

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**GRANT APPLICATIONS AND RATE RELIEF COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, 9 AUGUST, 2005 AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Burnett, J. (Chairman)

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

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D.N. Davies and M.C. Stretton).

**1. 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.	Member of Chase CVS	Personal
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	West Chadsmoor Family Centre Trustee	Personal
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Chairman of Chadsmoor Community Trust, which leases Coniston Hall to Weston Spirit	Personal
Thomas, D.	Treasurer of Chadsmoor Community Trust, which leases Coniston Hall to Weston Spirit	Personal

**2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2005 were approved as a correct record.

Arising from consideration of the Minutes, reference was made to Minute No. 17 and in particular the resolution to reserve the right to consider entitlement to small business rate relief when determining applications for Mandatory and Discretionary Rate Relief from 1 April 2006.

The Head of Local Taxation and Benefits explained the process for determining entitlement for small business rate relief and reported that he would provide Members of the Committee with details of those businesses that qualified for small business rate relief.

### 3. Applications for Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Resources (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

(A) That the following grants be awarded:-

Organisation	Ref. No.	Amount
SAID (Support Awareness Information on Dyslexia)	A410	£1,000

Prior to consideration Mr. M. Tomlin, Secretary to the Trustees, gave a presentation to Committee Members.

The External Funding Officer (Lottery) gave an update to Members and advised that alternative funding avenues could be explored by the organisation.

West Chadsmoor Senior Citizens Club (Over 60's Club)	A101	£500
Rugeley Open Spaces Association	A102	£750
Cannock Chase Churches Housing Coalition	A104	£500
United Kingdom Shin Gi Tai Aiki Ju Jutsu Schools	A105	£500
Adsis (Alcohol Drug Services in Staffordshire)	A106	£350
Norton Canes Community Partnership (Mini Bus)	A107	£1,000
Cannock Chase Advice Centre	A108	£1,000
Chase Area Pregnancy Centre	A109	£500
Hednesford 'A' Towns Women's Guild	A110	£100
St. John's Church	A111	£500
Chase Stags Football Club	A112	£300
2nd Cannock Rainbows, Brownies and Guides	A113	£200
Relatives of Western Springs on behalf of Western Springs Pre-School	A114	£300
Young at Heart	A115	£200
Cannock Breathe Easy	A116	£600

St. John's Ambulance (Cannock)	A117	£600
Cannock Photographic Society	A118	£250
West Chadsmoor Family Centre	A120	£500
Friends of Prince of Wales (Prince of Wales Youth Centre)	A121	£500
Hednesford Army Cadet Force	A122	£475

(B) Cannock Chase Mining Historical Society (A409)

Members were advised that this application had been withdrawn.

(C) SCALE (A103)

That the application be deferred. The External Funding Officer (Lottery) recommended that the organisation contact the CVS for support.

(D) Cannock Chase Arts Council (A119)

That the application be deferred. A representative from Cannock Chase Arts Council to be invited to attend the next meeting to answer questions and clarify the position regarding the accounts.

(E) Cannock and District Multiple Sclerosis Society (A123)

That the application be deferred. The External Funding Officer (Lottery) advised Members that the organisation could explore alternative funding avenues.

#### 4. National Non-Domestic Rates – Charitable Rate Relief

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Local Taxation and Benefits (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.19 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That a grant be awarded as follows:-

(i) Chase CVS

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.

(ii) Katharine House Hospice

That 80% mandatory and 10% discretionary rate relief be granted in respect of the above premises for the period 10 January 2005 to 31 March 2005 and 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

(ii) Weston Spirit

That 80% mandatory and 10% discretionary rate relief be granted in respect of the above premises for the period 23 February 2005 to 31 March 2005 and 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

(iv) 2nd Rugeley (Hillsprings) Scout Group

That 80% mandatory and 10% discretionary rate relief be granted in respect of the above premises for the period 1 November 2004 to 31 March 2005 and 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

(v) Lea Hall Miners Social Club

That 80% mandatory rate relief be granted in respect of the above premises for the period 11 May 2005 to 31 March 2006.

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CHAIRMAN