

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2005

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Meaden, R.G. (Chairman)
Bennett, K.L. (Vice-Chairman)

Allen, F.W.C.	Grocott, M.R.
Ansell, Mrs. P.A.	Hodges, E.J.
Ball, G.D.	Jones, Mrs. A.E.
Beddows, J.	Jones, R.
Bennett, Mrs. D.J.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Martin, G.R.
Bullock, L.W.	Mitchell, C.
Burnett, J.	Molineux, G.N.
Butler, R.D.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Carr, I.R.	Stanley, N.K.
Collis, C.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Davies, D.N.	Thomas, D.
Dixon, D.I.	Turville, R.C.
Easton, R.	Whitehouse, Mrs. G.M.
Freeman, M.P.	Williams, A.
Grice, Mrs. D.	Williams, B.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Alcott, K. Daly, Mrs. M.A. Davis, S.M. Hewitt, M.C. Stretton and J. Toth).

37. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Jones, R.	Member of Rugeley Town Council	Personal
Jones, R.	Planning Control Committee 24 August 2005 – Minute 83	Personal
Stanley, N.K.	Member of Rugeley Town Council	Personal
Williams, B.	Member of Rugeley Town Council	Personal
Williams, B.	Member of Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council	Personal

Whitehouse, Mrs. G.M.	Member of Rugeley Town Council	Personal
Molineux, G.N.	Member of Rugeley Town Council	Personal
Molineux, G.N.	Member of Brereton & Ravenhill Parish Council	Personal
Hodges, E.J.	Member of Norton Canes Parish Council	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Community Partnership.	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Community Centre	Personal
Collis, C.	Member of Hednesford Town Council	Personal
Collis, C.	Cabinet 11 August 2005, Minute 30 – Member has a business in Market Street, Hednesford	Personal and Prejudicial
Williams, A.	Member of Rugeley Town Council	Personal
Turville, R.C.	Member of Hednesford Town Council	Personal
Turville, R.C.	Member of Chase CVS	Personal
Martin, G.R.	Member of Rugeley Town Council	Personal
Martin, G.R.	Member of Brereton & Ravenhill Parish Council	Personal
Grocott, M.R.	Member of Rugeley Town Council	Personal
Grocott, M.R.	Health Select Committee 27 July 2005, Minute 22 – parents are buried at a cemetery within the District	Personal
Ansell, Mrs. P.A.	Member of Cannock Wood Parish Council	Personal
Davies, D.N.	Member of Rugeley Town Council	Personal
Easton R.	Member of Brereton & Ravenhill Parish Council	Personal
Kraujalis, J.T.	Housing Transfer Committee 8 August 2005, Item 12 – Employee of Accord Housing Association	Personal and Prejudicial
Carr, I.R.	Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council	Personal

Bennett, K.L.	Member of Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council	Personal
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Member of Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council	Personal
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Member of Norton Canes Community Partnership	Personal
Allen, F.W.C.	Member of Chase CVS	Personal
Bullock, L.W.	Member of Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council	Personal
Dixon, D.I.	Council Tenant	Personal
Morgan, C.W.J.	Council Tenant	Personal

38. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 August 2005 be approved as a correct record.

39. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

The Chairman welcomed Paul Breman, Director of Resources from the Shire of Esperance, Western Australia, who is on a work placement at the Council for the next two months. The Chairman advised that Mr. Breman had presented the Council with a shield, offered in friendship from the Shire of Esperance Council to the Members of Cannock Chase Council, to mark the start of the Officer Exchange Scheme.

40. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

It was reported by the Chairman that no questions had been received in accordance with Rule 8.

41. Reports 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) Planning Control Committee – 3 and 24 August 2005
- (b) Appeals & Complaints Panel – 3 and 15 August 2005
- (c) Housing Transfer Committee – 8 August 2005

- (d) Grant Applications & Rate Relief Committee – 9 August 2005
- (e) Licensing/Public Protection Committee – 10 and 19 August 2005
- (f) Chairman of the Council's Civic Committee – 10 August 2005
- (g) Cabinet – 11 August 2005

The following recommendations of Cabinet 15 September 2005 were approved:-

Chase Heritage Trail – Outstanding Issues

Recommendation (D) contained within Minute 38.

Shoal Hill Common – Policy Option PKB 26 2004-05

Recommendations (i), (ii) and (iii) contained within Minute 39.

- (h) Health Select Committee – 27 July 2005
- (i) Culture & Sport Select Committee – 23 August 2005

42. Notice of Motion Under Rule 6

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor N.K. Stanley moved the following motion which was seconded:-

“Following the decision of the Council on 17 August 2005, Council is requested to reconsider its resolution of 29 June 2005 (Minute 14 (h) (ii) refers) relating to “Recruitment of Shadow Board Members”.

I would ask Council to consider the appointment of M. Sandel and A. Johnson to the two vacancies on the Shadow Board, which were declined by the Labour Group.

I would also ask that Council appoint Councillor R. Meaden to the Housing Transfer Committee in place of Councillor N.K. Stanley who was appointed to the Shadow Board on 17 August 2005.”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15(4) the following votes were recorded in respect of the motion:-

For

Ansell, Mrs. P.A.
 Beddows, J.
 Bennett, Mrs. D.J.
 Bennett, K.L.
 Bernard, Mrs. A.F.
 Burnett, J.
 Butler, R.D.
 Collis, C.

Against

Allen, F.W.C.
 Ball, G.D.
 Bullock, L.W.
 Carr, I.R.
 Dixon, D.I.
 Grice, Mrs. D.
 Jones, Mrs. A.E.
 Kraujalis, J.T.

Davies, D.N.
Easton R.
Freeman, M.P.
Grocott, M.R.
Hodges, E.J.
Jones, R.
Martin, G.R.
Meaden, R.G.
Molineux, G.N.
Stanley, N.K.
Turville, R.C.
Whitehouse, Mrs. G.M.
Williams, A.
Williams, B.

Mitchell, C.
Morgan, C.W.J.
Sretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Thomas, D.

22 Members

12 Members

RESOLVED:

That the motion be carried.

(Members requested that in future where a Council Agenda contains a Notice of Motion under Rule 6 those Members who have signed the Notice of Motion should be listed on the Agenda).

43. Capability Procedure

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Organisational Development (Enclosure 8.1 – 8.2 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the Capability Procedure outlined in Annex 1 of the Report be adopted and implemented with effect from 1 October 2005.

44. Statement of Accounts 2004-05

Consideration was given to the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.2 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2005 be noted.

45. Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the tenant representatives on the Housing Transfer Committee and those representatives of the Tenants' Transfer Steering Group who attended the Housing Transfer Committee on 19 September 2005 remain in the meeting during consideration of the recommendation from the Housing Transfer Committee of 19 September, 2005 (Minute 46 refers). The tenant representatives have been involved in the selection process to choose a Registered Social Landlord (RSL) to work with the Council and therefore it was considered appropriate that they remain in the meeting when the appointment of an RSL was considered.
- (B) That other members of the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9, Part I, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

(Councillors F.W.C. Allen, G.D. Ball, L.W. Bullock and Mrs. D. Grice requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the resolution referred to in Minute 45(A).

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46. Recommendation from the Housing Transfer Committee – 19 September 2005

(Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, Councillor J.T. Kraujalis left the meeting during consideration of this item).

The following recommendation of the Housing Transfer Committee 19 September 2005 was approved:-

Landlord Choice Selection

The recommendation contained within Minute 17.

(Councillor C.W.J. Morgan requested that his name be recorded as having voted against this decision).

(The tenant representatives left the meeting at this point).

47. Reports 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) Appeals & Complaints Panel – 3 and 15 August 2005
- (b) Housing Transfer Committee – 8 August 2005
- (c) Licensing/Public Protection Committee – 10 and 19 August 2005
- (d) Chairman of the Council's Civic Committee – 10 August 2005
- (e) Cabinet – 11 August 2005

(Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest Councillor C. Collis left the meeting during consideration of 47(e)).

The following recommendation of Cabinet 15 September 2005 was approved:-

Proposals for Local Sports Provision Across the District

Recommendation (D) contained within Minute 40.

The following recommendation at Cabinet 22 September 2005 was approved:-

Future of the Civic Centre

Recommendation (B) contained within Minute 50.

(f) Culture & Sport Select Committee – 23 August 2005

48. Provision of Christmas Lights

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Director of Public Health & Policy (Enclosure 13.1 – 13.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That a 3-year contract for the provision of Christmas lights in the District be awarded to Turnock Limited upon the terms set out in the report.
- (B) That:-
 - (i) A supplementary estimate of £30,446 for this financial year be approved.
 - (ii) A supplementary estimate of £20,337 for 2006-07 be approved.
 - (iii) A supplementary estimate of £24,067 for 2007-08 be approved.

CHAIRMAN