

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2007

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Easton, R. (Chairman)  
Ansell, Mrs. P.A. (Vice-Chairman)

Alcott, G.	Holder, M.J.
Allen, F.W.C.	Jones, Mrs. A.E.
Ball, G.D.	Jones, R.
Beddows, J.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Bennett, Mrs. D.J.	Martin, G.R.
Bennett, K.L.	Mawle, D.L.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Meaden, R.G.
Burnett, J.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Butler, R.D.	Pearce, Mrs. L.J.
Collis, C.	Stanley, N.K.
Davies, D.N.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Thomas, D.
Dixon, D.I.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Easton, Mrs. M.	Toth, J.
Faulkner, B.J.	Williams, A.
Freeman, M.P.	Williams, B.
Grice, Mrs. D.	Yates, Ms. W.
Grocott, M.R.	

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L.W. Bullock, I.R. Carr, C. Mitchell and G.N. Molineux).

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Toth, J.	Member of Norton Canes Parish Council	Personal
Toth, J.	Member of Staffordshire County Council	Personal
Toth, J.	Council's CCTV/Social Alarms Unit – Family Connection	Personal

51. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 August 2007 be approved as a correct record, subject to the amendment of Councillor Mrs. A.F. Bernard's declaration of interest from "Member of Heath Hayes Constitutional Club" to "Member of Heath Hayes Football Club".

52. **Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence**

(i) Chairman's Charity Collection

The Chairman reported that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a small donation to support his charities. At the last meeting a total of £32.60 was collected.

(ii) Civic Service

The Chairman reported on the success of his Civic Service, which was held on Sunday 2 September 2007 at St. Michael's Church, Brereton and was followed by a BBQ at the Civic Centre. A total of £231.00 was raised in support of the Chairman's charities.

The Chairman thanked those Members who had attended the Service, but expressed his disappointment that more Members were not present.

(iii) Portmore, Jamaica

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, accepted a plaque, which was presented to the Council's delegates by Mr. George Lee, Mayor of Portmore Municipal Council when they visited Portmore earlier this year in relation to the Good Practice Scheme.

Members were advised that the Council would be hosting delegates from Portmore from 20 - 26 October 2007.

(iv) Petition

Councillor Mrs. A.E. Jones presented a petition on behalf of Pye Green residents regarding Halliwell Funeral Directors at Broadhurst Green, Hednesford.

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

53. **Questions in Accordance with Rule 8**

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

**54. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels**

RESOLVED:

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

(A) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 3 and 19 January 2007

(B) Standards Committee – 19 June 2007

(C) Scrutiny Committee – 25 June 2007

(D) Planning Control Committee – 11 July and 1 August 2007

(E) Cabinet – 19 and 30 July and 23 August 2007

Recommendation (C) referred to in Minute 22 of 19 July 2007 relating to "Progress Report on the Management of Headstones and Monuments within Council Managed Cemeteries and Burial Grounds" was approved.

(F) Healthier Communities, Housing and Older People Select Committee – 5 June 2007

(G) Children and Young People Select Committee – 13 June and 8 August 2007

(H) Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee – 18 June and 16 July 2007

(I) Access to Skills Economic Development Select Committee – 26 June 2007

(J) Performance and Partnerships Select Committee – 4 July 2007

**55. Recommendation Referred from Cabinet held on 20 September 2007**

Consideration was given to the recommendation from the Cabinet held on 20 September 2007 in relation to A Cultural Strategy for Cannock Chase District.

RESOLVED:

That a Cultural Strategy for Cannock Chase District be adopted.

**56. Statement of Accounts 2006-07**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Governance (Enclosure 8.1 – 8.2 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Financial Management reported that the Auditors Opinion on the accounts had not be received.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 be noted.

**57. 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 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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PART 2

58. Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels

RESOLVED:

That the Part 2 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels be adopted and any recommendations be approved and decisions implemented following the expiry of any call-in period:-

- (A) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 3 and 19 January 2007
- (B) Cabinet – 19 and 30 July 2007

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CHAIRMAN