

**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 SEPTEMBER, 2010**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

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

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

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R.G. Meaden, Mrs. L. Whitehouse, and B. Williams.)

Councillor Mrs. D. Todd was welcomed to the meeting following her election in the recent Heath Hayes East and Wimblebury by-election.

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Declaration</u>	<u>Type</u>
Bullock, L.W.	Street Cleansing Matters	Personal

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

#### **40. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 August, 2010 be approved as a correct record.

#### **41. 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 25 August, 2010, total of £35.00 had been donated.

(ii) Chairman's Charity Evening

The Chairman announced that he would be holding a Charity Evening on Friday, 18 March, 2011, in the Civic Ballroom. There would be a three course dinner, Abba tribute band and a disco. Further information would be available shortly, and he looked forward to seeing as many Councillors there as possible. He particularly encouraged Members to support the event, as 2011 represented the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of town twinning with Datteln.

(iii) Petition - Cannock Sewage Treatment Plant

Councillor C. Morgan presented a petition on behalf of residents living near the sewage treatment works.

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.

#### **42. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8**

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

#### **43. 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 – 22 July and 2 September, 2010

In respect of the Minutes of 2 September, 2010, Item 35 (Leader's Update re Consultation on Executive Arrangements), a Councillor commented that he considered that by doing the minimum required in terms of consultation on this matter, the Council's residents were being treated with contempt.

The Leader of the Council advised that the Council had complied with legislative requirements, and that the matter had also been discussed in Cabinet and reported in the press on more than one occasion. To do anything more than this would have had unnecessary cost implications as the Government had advised that the legislation would be withdrawn when the new Localism Bill was introduced in the current session of Parliament. Furthermore, no grant funding had been provided for consultation in this matter.

- (b) Planning Control Committee – 4 and 18 August, 2010
- (c) Scrutiny Committee – 12 July, 2010
- (d) Health Scrutiny Committee – 10 August, 2010
- (e) Standards – 21 June, 2010
- (f) Cannock Community Forum – 15 June, 2010
- (g) Heath Hayes, Norton Canes and Rawnsley Community Forum – 9 June, 2010
- (h) Rugeley and Brereton Community Forum – 16 June, 2010

#### **44. Constitutional Amendment on Times of Meetings**

This matter had been adjourned from the Council meeting of 25 August, 2010, in order to receive a Report of the Monitoring Officer. Consideration was given to the Report of the Monitoring Officer (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Leader of the Council moved option 2.1(i) of the report recommendations, which was seconded, that the Council should:

Accept the Motion as presented and adopt the Constitution Amendments contained in 5.1 of the report.

The Motion as presented was as follows:

“Constitutional Amendment:

1. That all meetings of the Council, the Cabinet, Shadow Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups will commence no earlier than 6:30 p.m.

2. That all such meetings will conclude by 9:00 p.m. unless the committee resolves to continue beyond that time in order to deal with urgent business.”

Members debated the Motion and voted on the matter.

RESOLVED:

That the Motion fall.

#### **45. Constitutional Amendment – Form and Composition of Shadow Cabinet**

This matter had been adjourned from the Council meeting of 25 August, 2010, in order to receive a Report of the Monitoring Officer. Consideration was given to the Report of the Monitoring Officer (Enclosure 8.1 – 8.10 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Leader of the Council moved option 2.1(i) of the report recommendations, which was seconded, that the Council should:

Accept the Motion as presented and adopt the Constitution Amendments contained in 5.1 of the report.

The Motion as presented was as follows:

“That the form and composition of Shadow Cabinet and appointment of the Leader of the Opposition be reviewed and amended with immediate effect whereby:

- The number of Members of Shadow Cabinet be the same number as the Members of Cabinet (that being such number as I have most recently notified to Council)
- The composition of Shadow Cabinet will consist of Members of all political groups which do not form part of and are not represented on the Executive.
- The allocation of Shadow Cabinet seats shall be in proportion to the representation of those political groups on the Council.
- The Leaders of political groups (which do not form part of and are not represented on the Executive) shall appoint Shadow Cabinet Members in accordance with their respective allocation of seats.
- In the event that a political group determines that it does not wish to accept its allocation of seats on the Shadow Cabinet, the number of such seats will be allocated to the other group or groups proportionately.

The Leader of the Opposition shall be the Leader of the political group which holds and has accepted the largest number of seats on Shadow Cabinet.”

Members debated the Motion and voted on the matter.

RESOLVED:

That the Motion fall.

**46. Electoral Cycle**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That consideration as to whether the Council wished to pursue a change to the Electoral Cycle to provide for whole Council elections every four years be deferred for eighteen months.

**47. Allocation of Seats to Committees and Other Bodies**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.6 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The allocation of seats to the different political groups to the Council's Committees and Other Bodies, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be approved.
- (B) The allocation of seats approved under (A), above, take effect forthwith.
- (C) As appropriate, each of the Political Group Leaders notify the Chief Executive within 5 working days of the names of those Members to be appointed / removed from the Council's Committees and Other Bodies.

Note: In respect of (C), above, the Leader of the Labour Group advised the meeting that Councillor Mrs. D. Todd had been nominated by his Group to fill the three vacant seats. The changes did not affect any other Group.

**48. Statement of Accounts, 2009-10**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Financial Management (Enclosure 11.1 – 11.5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March, 2010 be noted.

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

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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) Cabinet – 22 July and 2 September, 2010

(The meeting closed at 5.45 pm)

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CHAIRMAN