

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH, 2009

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Ansell, Mrs. P.A. (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.
Bullock, L.W.	Molineux, G.N.
Burnett, G.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Burnett, J.	Pearce, Mrs. L.J.
Davies, D.N.	Stanley, N.K.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Dixon, D.I.	Thomas, D.
Easton, Mrs. M.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Easton, R.	Williams, A.
Freeman, M.P.	Williams, B.
Green, M.	Williams, Mrs. P.
Grice, Mrs. D.	Yates, Ms. W.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Beddows (Vice-Chairman), R.G. Meaden, I.R. Carr and Mrs. P.Z. Stretton).

Prior to commencement of the meeting, the Chairman referred to the recent tragic death of Craig Reaney who had been involved in an incident involving his recycling collection vehicle in Rugeley last week. The Council forwarded its deepest sympathies to his family at this sad time.

Members then stood for a minute silence as a mark of respect.

96. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Peer Review Team

The Chairman reported that the Council had commissioned a Peer Review to assist in preparation of the forthcoming Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) and in particular, the Organisational Assessment.

On behalf of the Council the Chairman welcomed members of the Review Team, Jill Emery, Geoff Chilton, Patricia Phillipson and Heather Kid.

The Chairman reported that she had exercised her discretion and having consulted with the Monitoring Officer, the Review Team would remain in the meeting for consideration of the Part 2 items on the agenda in order that they could complete their work.

(ii) Chairman's Charity Box

The Chairman reported that her Charity Collection Box was circulating for Members to make a donation to her chosen Charities.

She reported that at the meeting held on 25 February, 2009 a total of £50.21 was donated.

97. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

The Chairman stated that no questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

98. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees and Panels

RESOLVED:

That the Part 1 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees and Panels be adopted and any recommendations be approved and decisions implemented following the expiry of any call-in period:-

- (A) Cabinet – 22 January and 12 February 2009
- (B) Scrutiny Committee – 11 November, 2008 and 12 January 2009
- (C) Planning Control Committee – 7 January and 28 January 2009
- (D) Audit and Governance Committee – 4 December 2008
- (E) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 12 December 2008
- (F) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 21 July and 3 December 2008 and 2 February 2009

99. Recommendation Referred from Cabinet held on 26 February, 2009

The Chairman reported that this item had been withdrawn.

100. Recommendation Referred from Scrutiny Committee held on 9 February, 2009

Consideration was given to the following recommendation referred from Scrutiny Committee held on 9 February, 2009 in relation to the appointment of a representative to South Staffordshire PCT:

“That Council be requested to consider the appointment of a representative to South Staffordshire PCT, Cannock Health Centre Steering Group”.

Councillor N.K. Stanley moved that Councillor Mrs. H.M. Sutton be appointed as representative to the South Staffordshire PCT, Cannock Health Centre Steering Group which was seconded.

Councillor Mrs M.A. Davis then moved that Councillor D. Thomas be appointed, which was seconded.

Following a vote, Councillor Mrs. H.M. Sutton was appointed as the Council's representative.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs. H.M. Sutton be appointed as the Council's representative to the South Staffordshire PCT, Cannock Health Centre Steering Group.

101. Proposed Relocation of Rugeley War Memorial – Rugeley Town Centre

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 8.1 – 8.14 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

A revised version of the report was circulated to Members at the meeting, together with an illustration of the proposed war memorial, which replaced appendix 1 of the report.

RESOLVED:

(A) That, subject to the receipt of planning consent, a scheme to relocate the War Memorial to Anson Street be approved.

(B) That the use of Section 106 funds sufficient to meet the Council's contribution towards the cost of the scheme up to the sums identified in the report be approved.

(C) That the Deputy Chief Executive (or anyone authorised by him) in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for Town Centres, be authorised to undertake all necessary measures, steps and actions (including entering into legal

agreements) as deemed appropriate and necessary given effect to the decision.

102. Allocation of Seats to the Council's Committees and Other Bodies

RESOLVED:

(A) That the vacant seats on the following Committees/bodies be allocated to the Conservative Group:-

- Planning Control Committee
- Environment Policy Development Committee
- Cannock Community Forum (as Ward Member)

(B) That, in accordance with the wishes of the Conservative Group Leader, it be noted that Councillor Mrs. H.M. Sutton has been appointed to the above vacancies.

103. 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 2, 3 and 4 Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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PART 2

104. Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, 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 – 12 February, 2009
- (B) Licensing and Public Protection Committee – 12 December, 2008
- (C) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 21 July and 3 December 2008 and 2 February 2009

105. Senior Management Restructure

Prior to consideration of the report, the Deputy Chief Executive, Director of Service Improvement, Director of Organisational Improvement and the Legal & Democratic Services Manager left the meeting.

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 12.1 – 12.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Leader of the Council, Councillor N.K. Stanley, moved the following amendment to the recommendations contained within the report, which were seconded:

- (i) That the Council approves the Senior Management Structure as set out in Annex 1 and as detailed in the report, and in accordance with the recommendations as at 11.1 to 11.10.
- (ii) That a politically balanced Appointments Panel be established as set out in 8.3 to consider which Directors fit each post against an agreed set of competencies and that appointments are made in accordance with the Council's Human Resource Guidelines, subject to the Council's Cabinet having no objection.
- (iii) That the Appointments Panel also determines the appointments of the Head of Policy, Performance and Partnerships and the Head of Legal, including

considering any outstanding claims of 'ownership' under the Council's current Human Resources Policies.

- (iv) That the Council commits to a review of the numbers and frequency of Committees and other Member meetings in the light of the reduced capacity.

Councillor M.J. Holder then moved the following amendment to the recommendations, which was seconded:

"That consideration of this matter be referred to the Scrutiny Committee in order that Members can consider the proposals in detail, prior to any decision being made by Council".

Following a vote the amendment was lost.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Senior Management Structure as set out in Annex 1 and as detailed in the report, and in accordance with the recommendations as at 11.1 to 11.10 of the report be approved.
- (B) That a politically balanced Appointments Panel be established as set out in 8.3 of the report to consider which Directors fit each post against an agreed set of competencies and that the appointments be made in accordance with the Council's Human Resource Guidelines, subject to the Council's Cabinet having no objection.
- (C) That the Appointments Panel determines the appointments of the Head of Policy, Performance and Partnerships and the Head of Legal, including considering any outstanding claims of 'ownership' under the Council's current Human Resources Policies.
- (D) That the Council commits to a review of the numbers and frequency of Committees and other Member meetings in the light of the reduced capacity.

CHAIRMAN