



CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

MEETING TO BE HELD VIA REMOTE ACCESS

PART 1

Notice is hereby given of the above mentioned meeting of the Council which you are summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the business set out below:-

1. Apologies

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

To declare any interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Members should refer to the guidance included as part of this agenda.

3. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 August, 2020, Minute Nos. 18 – 30; Page Nos. 9 – 23.

4. Questions Received from the Public under Council Procedure Rule 4B(c)

(i) To receive the following question submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4B(c) by Stuart Haynes:

“Please could you advise, outside of necessary infrastructure changes, how much money has McArthurGlen provided to the Council as part of its Mill Green development and how has it been spent / allocated?”

- (ii) To receive the following question submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4B(c) by Darrell Mawle:

“I read on Cannock Chase Life (the Council’s Facebook page) stories of rejected dry recycling loads due to contamination (Nappies, Toasters, food waste etc). It’s very frustrating for committed recycling members of the public to see this happen so frequently.

What are the council doing about these inconsiderate people who are costing us all extra money for this contamination to go to landfill and what percentage of the overall total of dry recycling is getting contaminated?”

To receive the following question submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4B(c) by Emma Hunneyball:

“I received a leaflet on 18 July from the Leader of the Council stating that demolition of the multi storey car park in Cannock Town Centre would “soon begin”. I was delighted to hear this as redevelopment of the site will be important for the regeneration of Cannock. Can the Cabinet member please tell me when demolition is scheduled to begin, the estimated cost and duration of the demolition work and the plans for redevelopment of the site?”

5. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

To receive any Announcements and Correspondence from the Chairman of the Council.

6. The Leader’s Announcements and Correspondence

To receive any Announcements and Correspondence from the Leader of the Council.

7. Questions Received under Council Procedure Rule 8

No Questions have been received under Council Procedure Rule 8.

8. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.

No Recommendations have been referred.

9. Motions Received under Council Procedure Rule 6

- (i) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6 by Councillor P.E. Woodhead, Leader of the Chase Independents & Green Group:

“Homelessness Charter

This motion will complement the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan that was updated in October/November 2019 with regard to Rough Sleeping provision. The revised Strategy incorporates the new outreach service which is based on Housing First principles and is designed to assist entrenched rough sleepers exit homelessness permanently, ending the cycle of homelessness. It will also seek to build on the work undertaken during the Covid-19 pandemic as part of the Government’s “Everyone’s In” Programme.

Council commits to adopting the following Homelessness Charter, and notes that when it refers to those who are 'homeless' it includes those who are without shelter of any kind - 'rough, or street sleepers' as well as individuals and families who have a roof over their head but no security of tenure, such as sofa surfers and those in temporary accommodation. The terms Roofless or homeless at home are also common terms used to refer to homeless people.

Cannock Chase Council believes that everyone has the right to a warm and secure home that they can afford to live in.

The Council does, and will continue, to respect and uphold the rights of anyone who is experiencing homelessness of any kind.

The Council does not and will not contribute in any way to the harsh and inhumane conditions too often experienced by people who do not have a place to call home and commits to improving the living conditions of people who are homeless and to lessen the impact of the negative effects of homelessness.

This council believes that it is essential to re-state that every person who is experiencing homelessness is entitled to the same treatment as any other resident in the District. No one should be denied rights because they are experiencing homelessness.

To this end Cannock Chase Council will make effective the following rights where it is within its legal powers to do so: -

1. Homelessness prevention

Each person has the right to access the help and support they need, including financial planning, to avoid homelessness. All individuals have the right to access any support services to which they are eligible and meet the criteria that may help them stay in their home be it due to a mental or physical health, financial or addiction issue.

2. The Right to Housing

If a person does find themselves without a home, their most important right is to exit homelessness. Services supporting access to appropriate housing must be accessible to all homeless people who are eligible and meet the relevant criteria for assistance.

3. The Right to Shelter

Where housing cannot be immediately provided, there must be access to decent emergency accommodation for anyone finding themselves without shelter. The Council is committed to ensuring that emergency accommodation will be sourced so that no one is forced to sleep rough.

4. The Right to Use Public Space

People who find themselves without a home will have the same right to use public space. Like all other citizens these public spaces can only be accessed for the purposes for which they are intended and in accordance with any appropriate bylaws. They have the right to move freely within it, to rest in it and expect to stay safe whilst there.

This includes, but is not limited to, access to pavements, parks, public transport and public buildings.

5. The Right to Equal Treatment

All Council employees and services uphold the right to equal treatment for all including those who find themselves homeless.

6. The Right to a Postal Address

The Council shall work with other agencies and organisations to secure that homeless people who need one have an accessible address such as an electronic address e.g. e-mail address

7. The Right to Emergency Services

The right to emergency services (where the Council has influence) – social services, health services, the police and the fire service without fear of being discriminated against because of their housing situation or their physical appearance.

8. The Right to Vote

Homeless people are entitled and able to register to vote. If they do not have a correspondence address a specific registration form is available from:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/711758/Register-to-vote-if-you-havent-got-a-fixed-or-permanent-address-England-and-Wales.pdf

This form can be made available in hard copy by the Council.

9. The Right to Data Protection

People who find themselves homeless have the right to data protection. Their data will only be shared by public and other services with their consent, or only for other lawful purposes allowed by law. People who find themselves homeless have the right to exercise control over their personal details.

10. The Right to Privacy

The right to privacy must be respected and protected to the fullest extent possible. The Council is committed to working to ensure that all emergency accommodation provided can deliver on this right.

11. The Right to Survival Practices

The right to carry out practices necessary to survival within the law. While the Council strives for a District in which such practices are not necessary, The Council will proactively signpost those in need to specific services, voluntary support agencies and foodbanks etc. as circumstances dictate.

12. The Right to Respect for Personal Property

People who are homeless should have their belongings, including tents and sleeping bags, respected by everyone including public servants.

13. The Right to Life

The right to life requires public authorities to take measures to preserve life. If a person who is homeless dies, in each case there should be a public investigation in order to understand the causes of death, what might have prevented it and following this the Council will work with partners to put processes in place to effect any necessary change. The Council will make all reasonable efforts to trace family and

friends in these circumstances.

- (ii) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6 by Councillor A.S. Boucker:

“This Council recognises that integrity and transparency are fundamental elements of democracy. The increasing popularity of both the internet and various social media platforms allows pressure groups and parties promoting single issue campaigns to accelerate, which can have many benefits. However, broad motions designed at a national level do not always suit Cannock Chase or meet the needs of local residents.

In an effort for this Council to improve transparency and to enable Members within this Council to understand any wider persuasions or influences to a motion brought forward locally and to informatively analyse any potential implications, I move that:

Future motions be signed by the proposer as confirmation that, to the best of their knowledge, the motion is original and comprises of their own work; or the provenance of any borrowed motion be cited.”

- (iii) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6 by Councillor J.A.A. Newbury, Environment and Climate Change Portfolio Leader:

“We move that Councillor Newbury be authorised in his role as Portfolio Leader for the Environment and Climate Change to write on behalf of this Council to the Special Area of Conservation Partnership’s Joint Strategic Board to request action on the following points:

Transparency

- That any documentation related to future plans for the Cannock Chase SAC are available in one place on the haveyoursaycannockchase.org.uk website.
- That this website provides an ongoing opportunity for the public to submit their views and questions regarding the plans as they develop, even if these are not responded to until the next formal consultation.

Conservation

- That a comprehensive assessment of the state of the heathland in the SAC be undertaken to ascertain the level of erosion it may be suffering and the extent to which different areas are affected.

Car Parking

- That an impact assessment be undertaken to ascertain the potential effects on visitors of car park closures in the SAC.
- That no further closures or fencing of car parking areas be put in place until this impact assessment has been completed and further consultation on more detailed proposals is held.”

10. Comments and Questions on Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels under Rule 9

To receive any comments or questions submitted under Rule 9 on Part 1 Minutes of meetings of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees or Panels as included in the Minutes Record circulated alongside this agenda.

11. Exclusion of the Public

The Chairman to move the following motion:-

"That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act, 1972."

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COUNCIL MEETING

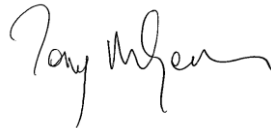
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PART 2

12. Comments and Questions on Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels under Rule 9

To receive any comments or questions submitted under Rule 9 on Part 2 Minutes of meetings of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees or Panels as included in the Minutes Record circulated alongside this agenda.



**T. McGovern,
Managing Director**

1 September, 2020

GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL, PECUNIARY AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

DEFINITION OF WHAT IS A PERSONAL, PECUNIARY AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

A PERSONAL INTEREST is one where your well-being or financial position, or those of a member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association would be affected to a greater extent than the majority of Council Tax payers, ratepayers, or inhabitants of the electoral ward(s) affected by the decision. You automatically have a personal interest if you have given notice in the Register of Members' Interests, e.g. if you are appointed to an outside body by the Council.

A PECUNIARY INTEREST is a personal interest where the matter

- a) affects your financial position or that of a member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association or a body in which you have registered in the Register of Members Interests or
- b) relates to the determining of any consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to you or any person with whom you have a close association or a body in which you have registered in the Register of Members Interests

and, in either case, where a member of the public knowing the facts would reasonably regard the interest as so significant it is likely to affect your judgement of the public interest

A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST is an interest of yourself or your partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners) in respect of employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried out for profit or gain; sponsorship; contracts; land; licences; corporate tenancies; or securities, as defined with the Localism Act, 2011.

PLEASE MAKE IT CLEAR WHETHER IT IS A PERSONAL, PECUNIARY OR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST.

It would be helpful if, prior to the commencement of the meeting, Members informed the Monitoring Officer of any declarations of interest, of which you are aware. This will help in the recording of the declarations in the Minutes of the meeting.

DECLARING INTERESTS AT FULL COUNCIL

The Code of Conduct requires that personal interests where you have a personal interest in any business of the Council, and where you are aware or ought reasonably to be aware of the existence of the personal interest, and you attend a meeting of the Council at which the business is considered, you must disclose to that

meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

Some items will be mentioned in the papers for full Council but are not actually being considered by Full Council. In such circumstances the Monitoring Officer's advice to Members is that there is no need to declare an interest unless the particular matter is mentioned or discussed. As a general rule, Members only need to declare an interest at full Council in the following circumstances:

- Where a matter is before the Council for a decision and/or
- Where the matter in which the Member has an interest is specifically mentioned or discussed at the Council meeting.