

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL, 2010

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Beddows, J. (Chairman)
Mawle, D.L. (Vice-Chairman)

Alcott, G.	Grocott, M.R.
Allen, F.W.C.	Holder, M.J.
Ansell, Mrs. P. A.	Jones, R.
Ball, G.D.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Bennett, Mrs. D.J.	Meaden, R.G.
Bennett, K.L.	Mitchell, C.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Molineux, G.N.
Burnett, G.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Burnett, J.	Pearce, Mrs. L.J.
Collis, C.	Stanley, N.K.
Davies, D.N.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Dixon, D.I.	Thomas, D.
Easton, Mrs. D.M.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Easton, R.	Williams, A.
Freeman, M.P.	Williams, B.
Green, M.R.	Williams, Mrs. P.
Grice, Mrs. D.	Yates, Ms. W.

89. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. D. Bernard, L. W. Bullock and J. F. Jillings.

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

In addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests the following interests were declared:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Easton, R	Member of Staffordshire County Council	Personal

Grice, Mrs. D.	Member of Hednesford Town Council	Personal
Kraujalis, J.	Member of Bridgtown Parish Council	Personal

91. Minutes

Members discussed whether or not all matters pertaining to the setting of the budget at the meeting of 3 March, 2010 had been reported and called for a named vote in respect of the accuracy of the minutes.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15(5), a named vote was called.
RESOLVED (unanimously):

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 24 February, 2010 and 3 March 2010 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

92. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Chairman's Charity Collection Box

The Chairman reported that his charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation to his chosen charities.

At the meeting held on 3 March 2010 a total of £42.00 donated.

(ii) Chairman's Charity Variety Show

The Chairman reported that a fund raising Charity Variety Show had taken place at the Prince of Wales Theatre on Saturday, 10 April, 2010, at which a total of £1,775 was raised for his chosen charities. The Chairman said the evening had been a great success and he thanked all those who had taken part and supported the event.

(iii) Civic Year, 2009-10

The Chairman extended his thanks to all those who had helped him throughout the term of his office so far, particularly with regard to the support offered in respect of fund raising events. He also took the opportunity to remind those present of the Black Country Night to be held in the Ballroom at the Civic Centre on Thursday, 13 May, 2010.

93. Question in accordance with Rule 8

Councillor D. Thomas, Leader of the Labour Group asked the following question in accordance with Rule 8:

'Would the Leader of the Council like to comment on the claims by the local Conservatives that they reduced the proposed increase in Council Tax, in view of the fact that they did not put forward an alternative budget?'

Councillor N. Stanley, Leader of the Council, provided the following response:-

The Leader stated that he was disappointed that the Conservative Group had chosen to leave it so late in the budget setting process to distance themselves from the previous Cabinet's agreed proposed budget and to submit their own alternative budget. This had been a particular surprise to him when the Cabinet had previously consisted of four Liberal Democrat and three Conservative Portfolio Leaders who had jointly developed the proposed budget through a series of meetings, details of which were circulated previously to Members. During the course of the meetings both Groups had agreed to compromise in some areas, and the proposals that were eventually arrived at had been agreed without dissent by the (former) Cabinet as a whole. Furthermore, the Leader reminded the Council that the largest reduction in the proposed level of Council Tax increase had come about not as the result of any political Group's proposals but because of a National pay settlement of 0% increase for local government employees for 2010-11. However, as a result of the Conservative Group effectively negating the former Cabinet's budget proposals, he was pleased that the current Cabinet had been able to review the budget to incorporate some valuable alternative proposals, while removing or reviewing the scale of others that had formed part of the former compromise proposals.

94. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Forums and Panels

RESOLVED:

That the Part 1 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Forums and Panels be adopted and any recommendations be approved and decisions implemented following the expiry of any call-in period:-

- (a) Cabinet – 5 & 19 November, 17 December 2009, 21 January, 11 February and 25 February reconvened on 3 March 2010
- (b) Scrutiny Committee – 7 September and 7 December 2009
- (c) Planning Control Committee -13 May, 18 November, 2 & 23 December 2009, 13 January, 3 & 17 February and 10 March 2010
- (d) Audit and Governance Committee – 12 November 2009 and 25 January 2010
- (e) Standards Committee – 7 October and 23 November 2009
- (f) Rate Relief Committee – 29 September 2009
- (g) Joint Parking Committee – 9 November 2009
- (h) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 24 November 2009
- (i) Rugeley and Brereton Community Forum – 9 September and 16 December 2009
- (j) Hednesford Community Forum – 21 September and 10 December 2009
- (k) Cannock Community Forum – 23 November 2009
- (l) Heath Hayes, Norton Canes and Rawsley Community Forum – 25 November 2009

(m) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 27 November 2009 and 2 March 2010

95. Recommendation Referred from Cabinet held on 17 December 2009

The Council considered a recommendation referred from Cabinet held on 17 December 2009, in relation to 'Draft Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy'

"That Council be recommended to adopt the draft Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy."

"That Council be recommended to note the legal advice on the position regarding Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) checks for elected Members and adopt the approach outlined in the Policy."

RESOLVED:

(A) That the draft Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy be adopted.

(B) That the legal advice on the position regarding Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) checks for elected Members be noted and the approach outlined in the Policy be adopted.

96. 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 Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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PART 2

97. 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 – 5 & 19 November and 17 December, 2009
- (b) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 24 November, 2009
- (c) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 27 November, 2009 and 2 March, 2010.

The meeting closed at 6.55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN