

# CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL, 2007

### PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Bennett, K.L. (Chairman)  
Easton, R. (Vice-Chairman)

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

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I. R. Carr and Mrs. A. E. Jones).

(Prior to commencement of the meeting a minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for Stewart Reynolds, a former Member of the Council and Candidate in the forthcoming elections, who had recently passed away.)

#### 92. 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>
Alcott, G.	Minutes 104 of Cabinet – 22 February 2007 – Governor of Blake Valley Technology College	Personal & Prejudicial
Alcott, G.	Report of Chief Executive – Review of Council's Grievance Policy – Member of Unison.	Personal

Ansell, Mrs. P.A.	Minutes of Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee – 5 December 2006 – Member of Cannock Chase Arts Council.	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Community Partnership.	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Community Association.	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Health Centre Steering Group.	Personal
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Member of Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council.	Personal
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Member of Norton Canes Community Partnership.	Personal
Dixon, D.I.	Council Tenant.	Personal
Dixon, D.I.	Member of Staffordshire County Council.	Personal
Jones, R.	Minutes of Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee, 5 December 2006 – Member of Slitting Mill Victory Hall.	Personal
Meaden, R.G.	Minutes of Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee, 5 December 2006 – Member of Rugeley (Hill Springs) Scout Group.	Personal
Morgan, C.W.J.	Council Tenant.	Personal
Morgan, C.W.J.	Eligible for Concessionary Fares.	Personal
Todd, Mrs. D.M.	Member of Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council.	Personal
Toth, J.	Member of Staffordshire County Council.	Personal
Toth, J.	Council's CCTV/Social Alarms Section family connection.	Personal
Toth, J.	Member of Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council.	Personal

**93. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2007 be approved as a correct record.

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

Collection for Chairman's Charity

The Chairman advised that the Charity Collection Box would be circulating at the meeting for Members to make a small donation to support his charities.

A total of £38.00 had been donated at the last Council Meeting and he thanked Members for their support.

Chairman's Charity Ball

The Chairman thanked everyone for supporting his Charity Ball, "Roaring Twenties" Party Extravaganza held on Saturday, 3 March 2007. A total of £2,725.00 was raised on the night.

Appointment of New Directors

The Chairman asked the Chief Executive to update Members on the appointment of the new Directors. The Chief Executive advised that appointments to the following positions had been made:-

Phillip Lloyd Williams – Director of Governance – start date 16 July 2007

Tony McGovern – Director of Organisational Development – start date 9 July 2007

Declan Hall – Director of Service Improvement – start date 18 June 2007

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

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

**96. 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) Audit and Governance Committee – 20 November 2006 and 19 February 2007.
- (b) Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee – 5 December 2006.
- (c) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 21 December 2006.
- (d) Planning Control Committee – 31 January 2007, 21 February 2007 and 14 March 2007.

(e) Cabinet – 22 February 2007

It was noted that the recommendations contained within these Minutes were considered by the Council on 28 February 2007.

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 104 Councillor G. Alcott left the meeting during consideration of these Minutes.

(f) Cabinet – 15 March 2007

The following recommendations of the Cabinet were approved:-

- Minute 132 – “Local Area Agreement for Staffordshire”.
- Minute 133(B) – “Strong and Prosperous Communities – The Local Government White Paper – Response to Offer to Bid for Pathfinder Status”.
- Minute 134 – “Equality and Diversity Policy”.

(g) Culture and Sport Select Committee – 29 November 2006

With regard to Minute 29 Councillor F.W.C. Allen requested that he be provided with a copy of any correspondence between the Council and the Charity Commission in the last two years regarding any development on Trust Land at Cannock Park.

(h) Environment Select Committee – 3 January 2007

**97. Review of Committee Structures – May 2007**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.14 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the proposals in the report be accepted for implementation with effect from the Council's Annual Meeting in May 2007 subject to the insertion of the word “shadow” after the last word on the third line of paragraph 2.4(d) on Enclosure 7.5 of the report.
- (B) That the Constitution be amended appropriately and presented to the Council for approval at its Annual Meeting.

**98. Calendar of Meetings 2006-07 and 2007-08**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 8.1 - 8.6 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

A revised copy of the recommendations was circulated to Members.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That, having considered the proposed amendments to the schedule of meetings in May 2007 it be agreed that:
  - (i) the Annual Council meeting be held on 23 May 2007;
  - (ii) the Scrutiny Committee be held on 15 May 2007;
  - (iii) the Planning Control Committee be held on 16 May 2007.
- (B) That the Annual Council Meeting continues to be held approximately three weeks after the Election.
- (C) That subject to (A) and (B) above, the Calendar of Meetings for 2007-08 shown at Annex 1 of the report be approved.
- (D) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, the relevant Chairmen of Committees and/or Leader of the Council, be authorised, where appropriate, to convene additional meetings, postpone or cancel meetings as and when required.

**99. Restriction on Alcohol Consumption in Public Places**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.16 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That an Order restricting the public consumption of alcohol in Ravenhill Park, Brereton, Rugeley (the boundary being described in Annex 1 of the report) be made.

**100. Review of the Council's Grievance Policy**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the content of the revised Grievance Policy and changes to the Human Resources Guidelines be noted.
- (B) That the revised Grievance Policy and Human Resources Guidelines be adopted.
- (C) That it be noted that the revised Grievance Policy requires the Appeals and Complaints Panel Terms of Reference and the Scheme of Delegation to be amended.

- (D) That the Chief Executive (or anyone so authorised by him) be authorised to make all the necessary amendments to the Appeals and Complaints Panel Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegation so as to promptly give effect to the revised Grievance Policy.

**101. Exclusion of 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, 2, 3, 4 and 10, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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PART 2

102. 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) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 21 December 2006
- (b) Cabinet – 22 February 2007 and 15 March 2007

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CHAIRMAN