

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER, 2008

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Ansell, Mrs. P.A. (Chairman)

Beddows, J. (Vice-Chairman)

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

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K. L. Bennett, G. Burnett, I. R. Carr, Mrs. D. M. Easton, R. Easton and M. Green).

58. **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
Kraujalis, J.T.	Member is employed by a Housing Association	Personal

59. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 24 September and 20 October, 2008 be approved as a correct record.

60. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Chairman's Charity Collection Box

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

At the meeting held on 24 September 2008 a total of £38.40 was donated.

(ii) Chairman's Charity Ball

The Chairman announced that tickets were now on sale for her Charity Carnival Ball to be held on Saturday, 7 March 2009 at Chase Leisure Centre, Stafford Road, Cannock. She reported that during the Ball a raffle would be held and donations for prizes were requested.

All monies raised would be donated to her chosen charities, which included British Heart Foundation, Guide Dogs for the Blind and St. Giles Hospice.

(iii) National Home Improvement Council

The Chairman reported that the Council's Housing Services had been awarded the National Home Improvement Council's Gold Award for Domestic Gas Safety including CO awareness at the Awards Ceremony held on 20 November 2008. The Award was presented to the Chairman by Steve Sherrat and Colin Braddock from Housing Services. Members congratulated the service for their success.

(iv) Sandford Award

The Chairman announced that The Museum of Cannock Chase had won the Sandford Award for Educational Excellence. The Award was an indicator of high quality service and was regarded as an independently judged quality assured assessment of Heritage Education in an historic environment. The Award was presented to the Chairman by Adrienne Whitehouse, Leisure Development Manager. Members congratulated Officers on their success.

(v) Corporate Communications Award 2008

The Chairman and Members congratulated the P R and Marketing team on 'Chase Matters' coming runner up in the National Corporate Communications Award for 2008 for the Best Corporate publication.

(vi) Chairman and Leaders Christmas Drinks

The Chairman reported that she, together with the Leader of the Council, would be holding joint Christmas drinks this year to which all Members were cordially invited. This would take place on Tuesday, 23 December 2008 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the Jack Holsten Room.

(vii) Petition - Allotments

Councillor J.T. Kraujalis presented petitions on behalf of Brereton Gardeners and the Brereton and Ravenhill Allotments, together with letters from local residents, regarding allotment rents.

Having received the petitions and letters, the Chairman agreed that they would be forwarded to the appropriate Cabinet Portfolio Leader to deal with in the usual way.

61. Question in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions were submitted under Rule 8.

62. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Parking Committee

The Director of Governance reported that following advice received from the County Council, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would be appointed at the first meeting of the Joint Parking Committee and that the Council was requested to determine the nomination of Members for the positions for the remainder of the 2008-09 Municipal Year.

The Director of Governance also added that the Terms of Reference of the Committee would be amended with effect from May 2009.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor A. Williams be nominated as Chairman and Councillor M. P. Freeman be nominated as Vice-Chairman of the Joint Parking Committee for the remainder of the 2008-09 Municipal Year.

63. 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 – 21 August, 18 September and 16 October 2008

The recommendation contained within Minute 78(D), relating to Bus Shelters was approved.

(B) Scrutiny Committee – 11 August and 22 September, 2008

With respect to Minute 21 it was agreed that Officers would update Members on subsidence occurring at Cannock Park Golf Course

- (C) Planning Control Committee – 10 September, 1 October, 22 October and 12 November 2008

The recommendation contained within Minute 48 in relation to Review of Procedures of Delegation of Decision Making on Planning Applications was approved.

- (D) Audit and Governance Committee – 13 August 2008
- (E) Standards Committee – 17 June 2008
- (F) Rate Relief Committee – 3 March 2008
- (G) Chairman of the Council's Civic Committee – 11 June 2008
- (H) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 8 September 2008
- (I) Cannock Community Forum – 9 June 2008
- (J) Hednesford Community Forum – 17 June 2008
- (K) Rugeley & Brereton Community Forum – 16 June 2008
- (L) Heath Hayes, Norton Canes & Rawnsley Community Forum – 2 June 2008

64. Recommendation Referred from Standards Committee held on 25 September 2008

Consideration was given to the following recommendation referred from Standards Committee held on 25 September 2008 in relation to Gifts and Hospitality – A Protocol for Councillors, which was moved and seconded:

‘That Council be recommended to adopt the gifts and hospitality protocol for Councillors’.

A copy of the Protocol was at Enclosure 8.1 – 8.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council.

RESOLVED:

That the gifts and hospitality protocol for Councillors be adopted.

65. Changes to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework

Members noted that the Report of the Constitution Working Group outlining proposed changes to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework would be submitted to Council in January 2009.

66. Outcome of the Consultation on Potential Changes to the Electoral Cycle

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Governance (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.6 of

the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED

That with effect from 2011 the Council adopts the electoral cycle of whole Council elections every 4 years.

67. Determination of Council Tax Base – Year Commencing 1 April 2009

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Governance (Enclosure 11.1 –11.6) of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the report and the associated calculation of the Council's tax base for the year commencing 1 April 2009 be approved.
- (B) That pursuant to the report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the amount calculated by the Cannock Chase District Council as its tax base for the year commencing 1 April 2009 shall be 30,079.98 equivalent Band D properties, and that for the various parts of the District described below, the amounts so calculated shall be as stated:

Parish	Base
Brereton & Ravenhill	1971.21
Bridgtown	307.70
Brindley Heath	252.28
Cannock Wood	407.23
Heath Hayes & Wimblebury	4,275.08
Hednesford	5,141.54
Norton Canes	2,309.13
Rugeley	5,601.63
Balance of the Area	9,814.18
Total	30,079.98

68. 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 1, 3 and 5, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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PART 2

69. 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 – 18 September and 16 October 2008
- (B) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 8 September 2008

CHAIRMAN