

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RATE RELIEF COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2012 AT 4.00 PM
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Kraujalis, J.T. (Vice-Chairman – in the Chair)

Alcott, G.

Davis, Mrs. M.A.

10. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Rowley (Chairman), M.R. Grocott and J.D. Bernard.

11. 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> |
|------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Kraujalis, J.T. | Application for Non Domestic Rates – Charitable Relief - Bridgtown Community Centre – Member did the accounts for Bridgtown Community Centre | Personal and Prejudicial |
| Kraujalis, J.T. | Application for Non Domestic Rates – Charitable Relief – Cannock Chase Advice Centre – Member works as a volunteer at Cannock Chase Advice Centre | Personal and Prejudicial |
| Davis, Mrs. M.A. | Application for Non Domestic Rates – Charitable Relief – Chase CVS – Member is a Trustee | Personal |
| Davis, Mrs. M.A. | Application for Non Domestic Rates – Charitable Relief – Citizens Advice Bureau – Member is a Trustee | Personal |
| Davis, Mrs. M.A. | Application for Non Domestic Rates – Charitable Relief – West Chadsmoor Family Centre – Member is a Trustee | Personal |

12. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2011 be approved as a correct record.

13. National Non-Domestic Rates – Charitable Relief

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Financial Management (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.38 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Councillor Alcott referred to the application for Discretionary Rate Relief from Staffordshire University Academy as detailed on Enclosure 4.33 of the report. He expressed concern that should Discretionary Relief granted this may set a precedent for similar Academy schools to apply for relief and the budget was not large enough to grant rate relief to all of them. The Local Taxation and Benefits Manager confirmed that Staffordshire University Academy qualified for 80% Mandatory Rate Relief. Members were being asked to consider the discretionary element and any relief granted would have a significant impact on the budget.

RESOLVED:

(A) That, subject to approval of the 2011/12/13 budget by Council, 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) Heath Hayes Cabin

That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(ii) Chase Citizens Advice Bureau, 48 Allport Road, Cannock

That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(iii) Chase Council for Volunatry Service, Arthur Street, Chadsmoor

That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(iv) Stafford Womens Aid

That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(v) Mid Staffs Mind Ltd

That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(vi) Age Concern England (Training Division), 1 Martindale, Hawks Green

That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

- (vii) Cannock Chase Advice Centre, 23 Park Road, Cannock
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest Councillor J.T. Kraujalis left the meeting during consideration of this application. Councillor G. Alcott took the Chair for this item).
- (viii) Relate South Staffs Marriage Guidance
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (ix) Mencap (Education and Employment Services)
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (x) Chase Council for Voluntary Service, Unit 1 Ranton Park, Martindale, Cannock
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xi) Chase Council for Voluntary Service, Unit 2 Ranton Park, Martindale, Cannock
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xii) The Chase Citizens Advice Bureau, 7 Brook Square, Rugeley
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xiii) Family Focus, Rugeley
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xiv) Chase Council for Voluntary Services, Unit 1 Riverside, Power Station Road, Rugeley
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xv) St. John Ambulance
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

- xxvi) International Aid Trust, 38 Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xvii) International Aid Trust, 8 Ashworth House, Cannock Road, Cannock
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xviii) Age Concern England, 17 Market Place, Cannock
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xix) Katharine House Hospice, 19 Market Place, Cannock
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xx) British Heart Foundation, 21 Market Place, Cannock
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxi) The Extra Care Charitable Trust, 4b Market Place, Cannock
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxii) International Aid Trust, 46 Market Street, Hednesford
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxiii) Katharine House Hospice, 72 Market Street, Hednesford
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxiv) St. Giles Hospice Shops Ltd., Stafford Road, Cannock
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxv) St. Giles Hospice Shops Ltd., Ground Floor, 2 Wolverhampton Road, Cannock
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

- (xxvi) DEBRA, Units 3-4 Anson Street, Rugeley
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxvii) British Heart Foundation, 2a Brook Square, Rugeley
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxviii) The Extra Care Charitable Trust, Ground Floor, 33 Market Square, Rugeley
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxix) The Salvation Army, Adjacent 29 Market Street, Rugeley
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxx) St Giles Hospice Shops Ltd, 4 Upper Brook Street, Rugeley
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxxi) Bridgtown Community Centre
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest Councillor J.T. Kraujalis left the meeting during consideration of this application. Councillor G. Alcott took the Chair for this item).
- (xxxii) Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxxiii) Senior Citizens Welcome Club
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxxiv) Hayes Green Community Centre
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxxv) Wimblebury Community Services Association

- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxxvi) Avon Business & Leisure Ltd
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxxvii) Prospect Village Hall
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxxviii) Norton Canes Community Association
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xxxix) KONCAS
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xl) Wolverhampton YMCA
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xli) Etching Hill Village Hall
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xlii) St. Josephs Community Centre
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xliii) Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xliv) The Victory Hall
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (xlv) Ravenhill Ward Social Club

That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(xlv) Newlife Trading Ltd., Unit 2, On Line Business Centre, Bridgtown, Cannock

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(xlvii) South Staffordshire College

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(xlviii) Katharine House Retail Ltd., Unit 2 The Retail Business Park, Hawks Green

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(xlix) Newlife Trading Ltd., Unit 1 Hemlock Business Park, Hawks Green

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(l) Newlife Trading Ltd, Unit 2 Hemlock Business Park, Hawks Green

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(li) Newlife Trading Ltd., Unit 3 The Retail Business Park, Hawks Green

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(lii) Staffs County Council, Cannock Chase GM High School

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(liii) Staffs County Council, 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 2012.

(liv) Housing 21

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(lv) Nuffield Health Fitness and Wellbeing

- That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lvi) Staffs County Council, St. Josephs RC Primary School
- That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lvii) Staffs County Council, 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 2012.
- (lviii) PSS
- That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lix) Stoke on Trent College, Suite 101, High Green Court, New Hall Street, Cannock
- That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lx) Addaction
- That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxi) South Staffordshire College, The Green, Cannock
- That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxii) Staffs County Council, St Josephs Primary School
- That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxiii) Beaudesert Sports Field and Recreational
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxiv) Rugeley Open Spaces Association
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxv) The Beaudesert Trust

- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxvi) 1st Chadsmoor Scout Group
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2011.
- (lxvii) Chadsmoor Guides
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxviii) 1st Hednesford Scout Group
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxvix) 1st Blackfords Scout Group
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxx) The Scout Association Trust Corporation
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxi) 2nd Rugeley Scout Group
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxii) Bridgtown Social Club & Institute Ltd
- That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxiii) Heath Hayes Constitutional Club
- That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxiv) Hednesford Ex-Service Mens Club
- That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxv) Cannock Ex-Service Mens Club

- That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxvi) Cannock & Rugeley Cricket Club
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxvii) Rugeley Cricket Club
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxviii) Brereton Community Sports Club
- That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxvix) South Staffs Acrobatics Ltd
- That 50% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxx) Heath Hayes Football Club
- That 50% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxxii) Cannock Bowling Green Club
- That 50% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxxiii) Rugeley (Police) Comm & Amateur Boxing Club
- That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxxiiii) Hagley Bowls Club
- That 50% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxxiv) Rugeley Rifle Club
- That 50% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.
- (lxxxv) West Midlands Reserve Forces & Cadet Association, Cadet Centre, Penkridge Bank,

Rugeley

That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

- (lxxxvi) West Midlands Reserve Forces & Cadet Association, Cadet Centre, Taylors Lane, Rugeley

That 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

- (lxxxvii) Victoria Working Mens Club, 111-113 Belt Road, Hednesford

That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

- (lxxxviii) Greenheath Progressive WMC

That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

- (lxxxvix) Chadsmoor Progressive WMC

That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(Members considered the letter as attached at Annex 5 to the report which asked that consideration be given to applying 50% discretionary rate relief to the organisation due to their current financial position. However, Members agreed to award 10% Discretionary Rate Relief in line with the current, agreed framework as there was insufficient budget to award additional relief to this organisation and other similar types of organisation).

- (xc) Broomhill Albion WMC & Institute Ltd

That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

- (xci) Victoria Working Mens Club, 116 Church Hill, Hednesford

That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

- (xcii) Heath Gap Welcomce WMC

That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

- (xciii) Cannock Social WMC & Institute

That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(xciv) Norton East WMC

That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(xcv) Lido WMC & Institute

That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(xcvii) Rugeley Progressive WMC

That 10% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(B) That Discretionary Relief be granted in relation to the new and resubmitted applications as follows:-

(i) Bangladesh Education & Development Foundation

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises with effect from 20 June 2011 to 31 March 2012 and 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(ii) West Chadsmoor Family Centre Ltd

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises with effect from 12 December 2011 to 31 March 2012 and 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(Having declared a personal interest in this application Councillor Mrs. M.A. Davis left the meeting during consideration of this application).

(iii) Barnardo's

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises with effect from 12 October 2011 to 31 March 2012 and 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(iv) Age UK South Staffordshire

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises with effect from 7 September 2011 to 31 March 2012 and 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted for one year with effect from

1 April 2012.

(v) Krizevac Project

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises with effect from 8 December 2011 to 31 March 2012 and 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted for one year with effect from 1 April 2012.

(vi) Staffordshire University Academy

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises with effect from 1 September 2011 to 31 March 2012 and for one year with effect from 1 April 2012 and the application for Discretionary Rate Relief be refused as there was insufficient money available in the budget to award the relief being requested.

(vii) Targeted Training Projects Ltd

(a) That the application for Discretionary Rate Relief be refused in respect of the above premises and the organisation be requested to investigate the possibility of registering as a charity to enable them to be eligible for 80% Mandatory Rate Relief.

(b) Should the organisation become a registered charity the Committee would then give consideration to the application for Discretionary Rate Relief.

(The meeting closed at 4.35pm)

CHAIRMAN