium site be locked at night to try and prevent such incidents happening in future.

Councillor Mrs. A.F. Bernard requested that the costings for replacement of the play equipment be made public so that residents can see the level of taxpayers money spent when such incidents occur.

Corporate Plan and Priority Delivery Plans (Minute No. 24)

The Shadow Housing Portfolio Leader, Councillor G. Burnett, drew Members' attention to a study commissioned by the University of Cambridge on 'one party politics', and stated that the Administration of this Council had not taken up the opportunity of operating with a 'politically balanced' approach by not allowing Vice-Chairmen of Scrutiny Committees to be appointed by the Opposition Group.

The Leader of the Council replied that at Staffordshire County Council the ruling Conservative Group had full control of the Scrutiny structure and was not willing to take input from Opposition Members, whereas this Council had restructured the Scrutiny process to give Members more involvement

compared to the previous Policy Development Committees process.

- (b) Planning Control Committee – 15 July and 5 August, 2015  
The Chairman advised that the Minutes of the Planning Control Committee held on 26 August were missing from agenda pack, so would therefore be included on the 18 November 2015 Council agenda instead.
- (c) Scrutiny Committee – 12 February, 13 April and 25 August, 2015
- (d) Health Scrutiny Committee – 4 August, 2015
- (e) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 30 June, 2015
- (f) Audit & Governance Committee – 23 June, 2015
- (g) Appointments Panel – 21/22 July and 3 August, 2015

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

Consideration was given to the following recommendations to Council considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 27 August, 2015, in respect of:

Pentalver Freight Terminal, Cannock (Minute no. 36)

“(C) The Council be recommended to include the following provisions within the Capital Programme:

- (i) A contribution of £1.3 million to a rail freight interchange facility to be funded from Local Growth Fund grant from the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership.
- (ii) For the land transfer at the agreed price. The expenditure to be funded by a matching capital contribution from Pentalver.”

RESOLVED:

That the following provisions be included within the Capital Programme:

- (i) A contribution of £1.3 million to a rail freight interchange facility to be funded from Local Growth Fund grant from the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership.
- (ii) For the land transfer at the agreed price. The expenditure to be funded by a matching capital contribution from Pentalver.”

**54. Motion(s) 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 is totally opposed to the plans being put forward by Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group to involve the private sector in the transformation of cancer care and end of life programme.

This Council is totally opposed to the privatisation of NHS services and calls on Cannock Chase CCG to listen to the clearly expressed views of local residents opposing the plans.

This Council calls on the CCG to bring forward plans that do not involve the private sector.”

A request for a named vote was called, and supported by the required number of Members:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Adamson, G.		
Alcott, G.		
Allen, F.W.C.		
Allt, Mrs. A.		
Anslow, C.H.		
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.		
Bowater, J.L.		
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Gamble, B.		
Grice, Mrs. D.		
Hardman, B.		
Hoare, M.W.A.		

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Johnson, J.P.		
Johnson, T.B.		
Kraujalis, J.T.		
Lea, C.I.		
Lovell, A.		
Mitchell, Mrs. C.		
Molineux, G.N.		
Peake, Mrs. C.L.		
Pearson, A.R.		
Preece, J.T.		
Snape, P.A.		
Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.		
Sutherland, M.		
Sutton, Mrs. H.M.		
Todd, Mrs. D.M.		
Whitehouse, Miss S.		
Witton, P.T.		
<b>Total: 38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

In addition, Councillors Bennett, C. and Grocott, M. were absent from the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That:

This Council is totally opposed to the plans being put forward by Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group to involve the private sector in the transformation of cancer care and end of life programme.

This Council is totally opposed to the privatisation of NHS services and calls on Cannock Chase CCG to listen to the clearly expressed views of local residents opposing the plans.

This Council calls on the CCG to bring forward plans that do not involve the



private sector.

**55. Scrutiny Committee (Transitional) Terms of Reference, Membership and Meeting Dates**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Monitoring Officer (Item 10.1 – 10.4 plus Appendix, of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The terms of reference for the Scrutiny Committee (Transitional) be adopted and come into effect from 1 September, 2015.
- (B) The membership of the Scrutiny Committee (Transitional) as detailed in paragraph 5.3 of the report be confirmed.
- (C) The proposed dates for meetings of the Scrutiny Committee (Transitional) as detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report be agreed.
- (D) The clarifications to the terms of reference for the 6 new Scrutiny Committees as detailed in the Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

**56. 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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**AT 4.00 P.M., MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 2015**  
**PART 2**

**57. 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 – 23 July and 27 August, 2015

Debt Recovery – Minute No. 27)

The Shadow Housing Portfolio Leader, Councillor G. Burnett, sought assurances from the Leader of the Council that all necessary action was being taken to try and recovery outstanding debts.

The Leader of the Council replied that the Council did take what action it could, however it should be noted that no local authority manages to achieve a 100% collection rate, although Cannock Chase Council did collect a higher percentage than the national rate.

- (b) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 30 June, 2015

- (c) Appointments Panel – 21/22 July and 3 August, 2015

The Leader of the Council thanked all Members and Officers involved with the recruitment process, and advised that the new Head of Housing and Waste Management was due to start employment with the Council in mid-November.

The meeting closed at 5.35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN