

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 2010

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Alcott, G. (Chairman)
Jones, R. (Vice-Chairman)

Adamson, G.	Gilbert, P.
Allen, F.W.C.	Grice, Mrs. D.
Ansell, Mrs. P.A.	Grocott, M.R.
Ball, G.D.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Beddows, J.	Meaden, R.G.
Bennett, Mrs. D.J.	Mitchell, Mrs. C.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Molineux, G.N.
Bernard, J.D.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Bullock, L.W.	Rowley, J.
Burnett, G.	Stanley, N.K.
Burnett, J.	Sutherland, M.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Collis, C.	Thomas, D.
Davies, D.N.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Whitehouse, Mrs. L.
Dixon, D.I.	Williams, A.
Easton, Mrs. D.M.	Williams, Mrs. P.
Easton, R.	Yates, Ms. W.
Freeman, M.P.	

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M.R. Green and B. Williams.)

51. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No Declarations of Interests in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests were made.

52. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 September, 2010 be approved as a correct record.

53. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Chairman's Charity Box

The Chairman reported that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a small donation to support his charities. At the meeting held on 29 September, 2010, total of £31.00 had been donated.

(ii) Chase Learning Trust Logo Competition

The Chairman announced that he would be making presentations to 8 pupils from Hazelslade Primary School and Kingsmead Technology College, who had been asked to design a logo for the new letterhead and website of the Chase Learning Trust. The Trust had been formed with Staffordshire County Council, Cannock Chase District Council, The University of Wolverhampton, Mid-Staffordshire NHS Trust, and Hazelslade Primary School, and offered opportunities for improving the quality of education provision within the community.

Presentations were made to: Manjinder Kaur; Josh Gallear; Kyle Parker and Amandeep Singh from Hazelslade Primary School, and Dominique Francis; Alex Rogers; Kirsty Wilson, and Alisha Symmonds from Kingsmead Technology College.

(iii) Petition – Rugeley Post Office

Councillor M. Grocott presented a petition on behalf of residents in Rugeley, who were objecting to plans to relocate the town's post office.

Having received the petition, the Chairman agreed that it be referred to the appropriate Portfolio Leader and Head of Service to deal with in the usual way.

54. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

55. 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 – 16 September, 2010

In respect of Item 50 (Local Enterprise Partnerships), the Leader of the Opposition enquired if the position had been clarified. The Leader of the Council advised that the situation was not entirely resolved, but that the indications were that there would be both Birmingham and Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent L.E.P.'s and the Council would be entitled to membership of both.

- (b) Planning Control Committee – 8 September, 2010
(c) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 29 June and 16 July, 2010
(d) Audit and Governance Committee – 16 August, 2010
(e) Health Scrutiny Committee – 13 September, 2010

In respect of Item 14 (Discharge from Hospital), the Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader advised that the bullet points raised had been referred to the Hospitals Board, and a response was expected at the next Governor's meeting on 8 December, 2010.

- (f) Standards Committee – 4 February, 2010
(g) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 4 October, 2010
(h) Rate Relief Committee – 6 July, 2010
(i) Hednesford Community Forum – 10 June, 2010

In respect of Items 7 and 8 (Hednesford Town Centre Regeneration), the Town Centre Regeneration Portfolio Leader advised that the Secretary of State had determined to not call in the decision in respect of the large store development.

56. Recommendation Referred from Cabinet Held on 20 October, 2010

Consideration was given to the following recommendation referred from Cabinet held on 20 October, 2010, in respect of Shared Services – Cannock Chase District Council and Stafford Borough Council, delegation of functions:

“That the Council be recommended to accept the delegation by the Executive of Stafford Borough Council of the Building Control Functions listed at Appendix 2 (of the report to Cabinet) to the Executive of Cannock Chase District Council.”

RESOLVED:

That the Council accept the delegation by the Executive of Stafford Borough Council of the Building Control Functions listed at Appendix 2 (of the report to Cabinet) to the Executive of Cannock Chase District Council.

57. Changes to Executive Arrangements

Consideration was given to the Report of the Monitoring Officer (Enclosure 8.1 – 8.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

A Councillor stated that he considered the consultation had been insufficient even though it complied with Government guidance and sought an assurance from the Chief Executive that future consultations would be full and proper. The Chief Executive reiterated that the Council had acted in accordance with written guidance, and that any future consultation would, necessarily, have to be proportionate to guidance received and any additional funding provided for the purpose.

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The outcome of the consultation exercise, as set out in the report and Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.
- (B) The Proposals to strengthen the existing role of Leader of the Council as set out in Annex 2, be approved, and the Proposals in accordance with Section 33(E) of the Local Government Act, 2000, be published.
- (C) The Proposals not be made the subject of a referendum, given the low level of public interest and the substantial costs involved.
- (D) A Special Council meeting be held on 8 December, 2010, to make the final resolution to adopt the Proposals for the new executive arrangements.

58. 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 paragraph 2, 3 and 4, Part 1, Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972.

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PART 2

59. 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) Cabinet – 16 September, 2010
- (b) Licensing and Public Protection – 29 June and 16 July, 2010
- (c) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 4 October, 2010

(The meeting closed at 4.45 pm)

CHAIRMAN