

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 20 AUGUST, 2014
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

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

30. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Alcott; Mrs. A. Allt; Mrs. J.L. Burley (nee Jones); Mrs. A. Spicer; Mrs. Z.P. Stretton; Mrs D.M. Todd; R. Todd; and J. Toth.

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

Councillor	Interest	Type
A Lovell	Employed by manufacturer of artificial turf pitches	Personal

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

32. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 16 July, 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

33. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Former Councillor Dennis Dixon (Senior)

The chairman expressed the Council's condolences to Councillor Dennis Dixon, whose father, Dennis (Senior), had passed away on Tuesday, 12 August, 2014. Dennis (Senior) had been a Councillor for Cannock Chase from 1966 to 1976 and 1988 to 2000, when he had retired.

His funeral would be taking place at 210.00 a.m. on Friday, 22 August, 2014 at Stafford Crematorium. It had been requested that only family flowers be received, with any donations being made to The Grange Residential Home.

(ii) Charity Box

The Chairman advised that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation, which, in that instance, would be donated to The Grange residential care home in memory of former Councillor Dixon.

The Chairman reported that at the meeting held on 16 July, 2014, a total of £36.00 was collected and he thanked Members for their donations.

(iii) Civic Service and Reception

The Chairman reminded Members that they should have received an invitation to his Civic Service and Reception on Sunday, 21 September, 2014 at St. Peter's Church, Hednesford, to which he hoped as many as possible would be able to attend.

(iv) The Great War Marches and Concert

The Chairman reported on the success of the Marches held in Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley, and the Centenary Concert, held at the Prince of Wales Theatre, on Saturday, 2 August, 2014. The Chairman thanked all those Members, Officers and members of the public who had been involved and made the events so memorable.

34. Question(s) in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

35. 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 – 17 April, 2014
- (b) Scrutiny Committee – 10 April, 2014
- (c) Planning Control Committee – 18 June and 9 July, 2014
- (d) Health Scrutiny Committee – 8 April, 2014

(Minute 59) Work Programme – The Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader enquired if the Chief Executive of the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust had been invited, or had indicated an intention, to attend a scheduled or extra ordinary meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee. If so, when? The Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee advised that Maxine Espley, Director of Planning and Contracting from the Trust, would be in attendance at the meeting scheduled for 13 October, 2014.

Members expressed concern that the RWNHS Trust Chief Executive did not appear to want to engage, and was unable to attend. It was suggested that, this being the case, perhaps a more direct approach should be made, with key Members instead attending the Trust's offices at a time to suit the Chief Executive.

Concern was also expressed at the apparent lack of any public meetings being organised by the Trust in the Cannock Chase area to give assurances to the public about future services.

It was noted that the Cannock Chase CCG was holding its AGM in the Aquarius Ballroom on 6 September, 2014 commencing at 6.30 pm. it was further noted that the CCG had also been invited to attend the Health Scrutiny Committee, but had not committed to attending.

The Leader of the Opposition advised that he regularly attended the hospital and staff appeared to be in the dark about their own futures. The Leader read out a statement from the Trust Special Administrators which appeared to refute this.

- (e) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 7 July, 2014
- (f) Joint Parking Committee – 29 April, 2014

Rugeley Road Car Park – In response to a Member's enquiry, the Leader advised that the 2 hour time limit had been implemented earlier in the year following normal consultation to which no objections had been received.

(Minutes 26) Minutes: Residents' Parking Zone in Newhall Street – The Leader of the Opposition enquired if the residents' parking zone had implemented. The Corporate Director advised that he would investigate

and provide a response to the Member. (It was subsequently confirmed that a “resident champion” had been appointed, and had recently undertaken a consultation with residents and presented the findings back to the County Council. It was believed that the feedback was generally supportive of the scheme. The next step would require an assessment to establish if the scheme was technically feasible.)

36. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees and Panels

Consideration was given to the following recommendations, considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 17 July, 2014, in respect of:

(i) Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy (Minute 9 applies)

“That the revised Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report (to Cabinet), be recommended to Council for adoption.”

(ii) Removal of Supporting People Grant by Staffordshire County Council (Minutes 26 (E) and (F) apply)

“That Council be recommended to:

- (a) Approve bridging funding of £107,000 to maintain the service from 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2015 funded from HRA Revenue Account working balances.
- (b) Approve the criteria set out in Appendix 1 to the report and the associated funding requirement of up to £117,234 for the provision of a free social alarm service for up to 1,350 vulnerable Council tenants from 1 April 2015.
- (c) Approve the programme to replace existing hard wired alarm systems with dispersed alarms funded from the HRA capital allocation of £120,000 brought forward from 2015/16 financial year into the current financial year.

Subject to approval of (a) to (c), above, then:

- (d) Permission to Spend be approved for the scheme.
- (e) An increase in the charges levied for out of hours call handling and lone worker arrangements for other organisations be approved.
- (f) Selection of a partner via a tender for the provision of the social alarms and out of hours service be approved from 2015/16 financial year.
- (g) Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director to take such actions as may be necessary to implement the agreed option.

RESOLVED:

That, in respect of:

(A) Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy (Minute 9 applies)

The revised Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report (to Cabinet), be adopted.

(B) Removal of Supporting People Grant by Staffordshire County Council (Minutes 26 (E) and (F) apply)

That:

- (i) Bridging funding of £107,000 to maintain the service from 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2015 funded from HRA Revenue Account working balances be approved.
- (ii) The criteria set out in Appendix 1 to the report (to Cabinet) and the associated funding requirement of up to £117,234 for the provision of a free social alarm service for up to 1,350 vulnerable Council tenants from 1 April 2015 be approved.
- (iii) The programme to replace existing hard wired alarm systems with dispersed alarms funded from the HRA capital allocation of £120,000 brought forward from 2015/16 financial year into the current financial year be approved.
- (iv) Permission to Spend be approved for the scheme.
- (v) An increase in the charges levied for out of hours call handling and lone worker arrangements for other organisations be approved.
- (vi) Selection of a partner via a tender for the provision of the social alarms and out of hours service be approved from 2015/16 financial year.
- (vii) Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director to take such actions as may be necessary to implement the agreed option.

37. Motion(s) Received under Rule 6

No Motions had been submitted under Rule 6.

38. 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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39. 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 – 17 April, 2014
- (b) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 7 July, 2014

The meeting closed at 5.25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN