

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL, 2015
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Pearson, A. (Chairman)	
Freeman, Miss M.A. (Vice Chairman)	
Adamson, G.	Grocott, M.R.
Alcott, G.	Holder, M.J.
Allen, F.W.C.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Allt, Mrs. A.	Lovell, A.
Ball, G.D.	Molineux, G.N.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Preece, J.
Bernard, J.D.	Snape, P.A.
Bottomer, B.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Dixon, D.I.	Todd, R.
Dudson, A.	Whitehouse, Miss S.
Gamble, B.	Witton, P.
Grice, Mrs. D.	

98. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received for Councillors C. Anslow, C. Bennett, M. Buttery, A. Dean, P.A. Fisher, W. Hardman, R. Jones, J.P. Johnson, Mrs. C. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Spicer and J. Toth.

99. 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.

100. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 February, 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed.

101. 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. He reported that at the meeting held on 25 February, 2015, a total of £30 was collected, and he thanked Members for their donations.

(ii) Alps Plane Crash

The Chairman advised that amongst those who died on board the crashed German A320 Airbus flight from Barcelona to Dusseldorf on 24 March, 2015, were a group of school children from Haltern am See, located just outside Datteln. One of the children was the son of a couple who worked at Datteln Council and a letter of condolence was sent by the Chairman, on behalf of Cannock Chase Council, to the Burgermeister, Andre Dora.

The Chairman then invited Members to join him in a minute silence as a mark of respect to the victims of the crash and their families.

102. Question(s) in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

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

RESOLVED:

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

- (a) Cabinet – 29 January, 2015
- (b) Planning Control Committee – 28 January, 2015; 18 February, 2015; and 11 March, 2015
- (c) Health Scrutiny Committee – 20 January, 2015
- (d) Licensing & Public Protection Committee – 28 October, 2014
- (e) Audit & Governance Committee – 18 November, 2014
- (f) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 24 February, 2015
- (g) Cannock Community Forum – 9 December, 2014

- (h) Heath Hayes, Norton Canes & Rawnsley Community Forum – 1 December, 2014
- (i) Hednesford Community Forum – 2 December, 2014
- (j) Rugeley & Brereton Community Forum – 8 December, 2014

Councillor Grocott advised that an amendment was required to page 1 of the Notes, as some external representatives had been listed as being both in attendance and apologies submitted.

Following the Council meeting, the Democratic Services Manager has advised that this error was realised when the Agenda for 9 March, 2015, Rugeley & Brereton Forum was published, and had been addressed in the Notes of that meeting.

104. Motion(s) Received under Rule 6

No Motions had been submitted under Rule 6.

105. Review of Members' Allowances Scheme

Consideration was given to the Joint Report of the Monitoring Officer and Head of Finance (Item 9.1 – 9.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the Members' Allowances Scheme for the period 1 April, 2015, to 31 March, 2016, be approved, with the level of allowances payable frozen at the 2014-15 rates.

106. Cannock Chase Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Economic Development (Item 10.1 – 10.41 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Councillor Alcott thanked the Planning Policy Manager and Planning Projects Officer for the time and effort they had put into the work on this item.

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The contents of the Inspector's Report be noted.
- (B) The Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule (as detailed at Appendix 3 of the report) be approved, incorporating the Regulation 123 List of projects pursuant to Section 213 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Community Infrastructure Levy (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 (as amended), to take effect from 1 June, 2015.

107. Rugeley Flood Alleviation Scheme – Request to Allocate Capital Funding and enter into Memorandum of Understanding

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Economic Development (Item 11.1 – 11.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The Rugeley Flood Alleviation Scheme be supported.
- (B) Capital expenditure of up to £375,000 be allocated towards to the Rugeley Flood Alleviation Scheme.
- (C) Authority be delegated to the Head of Finance and Head of Economic Development, in consultation with the Environment Portfolio Leader, to negotiate with Staffordshire County Council the mechanism for funding the Scheme should Local Growth Fund grant not be available.
- (D) A Memorandum of Understanding be entered into with the Environment Agency on terms to be agreed by the Head of Finance and Head of Economic Development and generally as described in the report to match fund equally with Staffordshire County Council an amount up to £375,000 to support the Rugeley Flood Alleviation Scheme should Local Growth Fund support not be made available by Central Government.
- (E) Authority be delegated to the Head of Finance and Head of Economic Development, in consultation with the Environment Portfolio Leader, to enter into any agreements necessary to implement the Rugeley Flood Alleviation Scheme, including with the Environment Agency and Staffordshire County Council.

108. 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

109. 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 – 29 January, 2015
- (b) Licensing & Public Protection Committee – 28 October, 2014
- (c) Appeals & Complaints Panel – 24 February, 2015

The meeting closed at 4:28pm

CHAIRMAN