

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2009

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.	Jillings, J.
Ball, G.D.	Jones, R.
Bennett, Mrs. D.J.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Mitchell, C.
Bernard, J.	Molineux, G.N.
Bullock, L.W.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Burnett, G.	Pearce, Mrs. L.J.
Burnett, J.	Stanley, N.K.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Dixon, D.I.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Easton, Mrs. D.M.	Thomas, D.
Easton, R.	Williams, A.
Freeman, M.P.	Williams, B.
Green, M.	Williams, Mrs. P.
Grice, Mrs. D.	

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K.L. Bennett, I.R. Carr, D.N. Davies, R.G. Meaden, Mrs. D.M. Todd and Ms. W. Yates).

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a minute silence was held as a mark of respect following the passing of the Chairman's Consort, Mrs. Maureen Beddows. The Chairman thanked Members for all the support they had given him at this difficult time.

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Grice, Mrs. D.	Member of Hednesford Town Council	Personal
Easton, R.	Member of Staffordshire County Council	Personal
Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.	Member of Staffordshire County Council	Personal

15. **Minutes**

The Chairman reported that a revised version of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20 May 2009 had been circulated to Members.

The amendment was in respect of Minute 6, 'Establishment of Council Committees, Sub Committees and Other Bodies' and included Resolution (G) which had been omitted from the Minutes previously circulated.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor N.K. Stanley, then moved the following amendment in respect of the Resolution (G)(ii), which was seconded:

*"A request being made by the relevant Group Leader to vary the membership of a particular Council Committee, Sub-Committee and other Body".*

Following a vote the amendment was carried.

The Chairmen also moved the following amendment to Resolution (B) of Minute 205 of the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2009 in respect of the 'Senior Management Restructure', which was seconded:

*"That a politically balanced Appointments Panel be established made up of 7 Members of the Council, to consider which Directors fit each post against an agreed set of competencies and that the appointments be made in accordance with the Council's Human Resource Guidelines, subject to the Council's Cabinet having no objection".*

Following a vote the amendment was carried.

RESOLVED:

(A) That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20 May 2009 be approved as a correct record, subject to Minute 6(G)(ii) being amended to read:

*"A request being made by the relevant Group Leader to vary the membership of a particular Council Committee, Sub-Committee and other Body."*

- (B) That Minute 205(B) of the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2009 be amended to read:

“That a politically balanced Appointments Panel be established made up of 7 Members of the Council, to consider which Directors fit each post against an agreed set of competencies and that the appointments be made in accordance with the Council’s Human Resource Guidelines, subject to the Council’s Cabinet having no objection.”

## 16. Chairman’s Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Chairman’s Charity Box

The Chairman reported that his Charity Collection Box was circulating for Members to make a donation to his chosen Charities.

He reported that at the meeting held on 29 April, 2009 a total of £47.00 was donated.

(ii) Peer Review

The Chairman reminded Members that a presentation by the Improvement and Development Agency Peer Review Team had been arranged for Monday, 29 June 2009 at 2.30pm in the Ballroom at the Civic Centre.

He requested that Members confirm their attendance by completing the form circulated at the meeting.

(iii) Petition – Concessionary Fares

Councillor D. Thomas presented a petition on behalf of Dr. Tony Wright MP in relation to Concessionary Fares.

Having received the petition, the Chairman agreed that it be referred to the appropriate Portfolio Leader to deal with in the usual way.

## 17. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

The Chairman reported that no questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

## 18. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees and Panels

Arising from consideration of the Minutes of the Chairman of the Council’s Civic Committee held on 17 March 2009, Councillor Alcott moved the following motion, which was seconded:

"That the Minutes of the Chairman of the Council's Civic Committee held on 17 March 2009 be deferred and that a meeting be arranged between Members of the Committee, those officers present at the meeting and the Monitoring Officer in order that the accuracy of the Minutes can be agreed".

Following a vote the motion was carried.

The Legal and Democratic Services Manager reported that he would bring a report to Council setting out a procedure within the Council's Constitution that enabled the final set of Minutes of a Committee that had been disbanded to be agreed as a correct record, prior to their submission to Council for information.

RESOLVED:

- (A) 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 – 23 April and 14 May 2009
  - (b) Planning Control Committee – 11 March and 22 April 2009
  - (c) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 23 February 2009
  - (d) Joint Parking Committee – 15 January 2009
  - (e) Appeals & Complaints Panel – 18 May 2009
  - (f) Hednesford Community Forum – 18 March 2009
- (B) That the Minutes of the Chairman of the Council's Civic Committee held on 17 March 2009 be deferred and that a meeting be arranged between the Members of the Committee, those officers present at the meeting and the Monitoring Officer in order that the accuracy of the Minutes can be agreed.
- (C) That a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Council setting out a procedure within the Council's Constitution that enables the final set of Minutes of a Committee that has been disbanded to be agreed as a correct record, prior to their submission to Council for information.

## **19. Annual Report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee**

The Council received an annual report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

That Chairman of the Standards Committee, Mr. R. Betteridge, attended the meeting to present his report.

RESOLVED:

That the annual report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee be noted.

**20. Statement of Accounts**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Financial Management (Enclosure 8.1 – 8.10 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Chairman reported that the Audit & Governance Committee held on 23 June 2009 had recommended to Council the approval of the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement for 2008-09.

RESOLVED:

(A) That the Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2008-09 be approved.

(B) That the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2008-09 be approved.

**21. Amendments to the Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference – Crime and Disorder Regulations 2009**

RESOLVED:

That the item be withdrawn and considered by Council in August 2009.

**22. 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**

**23. 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 April 2009
- (B) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 23 February 2009
- (C) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 18 May 2009

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CHAIRMAN