

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., MONDAY 22 DECEMBER, 2008

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Ansell, Mrs. P.A. (Chairman)

Beddows, J. (Vice-Chairman)

Alcott, G.	Grocott, M.R.
Allen, F.W.C.	Holder, M.J.
Ball, G.D.	Jillings, J.
Bennett, Mrs. D.J.	Jones, R.
Bennett, K.L.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Mawle, D.L.
Bernard, J.	Mitchell, C.
Burnett, G.	Molineux, G.N.
Carr, I.R.	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.	Williams, A.
Easton, R.	Williams, B.
Freeman, M.P.	Williams, Mrs. P.
Green, M.	1 Vacancy

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Burnett, Ms. W. Yates, R.G. Meaden, Mrs. L.J. Pearce, L.W. Bullock, Mrs. D. Grice and C.W.J. Morgan).

70. 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>
Jillings, J.	Minute 73 - Member of Bridgtown Parish Council	Personal
Kraujalis, J.T.	Minute 73 - Member of Bridgtown Parish Council	Personal

71. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Councillor Mrs. L.J. Pearce

The Chairman reported that Councillor Mrs. L.J. Pearce had recently given birth to a baby girl and congratulated her.

(ii) Chairman's Charity Collection Box

The Chairman reported that her charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation to her chosen charities.

At the meeting held on 10 December, 2008 a total of £119.72 was donated.

(iii) Chairman and Leaders Christmas Drinks

The Chairman reported that she, together with the Leader of the Council, would be holding joint Christmas drinks this year to which all Members were cordially invited. This would take place on Tuesday, 23 December 2008 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the Jack Holsten Room.

72. Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2009-10 to 2011-12

Consideration was given to the recommendations referred from Cabinet held on 20 November 2008 in relation to Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2009-10 to 2011-12.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Council consults with its usual budget consultees (including the public, the business community, the Shadow Cabinet, the Scrutiny Committee, staff and recognised trade unions) on the range of measures set out to balance the budget over the three-year period.
- (B) That authority be given to issue redundancy notices to affected staff in accordance with the Council's redundancy policy, based on the proposed 'consultation' budget, to allow redundancies to take effect on 31 March 2009, or as soon as practical thereafter, where savings are budgeted for a full year in 2009-10.
- (C) That it be noted that some of the budget proposals, including proposals regarding potentially redundant posts, would be reviewed following the results of consultation and that a final Cabinet proposal would be put to the Council in February 2009 which may result in some redundancy notices being withdrawn.

73. Transfer of Section 106 Funds to Bridgtown Parish Council for the Future Development of Union Street Play Area, Bridgtown.

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Organisational Improvement (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council)

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the request from Bridgtown Parish Council (via Cllr Kraujalis) to transfer to it both the approved S106 fund and the currently uncommitted sum as outlined in the Financial Implications of the report on those Terms and Conditions also detailed therein (total of £26,912), be agreed.
- (B) That the uncommitted S106 sum of £13,282 be added in to the 2008-09 Capital programme, and that permission be granted to spend in respect of this sum.
- (C) That the appropriate Legal Agreement to be drafted in line with any decision made at (A) above, be authorised.

74. Cannock Sports Stadium

Consideration was given to the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.10 of the Official Minutes of the Council)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor N. K. Stanley moved the following recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor M.P. Freeman:-

- (i) That the Stadium site be demolished and cleared, which would require the establishment of a new capital scheme and a supplementary capital estimate of £100,000. No addition would be required to the 2009-10 budget if the demolition can be completed prior to 31 March 2009.
- (ii) That the Deputy Chief Executive (or anyone so authorised by him) be authorised to take any other action(s) or measure(s) considered necessary and appropriate to address anti-social behaviour issues arising or potentially arising at the Stadium site, providing the costs of any such action(s) or measure(s) can be met from approved budgets.
- (iii) That the Council approves the necessary financial provisions to fund (i) above.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10(8) Councillor D. Thomas moved the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor C. Mitchell: -

“That before taking this action the Council convene a meeting with Sport England, Stafford and Cannock Athletics Club, Cannock Chase Football League and any other interested parties with a view to establishing a Trust to manage and run Cannock Festival Stadium. And that the results of this meeting be reported back to Full Council in February, to enable any changes necessary to go forward for the budget process in March 2009”.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15(5) the following votes were recorded in respect of the amendment: -

For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Alcott, G. Allen, F.W.C. Ball, G.D. Carr, I.R. Davis, Mrs. M.A. Dixon, D.I. Holder, M.J. Kraujalis, J.T. Mitchell, C. Stretton, Mrs. P.Z. Thomas, D. Todd, Mrs. D.M.	Ansell, Mrs. P.A. Beddows, J. Bennett, Mrs. D.J. Bennett, K.L. Bernard, Mrs. A.F. Bernard, J. Burnett, G. Davies, D.N. Easton, Mrs. M. Easton, R. Freeman, M.P. Green, M. Grocott, M.R. Jillings, J. Jones, R. Mawle, D.L. Molineux, G.N. Stanley, N.K. Williams, A. Williams, B. Williams, P.		Bullock, L.W. Burnett, J. Grice, Mrs. D. Meaden, R.G. Morgan, C.W.J. Pearce, Mrs. L.J. Yates, Ms. W.
12 Members	21 Members		7 Members

Following a vote the amendment was lost.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15(5) the following votes were recorded in respect of the original motion:-

For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Ansell, Mrs. P.A. Beddows, J. Bennett, Mrs. D.J. Bennett, K.L. Bernard, Mrs. A.F. Bernard, J. Burnett, G. Davies, D.N. Easton, Mrs. M. Easton, R. Freeman, M.P. Green, M. Grocott, M.R. Jillings, J. Jones, R. Mawle, D.L. Molineux, G.N.	Alcott, G. Allen, F.W.C. Ball, G.D. Carr, I.R. Davis, Mrs. M.A. Dixon, D.I. Holder, M.J. Kraujalis, J.T. Mitchell, C. Stretton, Mrs. P.Z. Thomas, D. Todd, Mrs. D.M.		Bullock, L.W. Burnett, J. Grice, Mrs. D. Meaden, R.G. Morgan, C.W.J. Pearce, Mrs. L.J. Yates, Ms. W.

Stanley, N.K.
Williams, A.
Williams, B.
Williams, P.

21 Members

12 Members

7 Members

Following a vote, the substantive motion was carried.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Stadium site be demolished and cleared, requiring the establishment of a new capital scheme and a supplementary capital estimate of £100,000 and that it be noted that no addition would be required to the 2009-10 budget should the demolition be completed prior to 31 March 2009.
- (B) That the Deputy Chief Executive (or anyone so authorised by him) be authorised to take any other action(s) or measure(s) considered necessary and appropriate to address anti-social behaviour issues arising or potentially arising at the Stadium site, providing the costs of any such action(s) or measure(s) can be met from approved budgets.
- (C) That the necessary financial provisions to fund (A) above be approved.

75. Budget 2009-10 to 2011-12 and Senior Management Review – Authority to Issue Redundancy Notices

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.6 of the Official Minutes of the Council)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor N.K. Stanley reported an amendment and deletion to recommendation 2.1 3 of the report, in that the word 'any' be deleted and replaced with 'or issue any additional' and that the word 'issued' be deleted.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Chief Executive (or anyone so authorised by him) be authorised to consider on behalf of Council all responses to all consultations arising from the proposed Senior Management Restructure undertaken in connection with the Council's Budget setting process for 2009-10 to 2011-2012;
- (B) That the Chief Executive (or anyone so authorised by him) be authorised to issue any redundancy notice(s) on or after 4 January 2009 arising in connection with the proposed Senior Management Restructure;
- (C) That the Chief Executive (or anyone so authorised by him) be authorised to withdraw or issue any additional redundancy notice(s) on or after 4 January 2009 in connection with the proposed Senior Management Restructure as considered necessary and appropriate following a full report to Council on the proposed Senior Management Restructure; and

- (D) That the Chief Executive establish and convene(s) the Appointments Panel consisting of 5 Members (with all Group Leaders upon request notifying the Chief Executive of details of their respective party nominees) in order that all relevant and applicable appointments arising from the Senior Management Restructure can be made.

76. 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 3 and 4, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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PART 2

77. **Early Termination and Retirement Policy**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the proposed approach to early retirement as described in the "Early Termination and Retirement" policy set out in Annex 1 of the report, be approved.
- (ii) That the amendments to the HR Guidelines set out in Annex 2 of the report, be approved.

CHAIRMAN