

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**RATE RELIEF COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2011 AT 4.00 PM**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Rowley, J. (Chairman)

Alcott, G.

Davis, Mrs. M.A.

Bernard, J.D.

Grocott, M.R.

**1. Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received.

**2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

No declarations of interests were made.

**3. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2011 be approved as a correct record subject to Councillor M.R. Grocott being recorded as having declared a personal interest in Rugeley Cricket Club due to him being a "Trustee" and not "Member" of the Club".

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

Prior to consideration of the Report the Local Taxation and Benefits Manager outlined the four types of rate relief applications that could be considered by the Committee.

Members sought an assurance that Officers verified whether the organisations applying for rate relief were non-profit making or had a charitable status. The Local Taxation and Benefits Manager confirmed that application forms and accounts were checked to assess whether the organisations were non-profit making or had a charitable status. Members could also request further information from the organisations to verify their status.

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Financial Management (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.26 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

(A) 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) St Josephs 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 2011.

(ii) Computers 4 Africa

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2011.

(Members considered the premises was fairly large for the organisation and discussed this matter in more detail).

(iii) The Salvation Army

That 80% Mandatory and 7% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for the period 23 March to 31 March 2011 and for one year with effect from 1 April 2011.

(iv) DEBRA

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for the period 17 December 2010 to 31 March 2011 and for one year with effect from 1 April 2011.

(v) Newlife Trading Ltd., Unit 2 On Line Business Centre, Walkmill Lane, Bridgtown

That 80% Mandatory Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April 2011 and that the application for Discretionary Rate Relief be refused on the grounds that it is inappropriate for one charity to receive such a disproportionate percentage of the overall budget.

(vi) Chase Chamber of Commerce

That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted in respect of the above premises for the period 13 September 2010 to 31 March 2011 and for one year with effect from 1 April 2011.

(The meeting closed at 4.40pm)

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CHAIRMAN