

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2009

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Ansell, Mrs. P.A. (Chairman)
Beddows, J. (Vice-Chairman)

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

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K.L. Bennett, I.R. Carr, J.T. Kraujalis, R.G. Meaden, and Mrs. P.Z. Stretton).

106. 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>
Alcott, G.	Minute 116 – Dispute Over Annual Leave Provisions – Member of UNISON	Personal
Grice, Mrs. D.	Member of Hednesford Town Council	Personal

Easton, Mrs. D.M. Minute 151 of the Cabinet held on 19 March Personal
2009 – Extension to 50 St. Michaels Road,
Brereton – Member knows the
owner/occupier of the property.

107. Minutes

RESOLVED:

The Minutes of the meetings held on 25 February and 4 March 2009 were approved as a correct record.

108. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Councillor Bob Meaden

The Chairman reported that although Councillor Meaden was still in hospital, he was making a steady recovery. The Chairman and Members wished him all the best.

(ii) Chairman's Charity Box

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

She reported that at the meeting held on 4 March, 2009 a total of £31.00 was donated.

(iii) Chairman's Charity Ball

The Chairman thanked those who supported her Charity Ball on 7 March 2009. A total of £1,818 although some of the monies had yet to be collected.

109. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

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

110. 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 – 19 March 2009

(B) Planning Control Committee – 18 February 2009

- (C) Audit and Governance Committee – 23 February 2009
- (D) Rate Relief Committee – 17 September 2008
- (E) Chairman of the Council's Civic Committee – 15 October 2008
- (F) Cannock Community Forum – 25 November 2008
- (G) Hednesford Community Forum – 9 September 2008 and 14 January 2009
- (H) Heath Hayes, Norton Canes and Rawsley Community Forum – 2 December 2008
- (I) Rugeley and Brereton Community Forum – 1 December 2008
- (J) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 26 November 2008

111. Use of Compensation Monies in Respect of Properties Affected by the M6 Toll

Consideration was given to recommendations referred from Cabinet held on 19 March, 2009 in relation to the "Use of Compensation Monies in Respect of Properties Affected by the M6 Toll Estates".

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to:-

- (a) Include the £63,750 of compensation monies as an additional capital resource within the 2009-10 HRA Capital Programme.
- (b) Supplementary HRA Capital Programme estimates to fund the following additional schemes as part of the 2009-10 HRA Capital Programme:-
 - (i) Double Glazing - £25,000
(Red Lion Lane/Red Lion Avenue)
 - (ii) Dropped Kerbs - £15,000
(Braemar Road)

112. Maintenance of Footpaths on the Council's Housing Estates

Consideration was given to recommendations referred from Cabinet held on 19 March, 2009 in relation to the "Maintenance of Footpaths on the Council's Housing Estates".

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to a supplementary HRA Capital Programme estimate of £68,500 to meet the Council's 50% cost share, funded via:-

- (i) The £23,750 of uncommitted compensation monies from the Highways Agency.
- (ii) An additional £44,750 revenue contribution to capital as a result of savings in the gas maintenance budget following re-tendering.

113. Proposed Water Feature – Rugeley Town Centre

Consideration was given to recommendations referred from Cabinet held on 23 April, 2009 in relation to the “Proposed Water Feature – Rugeley Town Centre.”

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to:-

- (A) A design based around option 2 contained within the Cabinet report, emphasising a traditional appearance, to be developed into a detailed scheme for public consultation.
- (B) The capital and revenue funding for the scheme from the use of existing Section 106 monies, with any funding balance being met from variations to currently unallocated Section 106 funds.

114. Rent Limitation 2009-10

Consideration was given to the recommendation referred from Cabinet held on 23 April, 2009 in relation to the “Rent Limitation 2009-10.”

RESOLVED:

That there be no rent increase in October 2009 and that the Council return to annual rent review for all HRA properties in April each year.

115. Corporate Plan 2009-12

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council) together with the recommendation referred from Cabinet held on 23 April, 2009.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Corporate Plan 2009-12 be adopted and approved for publication.
- (B) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to make any necessary alterations prior to the final publication.

116. Dispute Over Annual Leave Provision

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Service Improvement (Enclosure 11.1 – 11.15 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Leader of the Council, Councillor N.K. Stanley, moved the following motion in respect of the report, which was seconded:

“That negotiations be opened with the Unions to discuss the potential, limited, re-instatement of annual leave tied to increased productivity through a reduction in levels of employee sickness, with the final negotiated settlement to be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Group Leaders.”

The following amendment was then moved by Councillor Thomas, which was seconded:

“That the Council agree to the re-instatement of 4 day’s annual leave and that it be included as part of the employees basic annual leave entitlement; and

That approval be given to a supplementary estimate of £50,000 to be taken from balances for the purposes of providing the necessary staffing cover.”

Following a vote, the amendment was lost.

Councillor Stanley’s motion then became the substantive motion, which was carried.

RESOLVED:

That negotiations be opened with the Unions to discuss the potential, limited, re-instatement of annual leave tied to increased productivity through a reduction in levels of employee sickness, with the final negotiated settlement to be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Group Leaders.

117. 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

118. 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 – 19 March, 2009

(B) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 26 November, 2009

119. Hednesford Town Centre Regeneration: Variation to Legal Agreements

Consideration was given to the recommendations referred from Cabinet held on 23 April, 2009 in relation to "Hednesford Town Centre Regeneration: Variation to Legal Agreements."

In accordance with Rule 15(6), the following votes were recorded in respect of the decision:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Alcott, G.		Bennett, K.L.
Allen, F.W.C.		Carr, I.R.
Ansell, Mrs. P.A.		Kraujalis, J.T.
Ball, G.D.		Meaden, R.G.
Beddows, J.		Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Bennett, Mrs. D.J.		
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.		
Bernard, J.		
Bullock, L.W.		
Burnett, G.		
Burnett, J.		
Davies, D.N.		
Davis, Mrs. M.A.		
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Easton, Mrs. M.		
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Freeman, M.P.
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Mawle, D.L.
Mitchell, C.
Molineux, G.N.
Morgan, C.W.J.
Pearce, Mrs. L.J.
Stanley, N.K.
Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Thomas, D.
Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Williams, A.
Williams, B.
Williams, Mrs. P.
Yates, Ms. W.

TOTAL: 36

TOTAL: 0

TOTAL: 5

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the principles of the scheme described in Section 2 of the report be endorsed and that the Deputy Chief Executive (or anyone authorised by him) be authorised to enter into variations to agreements and leases as necessary to give effect to this decision.
- (B) That the revised financial arrangements and other terms described in Section 2 of the report in respect of Phases 1 and 2 of the Hednesford regeneration schemes be endorsed and that the Deputy Chief Executive (or anyone so authorised by him) be authorised to enter into variations to agreements and leases as necessary to give effect to this decision.

CHAIRMAN