

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2008

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Easton, R. (Chairman)  
Ansell, Mrs. P.A. (Vice-Chairman)

Alcott, G.	Jones, R.
Allen, F.W.C.	Martin, G.R.
Ball, G.D.	Mawle, D.L.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Meaden, R.G.
Bullock, L.W.	Mitchell, C.
Burnett, J.	Molineux, G.N.
Carr, I.R.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Collis, C.	Pearce, Mrs. L.J.
Davies, D.N.	Stanley, N.K.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Dixon, D.I.	Thomas, D.
Easton, Mrs. D.M.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Freeman, M.P.	Toth, J.
Grice, Mrs. D.	Williams, A.
Grocott, M.R.	Williams, B.
Holder, M.J.	Yates, Ms. W.
Jones, Mrs. A.E.	1 Vacancy

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Beddows, Mrs. D.J. Bennett, K. L. Bennett, B.J. Faulkner and J. T. Kraujalis).

**89. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23 January, 2008 be approved as a correct record.

**90. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence**

Collection for the Chairman's Charity

It was reported that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a small donation to support the Chairman's charities. At the meeting on 23 January a total of £36.34 was donated and at the meeting on 27 February 2008 a total of £38.50 was donated. The Chairman thanked Members for their support.

**91. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8**

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

**92. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels**

RESOLVED:

That the Part 1 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 January 2008
- (B) Performance and Partnerships Select Committee – 26 November 2007 and 16 January 2008
- (C) Healthier Communities, Housing and Older People Select Committee – 4 December 2007
- (D) Access to Skills, Economic Development and Enterprise Select Committee – 5 November 2007
- (E) Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee – 27 November 2007
- (F) Children and Young People Select Committee – 18 December 2007
- (G) Environment Select Committee – 22 November 2007
- (H) Standards Committee – 3 December 2007
- (I) Planning Control Committee – 9 and 30 January 2008
- (J) Audit and Governance Committee – 13 November 2007
- (K) Chairman of the Council's Civic Committee – 16 October 2007

**93. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet on 28 February 2008**

The Chairman reported that this item had been withdrawn.

**94. Recommendations Referred from the Standards Committee on 20 February 2008**

Consideration was given to the following recommendations referred from the Standards Committee held on 20 February 2008:

- "(A) That Council be recommended to approve the amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee.
- (B) That the Director of Governance be authorised to make any such amendments to the Terms of Reference and procedures, as necessary, following the publication of the Regulations and guidance by the Standards Board for England."

RESOLVED:

- (A) That Council be recommended to approve the amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee.
- (B) That the Director of Governance be authorised to make any such amendments to the Terms of Reference and procedures, as necessary, following the publication of the Regulations and guidance by the Standards Board for England.

#### 95. **Calendar of Meetings 2008-09**

Consideration was given to a Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 9.1 – 9. 5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Chairman requested Members to note the following amendments to the Calendar of Meetings:

- Council 3 December 2008 move to 10 December 2008
- Children and Young People Select Committee 10 December 2008 move to 3 December 2008
- Shadow Cabinet 26 January 2009 move to 19 January 2009

The following further amendments to the Calendar of Meetings were also moved:

- Cannock Community Forum 2 March 2009 move to 24 February 2009
- Council 13 August 2008 move to 6 August 2008
- Audit and Governance Committee and Working Group 6 August 2008 move to 13 August 2008

The Leader moved the recommendations contained within the report, together with the amendments outlined above, which were seconded.

Following a vote the recommendations as amended were carried.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Calendar of Meetings for 2008-09, shown at Annex 1 to the report be approved subject to the following amendments:
- Council 3 December 2008 move to 10 December 2008
  - Children and Young People Select Committee 10 December 2008 move to 3 December 2008

- Shadow Cabinet 26 January 2009 move to 19 January 2009
- Cannock Community Forum 2 March 2009 move to 24 February 2009
- Council 13 August 2008 move to 6 August 2008
- Audit and Governance Committee and Working Group 6 August 2008 move to 13 August 2008.

(B) That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, the relevant Chairmen of Committees and/or Leader of the Council, be authorised, where appropriate, to convene additional meetings, postpone or cancel meetings as and when required.

(C) That any amendments to the Calendar of Meetings be reported to Members on a quarterly basis.

**96. Scrutiny Call-in Procedure Rules**

Consideration was given to the amendments to the Council's Scrutiny Procedures Rules (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.8)

RESOLVED:

That the amendments to the Council's Scrutiny Procedures Rules be approved.

**97. 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 1, 2 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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**PART 2**

**98. 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 January 2008

(Arising from Minute No 93(A) it was agreed that a meeting be arranged between the Group Leaders, Portfolio Leader and Shadow Portfolio Leader for Healthier Communities, Housing and Older People to discuss how to undertake an investigation in relation to the provision of additional cemetery land in Cannock and the potential usage of part of the land currently used at the Cannock Golf Course).

(B) Healthier Communities, Housing and Older People Select Committee – 4 December 2007

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CHAIRMAN