

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RATE RELIEF COMMITTEE
10 MARCH 2009 AT 2.00 PM
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Grocott, M. R. (Chairman)
Bernard, J. (Vice-Chairman)

Alcott, J. Jillings, J.
Easton, R.

5. **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>
Bernard, J.	Committee Member of Heath Hayes Football Club	Personal
Bernard, J.	Member of Heath Hayes Constitutional Club	Personal and Prejudicial
Bernard, J.	Trustee of Hayes Green Community Centre	Personal
Jillings, J.	Member of Bridgtown Community Centre	Personal
Jillings, J.	Member of Heath Hayes Constitutional Club	Personal and Prejudicial

6. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2008 be approved as a correct record.

7. **National Non-Domestic Rates – Charitable Relief**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Financial Management (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.42 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Committee considered that they were not being provided with all the information they required with respect to the applications. Mr. Rob Wolfe, the Local Taxation and Benefits Manager, explained that the applications were scrutinised by Officers and the percentages relating to the organisations were as agreed

by the Committee and Cabinet. He considered that the applications met the criteria adopted by the Council as a framework to be used in determining eligibility for discretionary rate relief under Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1988. The Committee requested that Officers make available to them any information relevant to the consideration of a relief application. Members would, wherever possible, give notice of any specific information which they considered to be relevant that was not included in the Report.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That future Reports include the applicants' address details and information relating to their accounts.
- (B) That Officers make available to Members any information relevant to the consideration of a relief application and that Members would, wherever possible, give notice of any specific information which they considered to be relevant that was not included in the Report.
- (C) That the action of the Head of Financial Management in awarding Mandatory Rate Relief as set out below be noted and that the amount of Discretionary Relief be awarded as follows:-

(i) Cannock Chase High School

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009

(ii) Cardinal Griffin RC School

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(iii) St. Joseph's RC Primary School, Hill Top

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(iv) St. Joseph's RC Primary School, Newman Grove

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(v) St. Mary's RC Primary School

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(vi) Stoke-on-Trent College

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

- (vii) Birth Defects Foundation, Unit 1, Hemlock Business Park
That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (viii) Birth Defects Foundation, Unit 2, Hemlock Business Park
That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (ix) Home Farm Trust Limited
That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (x) Housing 21
That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xi) Age Concern England (Training Division)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xii) Be Together Limited (Lichfield Street, Rugeley)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xiii) Be Together Limited (8 St. Joseph's House)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xiv) Cannock Advice Centre
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xv) Chase Council for Voluntary Services (Arthur Street Offices)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xvi) Chase Council for Voluntary Services (Taylors Lane Garage)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

- (xvii) Chase Council for Voluntary Services (Unit 1, Ranton Park)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xviii) Connexions Staffordshire Ltd (11 Queen Street, Cannock)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009
- (xix) Connexions Staffordshire Ltd. (84 High Green, Cannock)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xx) Family Focus (Rugeley)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxi) Heath Hayes Cabin
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009
- (xxii) Mencap
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxiii) Mid Staffs Mind Limited
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009
- (xxiv) Relate Marriage Guidance
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxv) St. John Ambulance
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxvi) Stafford Women's Aid
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

- (xxvii) The Prince's Trust

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxviii) Work in Progress

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxix) Avon Business and Leisure Centre

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxx) Bridgtown Community Centre

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxxi) British Red Cross Society

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxxii) Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxxiii) Etching Hill Village Hall

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxxiv) Hayes Green Community Centre

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxxv) KONCAS

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxxvi) Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

- (xxxvii) Norton Canes Community Association
- That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxxviii) Prospect Village Hall
- That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xxxix) Ravenhill Ward Social Club
- That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xl) Rugeley Physically Handicapped Association
- That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xli) Senior Citizens Welcome Club
- That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xlii) The Victory Hall
- That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xliii) Wolverhampton YMCA
- That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xliv) Acorn Children's Hospice
- That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xlv) Age Concern England (Shops) (17 Market Place)
- That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xlvi) Age Concern England (57 Market Street)
- That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

- (xlvii) British Heart Foundation (21 Market Place, Cannock)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xlviii) British Heart Foundation (2a Brook Square, Rugeley)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (xlvix) Help The Aged
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (l) International Aid Trust (38 Hednesford Road)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (li) International Aid Trust (38a Hednesford Road)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (lii) International Aid Trust (8 Ashworth House, Cannock Road)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (liii) International Aid Trust (43 Market Street)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (liv) Katharine House Hospice (72 Market Street)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (lv) Katharine House Hospice (19 Market Place)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (lvi) St. Giles Hospice Shops Limited (4 Upper Brook Street)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

- (lvii) St. Giles Hospice Shops Limited (Ground Floor, Wolverhampton Road)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (lviii) The Extra Care Charitable Trust (33 Market Square, Rugeley)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (lix) The Extra Care Charitable Trust (4B Market Place, Cannock)
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (lx) 1st Chadsmoor Scout Group
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (lxi) 1st Hednesford Scouts/2nd Guides
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (lxii) 1st Rugeley Scout Group
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (lxiii) 2nd Rugeley Scout Group
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (lxiv) Chadsmoor Guides
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (lxv) St. Luke's Scout Group
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.
- (lxvi) The Beaudesert Trust
That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(Ixvii) Beaudesert Sports Field and Recreational Ground Trust

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(Ixviii) Cannock Social WMC and Institute Limited

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(Ixvix) Chadsmoor Progressive WMC

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(Ixx) Heath Gap 'Welcome' WMC

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(Ixxi) Lido WMC and Institute

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(Ixxii) Norton East WMC

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(Ixxiii) Rugeley Progressive WMC

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(Ixxiv) Victoria WMC (Belt Road)

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(Ixxv) Victoria WMC (Church Hill)

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(Ixxvi) Bridgtown Social Club & Institute Limited

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(lxxvii) Cannock Ex Servicemens Club

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(lxxviii) Heath Hayes Constitutional Club

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(Having declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest Councillors J. Jillings and J. Bernard, took no part in the debate and did not vote on this application)

(lxxvix) Hednesford Ex-Servicemen's Club

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(lxxx) Royal British Legion (Rugeley)

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(lxxxii) Hagley Bowling Club

That 65% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(lxxxiii) Heath Hayes Football Club

That 65% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(lxxxiv) Rugeley Police Boys Boxing Club

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(lxxxv) South Staffs Acrobatics Ltd

That 65% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(lxxxvi) Brereton Town Football Club

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(lxxxvi) Brereton Community Sports Club

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(lxxxvii) Cannock & Rugeley Cricket Club

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(lxxxviii) Rugeley Cricket Club

That 15% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2009.

(D) That consideration of the Greenheath Progressive WMC and Royal British Legion (Cannock) applications be deferred until their accounts have been received.

(E) (i) That Cannock Bowling Green Club be moved from the category Sports Clubs (with bars) to Sports Clubs (without bars);

(ii) That consideration of the application be deferred in order that investigations can be carried out in relation to whether Cannock Bowling Green Club meets the Council's criteria for discretionary rate relief.

(F) That the action of the Head of Financial Management in awarding 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be noted and that Discretionary Relief be granted in relation to new and renewal applications as follows:-

(i) Cannock & Rugeley Cricket Club

That 80% Mandatory and 10% Discretionary Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2008.

(ii) West Midlands Reserve Forces & Cadets Association, Taylors Lane, Rugeley

That 80% Mandatory Relief be approved in respect of the above premises from 1 April 2000 and 10% Discretionary Relief from 1 April 2008 until 31 March 2009 and 7% Discretionary Relief from 1 April 2009 until 31 March 2010.

(iii) West Midlands Reserve Forces & Cadets Association, Cadet Centre, Penkridge Bank Road, Rugeley

That 80% Mandatory Relief be approved in respect of the above premises from 1 April 2000 and 10% Discretionary Relief from 1 April 2008 until 31 March 2009 and 7% Discretionary Relief from 1 April 2009 until 31 March 2010.

(iv) West Midlands Reserve Forces & Cadets Association, Cadet Centre, Victoria Street, Hednesford

That 80% Mandatory Relief be approved in respect of the above premises from 1 April 2000 and 10% Discretionary Relief from 1 April 2008 until 31 March 2009 and 7% Discretionary Relief from 1 April 2009 until 31 March 2010.

(v) The Chase CAB, 7 Brook Square, Rugeley

That 80% Mandatory Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for the period 1 October 2008 until 31 March 2010 and 10% Discretionary Relief for the period 1 October 2008 to 31 March 2009 and 7% Discretionary Relief for one year from 1 April 2009.

(vi) The Chase CAB, 48 Allport Road, Cannock

That 80% Mandatory Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for the period 1 October 2008 until 31 March 2010 and 10% Discretionary Relief for the period 1 October 2008 to 31 March 2009 and 7% Discretionary Relief for one year from 1 April 2009.

(vii) Nuffield Health, East Cannock Road, Hednesford

That 80% Mandatory Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for the period 1 December 2008 to 31 March 2009 and for one year from 1 April 2009.

(G) That the application received from Mrs. Palmer t/a Nu2u be deferred pending financial information being received.

CHAIRMAN