

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2007

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

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

Alcott, G.	Grocott, M.R.
Allen, F.W.C.	Holder, M.J.
Ball, G.D.	Jones, Mrs. A.E.
Beddows, J.	Jones, R.
Bennett, Mrs. D.J.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Martin, G.R.
Bullock, L.W.	Mawle, D.L.
Burnett, J.	Molineux, G.N.
Butler, R.D.	Morgan, C.W.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. D. M.	Toth, J.
Faulkner, B.J.	Williams, A.
Freeman, M.P.	Williams, B.
Grice, Mrs. D.	Yates, Ms. W.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K. L. Bennett, Mrs. L.J. Pearce, R.G. Meaden, I.R. Carr and C. Mitchell).

(Prior to the commencement of the formal business, the Chairman and Members passed on their best wishes to Councillor C. Mitchell).

38. **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.	Minute 43 – General Fund Capital and Section 106 Programme 2007-08 – Governor of Blake Valley Technology College	Personal

Allen, F.W.C.	Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee – 13 March 2007 - Member of Broomhill Albion WMC and Institute Ltd	Personal
Ansell, Mrs. P.A.	Member of Cannock Chase Arts Council	Personal
Ansell, Mrs. P.A.	Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee – 13 March 2007 – Member of Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall Committee	Personal
Ansell, Mrs. P.A.	Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee – 13 March 2007 – Member of Beaudesert Sports Field and Recreational Ground Trust	Personal
Beddows, J.	Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee – 13 March 2007 - Member of Family Focus (Cannock)	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
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Parish Council	Personal
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee – 13 March 2007 - Member of Heath Hayes Constitutional Club	Personal
Bullock, L.W.	Employee of a company that supplies street cleansing equipment	Personal
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Minute 48 – Members’ Grants Scheme – Husband was a former member of Sports Council	Personal
Dixon, D.I.	Council Tennant	Personal
Freeman, M.P.	Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee – 13 March 2007 - Member of Family Focus (Cannock)	Personal
Grocott, M.R.	Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee – 13 March 2007 – Rugeley Open Spaces – Member knows the applicant	Personal
Grocott, M.R.	Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee – 13 March 2007 – Alpha Metal Finishers Ltd – Member’s relative is employed by the company	Personal
Morgan, C.W.J.	Council Tenant	Personal

Stanley, N.K.	Minute 40(iv) – Petition submitted by Councillor G.D. Ball regarding the Auqarious Ballroom, Hednesford – Member knows the lead petitioner	Personal
Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.	Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee – 13 March 2007 – Committee Member of Prospect Village Hall	Personal
Toth, J.	Member of Staffordshire County Council	Personal
Toth, J.	The Council's CCTV/Social Alarms Section – Family Connection	Personal
Toth, J.	Member of Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council	Personal

39. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27 June 2007 be approved as a correct record, subject to Minute 26 (D) being amended so as to delete the reference to Councillor Bullock's apologies being included in the list of Members present at the meeting of the Planning Control Committee held on 16 May 2007. He was not a Member of the Committee at that time.

40. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Chairman's Charity Football Match

The Chairman reported on the success of a recent charity football match held on 4 August 2007 at Brereton Social Football Club, Brereton. A total of £327.00 was raised and he thanked everyone for their support, particularly Brereton Football Club for hosting the event and Stephen Brown, Chief Executive, and Mike Edmunds, Head of Commercial Operations, for taking part in the match.

(ii) Collection for the Chairman's Charity

The Chairman reported that a charity collection box was circulating at the meeting for Members to make a small donation to support his charities. At the last meeting a total of £25.30 was collected.

(iii) Civic Service

Members were advised that the Civic Service would be held on Sunday, 2 September 2007 at 12 noon at St. Michael's Church, Brereton followed by a reception at the Civic Suite, Cannock.

(iv) Petition – Aquarius Ballroom, Hednesford

Councillor G.D. Ball presented a petition from local residents requesting the refurbishment of the outside of the Aquarius Ballroom, Hednesford.

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

(v) Planning Control Committee

The Chairman reminded Members that a meeting of the Planning Control Committee was scheduled to take place on Friday, 24 August 2007 at 3.00pm

(vi) Correspondence Received by the Chairman

The Chairman reported that he had received the following correspondence:

- A letter from Simon Davies' mother thanking the Council for the donation towards Simon's wake.
- A letter from St. John's Ambulance Service, Cannock regarding the winning of a competition run by Staffordshire Fire & Rescue.
- A letter from Cannock Bowling Green Club thanking the Council for the grant towards a new sprinkler system.

41. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

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

42. 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) Standards Committee – 21 March 2007
- (B) Audit and Governance Committee – 3 April, 11 June and 19 June 2007
- (C) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 16 April, 23 April and 15 June 2007
- (D) Chairman's Civic Committee – 27 April 2007
- (E) Scrutiny Committee – 15 May 2007
- (F) Planning Control Committee – 20 May and 20 June 2007
- (G) Cabinet – 14 June 2007

- (H) Culture and Sport Select Committee – 13 March 2007
- (I) Environment Select Committee – 4 June 2007
- (J) Appointments Panel – 28 and 29 March and 2 April 2007
- (K) Grant Applications and Rate Relief Committee – 13 March 2007
- (L) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 12 March, 2 May and 18 May 2007

43. General Fund Capital and Section 106 Programme 2007-08

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Governance (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.10 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the outturn to 30th June 2007 as attached at Annex 1 and 2 of the report be noted.
- (B) That the revised uncommitted resources available and the 2007-10 General Fund Capital Programme commitments, at Annex 3 of the report, be noted.
- (C) That the additional expenditure against the schemes as listed in Annexes 1 and 2 of the report be noted and that retrospective approval be granted due to the reasons listed in the report.
- (D) That scheme variations and the reasons be noted and approved.

44. Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme 2007-08 to 2009-10

Consideration was given to the Joint Report of the Director of Service Improvement and the Director of Governance (Enclosure 8.1 – 8.10 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the position with regard to actual and estimated expenditure and estimated resources in respect of the 2007-08 HRA Capital Programme be noted and that approval be given to incur £10,000 of additional expenditure in respect of roof renewal.
- (B) That the position with regard to estimated resources and expenditure in respect of the 2008-09 and 2009-10 HRA Capital Programmes be noted.

45. Rent Restructuring Strategy

Consideration was given to the Joint Report of the Director of Service Improvement and the Director of Governance (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the revised rent restructuring strategy, formulated in accordance with the following principles be approved:-
- (a) No rent will change by more than RPI plus 0.5% plus £2.00 per week.
 - (b) All rent changes will be implemented via 5 equal steps between October 2007 and October 2011 except where:-
 - (i) The total change in rent is between £0.10 - £1.00 over the restructuring period, in which case the total change will be implemented in October 2007.
 - (ii) The total change in rent is between £1.01 and £2.00 over the restructuring period, in which case the total change will be implemented in two equal portions in October 2007 and 2008.
- (B) That the Councils current service charge policy be confirmed and the provision of the current additional services to certain tenants continue to be funded from housing rents.
- (C) That the 2007-08 rent restructuring plan, as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report be implemented with effect from 1 October 2007.
- (D) That Council garage rents increase by 25 pence per week with effect from 1 October 2007.

46. Allocation of Seats to Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Other Bodies

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Governance (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Following consideration of the report, the Leader of the Council moved the following motion, which was seconded:

- “(A) That the number of seats to be allocated to the Council’s Committees, Select Committees and Other Bodies be as set out in Option 2 for the Municipal Year 2007/08.
- (B) That the political balance and allocation of political seats for each Committee be noted.
- (C) That each of the Group Leaders notify the Chief Executive, within 10 working days of the names of those Members to be appointed to Committee’s, Select Committees and Other Bodies as appropriate.”

Councillor D. Thomas then moved the following amendment to (A) above, which was seconded:

"That the number of seats to be allocated to the Council's Committees, Select Committees and Other Bodies be as set out in Option 1 for the Municipal Year 2007/08".

Following a vote, the amendment was carried, and became the substantive motion. Following a vote the substantive motion was carried.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the number of seats to be allocated to the Council's Committees, Select Committees and Other Bodies be as set out in Option 1 for the Municipal Year 2007/08.
- (B) That the political balance and allocation of political seats for each Committee be noted.
- (C) That each of the Group Leaders notify the Chief Executive, within 10 working days of the names of those Members to be appointed to Committee's, Select Committees and Other Bodies as appropriate.

47. Representatives on Outside Bodies – Chase Council for Voluntary Services

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Governance (Enclosure 11.1 – 11.2 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Ms. W. Yates be appointed to the Chase Council for Voluntary Services until the 2008 Annual Meeting, thereby replacing Mr. R. Turville.

48. Members' Grants Scheme

Consideration was given to the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 12.1 – 12.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Following consideration of the report, the Leader of the Council moved the recommendations contained within the report, which was seconded.

Councillor D. Thomas then moved the following amendment to recommendation 2.1 of the report, which was seconded:

"That the Members' Grant Scheme proposed in the report be adopted subject to the Cannock Chase Sports Council and the Cannock Chase Arts Council being included as grant beneficiaries in Section 2 of the report and that the total of the remaining budget of £25,310 together with the unspent balance of £2,370 be divided equally between all Members of the Council (at a rate of £675 per Member for 2007/08)".

The amendment was accepted by the Leader and incorporated into the original motion.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Members' Grant Scheme proposed in the report be adopted subject to the Cannock Chase Sports Council and the Cannock Chase Arts Council being included as grant beneficiaries in Section 2 of the report and that the total of the remaining budget of £25,310 together with the unspent balance of £2,370 be divided equally between all Members of the Council (at a rate of £675 per Member for 2007/08).
- (B) That the Director of Governance be authorised, in consultation with the leaders of the three main political parties, to prepare and implement any protocol(s), policies and procedures required to ensure the effective operation of the Members' Grants Scheme.

49. 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, 2 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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PART 2

50. 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 – 16 April, 23 April and 15 June 2007
- (B) Appointments Panel – 28 and 29 March and 2 April 2007
- (C) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 12 March, 2 May and 18 May 2007

CHAIRMAN