

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GRANT APPLICATIONS AND RATE RELIEF COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2005 AT 2.00 P.M.
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Burnett, J. (Chairman)
D.N. Davies (Vice-Chairman)

Daly, K. Hewitt, S.M.
Davis, Mrs. M.A. Thomas, D.
Grocott, M.R.

(An apology for absence was received from Councillor G.N. Molineux).

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Highfields Senior Citizens Club – Member know the organisers	Personal
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Club, husband a member	Personal
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	St. Aidan's Church Hall, Friend of Reverend R. O'Connor	Personal
Grocott, M.R.	Son had received a grant from Chetwyn Trust to go to university this year	Personal & Prejudicial
Hewitt, S.M.	Norton Canes Community Partnership, Chairman and Secretary known to him	Personal
Hewitt, S.M.	Norton Canes Parish Councillor	Personal

6. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 August, 2005 were approved as a correct record.

7. National Non-Domestic Rates – Charitable Rate Relief

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Local Taxation and Benefits (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.14 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That grants be awarded as follows:-

(i) Avon Business & Leisure Centre

That 80% mandatory and 10% discretionary rate relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 30 April, 2005 to 31 March, 2006.

(ii) Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre

That 80% mandatory and 10% discretionary rate relief be granted in respect of the above premises for one year with effect from 1 April, 2005 to 31 March, 2006.

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to the Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

(A) That the following grants be awarded:-

Organisation	Ref. No.	Amount
Datteln – Cannock Miners Club	A201	£500
Norton Canes Community Link	A202	£750
3 rd Heath Hayes Brownie Pack	A203	£150
Highfield Senior Citizens Club	A204	£500
Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Club (Male Voice Choir)	A205	£750
Victim Support Staffordshire	A207	£500
The External Funding Officer (Lottery) updated Members regarding the current position on alternative funding avenues.		
St. Aidan's Church Hall	A208	£1,000
Stafford & Rugeley Sea Cadets	A209	£1,000

Chetwyn Charity	A210	£500
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(Councillor M.R. Grocott had declared a personal and prejudicial interest and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this application).

Highfields Club	A213	£200
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Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets	A214	£665
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The External Funding Officer (Lottery) updated Members regarding the current position of the Management Committee

St. John Ambulance (Badgers)	A215	£587.96
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1 st Chadsmoor Scout Group	A216	£250
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Community Link Stafford & District	A217	£1,000
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It was noted that the amount of grant that had been requested had been reduced from £10,000 to £2,000. The External Funding Officer (Lottery) updated Members regarding the current position on Community Transport.

(B) Norton Canes Community Partnership (A206)

That this application be deferred to enable clarification and comparison with the previous application.

(C) Shelter (A211)

That no grant be awarded to this organisation.

(D) Studio Time (A212)

That it be noted that the application had been withdrawn.

(E) Sound Creation Advancing Learning and Education for Special Needs (SCALE) – (A103)

That this application which was deferred at the previous meeting be awarded £1,200.

In awarding the grant the Committee expressed concern that SCALE were running a deficit on the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 October 2004.

The External Funding Officer (Lottery) referred Members to Annex 4 and updated the Committee regarding the current position on alternative funding avenues.

(F) Cannock Chase Arts Council – (A119)

That this application which was deferred at the previous meeting be awarded £3,000.

A representative from the organisation was present at the meeting to answer questions from Members.

(G) Cannock & District Multiple Sclerosis Society – (A123)

That this application which was deferred at the previous meeting be awarded £500.

The External Funding Officer (Lottery) referred Members to Annex 4.

(H) Grant Funding of Local Clubs/Individuals (Chase Sports Council) (Annex 3)

That the report of the Chase Sports Council be noted and further information be gathered on whether the individuals who had been awarded grants by the Sports Council resided in the Cannock Chase District Council's area.

CHAIRMAN