

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 2014

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Pearson, A. (Chairman)	
Freeman, Miss M.A. (Vice Chairman)	
Adamson, G.	Grice, Mrs. D.
Alcott, G.	Hardman, W.
Allen, F.W.C.	Holder, M.J.
Anslow, C.	Johnson, J.P.
Ball, G.D.	Jones, R.
Bennett, C.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Mitchell, Mrs. C.
Bernard, J.D.	Molineux, G.N.
Bottomer, B.	Preece, J.
Burley, Mrs. J.L.	Snape, P.A.
Buttery, M.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Dean, A.	Todd, R.
Dixon, D.I.	Toth, J.
Dudson, A.	Whitehouse, Ms. S.
Fisher, P.	Witton, P.
Gamble, B.	

51. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F.W.C. Allen; Mrs. A. Allt; Mrs. J. Burley; Mrs. C. Mitchell; and Ms. S. Whitehouse.

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

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
G. Molineux	Minute 46 Planning Control Committee,	Personal

3 September, 2014 – He was the applicant.

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

53. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 October, 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

54. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Stafford Fireworks Factory Fire

The Chairman said that he was deeply saddened to learn of the loss of two local residents, Simon Hiller and Stewart Staples, in the explosion at SP Fireworks in Stafford, on 30 October, 2014.

Mr. Hiller, who worked at the factory, and Mr. Staples, a customer, were both from the Hednesford area. The Chairman expressed condolences on behalf of the Council to the families of both men.

(ii) Staffordshire Police Shooting Incident

The Chairman referred an incident in Rugeley on 19 October, 2014 during which Sergeant Jon King from Cannock Police was injured after being shot in the eye with a plastic pellet from an air rifle.

The Chairman said he felt sure that Members would join him in sending best wishes to Sergeant King and his family, and wished him well in his recovery.

(iii) Charity Box

The Chairman advised that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation. He reported that at the meeting held on 1 October, 2014, a total of £35.00 was collected, and he thanked Members for their donations.

55. Question(s) in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

56. 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 – 18 September, 2014

(Minute 52) Capital and Revenue Costs for Phase 1 Development of a Community Sport and Recreation Hub – Stadium Site – In response to a question from a Member concerning future management of the facility, the Corporate Director advised that appointment of an operator would be in Phase 2 of the development, further details of which would be reported in due course to Cabinet. Commencement on Phase 1 was expected in April, 2015.

(Minute 55) Scrutiny Committee Review of Air Quality and Industrial Emissions – The Deputy Leader advised that a letter had been sent to local residents in Norton canes advising them of the proposed establishment of an Air Quality Liaison Group and inviting their participation.

(Minute 56) Cabinet Response to the Public Consultation on Cannock Hospital Minor Injuries Unit Redesign – The Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader advised that the Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) had announced that the MIU would be operating reduced hours from 1 December, 2014. While there had been a press release, and residents were to be written to, it was unlikely this would happen until about mid-December. Members expressed concern about a number of related issues, including:

- The lack of genuine consultation by the CCG, whereby it was considered that the changes were being instituted regardless of public feedback to the contrary, and probably pre-determined, anyway;
- The level of savings to be achieved by the reduction in hours (£250K per annum) in the context of the overall savings required (£9m deficit in current year; projected to be as much as double by the end of 2015-16);
- Longer term savings requirements, and the consequential impact on the future provision of local health services;
- Questioned if the CCG had the best interests of local patients at heart.

(b) Planning Control Committee – 3 and 24 September, 2014

(c) Scrutiny Committee – 28 July, 2014

(Minute 5) Item 1 – Air Quality Monitoring – Bridgtown and Poplars Landfill Site (Follow-up of 2013/14 Report) – The Chair of Scrutiny thanked Cabinet for accepting the report in full and advised that, further to the information given by the Deputy Leader, Severn Trent Water had also agreed to six monthly liaison meetings in respect of the Sewage Works.

(d) Health Scrutiny Committee – 22 July and 25 September, 2014

(e) Audit and Governance Committee – 24 June, 2014

(f) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 4 and 4 September, 2014 (2 meetings)

(g) Joint Parking Committee – 15 July, 2014
2 Hour Parking Restriction in Hednesford – in response to a Member's question, the Corporate Director advised that the Council was still awaiting a response from Staffordshire County Council.

(h) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 30 October, 2014

57. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees and Panels

No Recommendations had been referred to Council.

58. Motion(s) Received under Rule 6

No Motions had been submitted under Rule 6.

59. Environmental Health Enforcement Policy

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Item 9.1 – 9.19 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

(A) The Environmental Health Enforcement Policy be approved and adopted.

(B) 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.

60. Model Licensing Conditions and Guidance

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Item 10.1 – 10.13 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

(A) The following sets of model licence conditions be approved and adopted, and applied to all licences issued on or after 1 January, 2015:

- Pet Vending Licensing (2013)
- Cat Boarding Establishments (2013)
- Dog Breeding Establishments (2014)
- Dog Boarding Establishments (1995)

(B) The Head of Environmental Health be given delegated authority to make any future amendments to the licence conditions required due to changes in legislation or best practice guidance and / or in the interests of operational efficiency.

61. 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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62. Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select 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 – 18 September, 2014
- (b) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 30 October, 2014

The meeting closed at 4.55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN