

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**MONDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 2005 AT 3.30 P.M.**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Beddows, J. (Chairman)

Alcott, G.                      Jones, R.  
Davis, Mrs. M.A.            Mitchell, C.  
Hewitt, S.M.

By Invitation:

Staffordshire County Councillor Mrs. S. Woodward

In attendance:

Mr. R. Willson, Patient and Public Involvement Forum

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Williams, G.N. Molineux and M.C. Stretton)

**23. Declarations of 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>
Alcott, G.	Ex employee of Ambulance Service	Personal
Beddows, J.	Nominee to be Vice-Chairman of St. John's Ambulance	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Health Centre Committee	Personal
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Member of Staffordshire Ambulance Trust	Personal

## **24. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 July, 2005 were approved as a correct record subject to the recommendations on Minute No. 22 relating to Testing of Headstones and Memorials being amended as follows:-

- Grave deed holder to have 24 months in which to effect repair.

## **25. Memorials and Headstones Presentation – 27 July, 2005**

Councillor Alcott was concerned that although copies of press releases had been made available, this did not necessarily mean that they had been published in the press. He requested that actual press cuttings be circulated to the Select Committee.

Members considered that contractors carrying out work at cemeteries in the area should carry work permits and that a recommendation to this effect should be included in the report to Cabinet.

Concern was expressed as to when the 24 months in which to effect repairs to headstones and memorials would commence, i.e. the date the recommendations were approved by Cabinet or Council, and clarification was sought.

The Head of Policy and Performance informed the Select Committee that she would deal with these matters.

## **26. Health Liaison Group**

The Head of Policy and Performance enquired how regularly the Select Committee required the Health Liaison Group to meet.

The Select Committee considered that in view of the number of meetings already scheduled in the diary it would be preferable to include in the Work Programme the proposed changes to the services at Cannock Chase Hospital. That the issue be included as a regular item on future agendas and representatives from the Mid Staffordshire General Hospitals NHS Trust be invited to attend.

Members were concerned that agendas for future meetings could potentially be quite lengthy and considered that Working Groups may need to be arranged to enable all items raised to be discussed.

Councillor S. Woodward, the County Council representative, informed the Select Committee that the County Council's Scrutiny Committee would be discussing changes to Hospital Services at a meeting to be held on 26 or 28 September, 2005.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Health Select Committee be arranged as soon as possible after 28 September, 2005.

## **27. Erection of Telecom Masts**

Councillor R. Jones expressed concern with regard to the number of telecom masts being erected in the area and that insufficient information was available on whether the masts had an impact on the health of the public. It was agreed that the erection of telecom masts be included in the Work Programme.

## **28. Transforming NHS Ambulance Services and Commissioning a Patient Led NHS**

Consideration was given to the Department of Health Consultation Documents (enclosure 7.1 – 7.96 of the Official Minutes of the Council). It was noted that these documents had been considered by the Staffordshire Health Scrutiny Work Group at their meeting on 17 August, 2005.

The Select Committee considered that representatives from the Ambulance Service and Primary Care Trust should be invited to attend the meeting of the Select Committee scheduled for 17 October, 2005. This would enable the documents to be discussed more fully and to allow possible recommendations to be made to the Strategic Health Authority. This meeting to commence at 2.00 p.m.

## **29. Representative on Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee**

The Select Committee noted the following two papers had been discussed by the Staffordshire County Council's Scrutiny Committee:-

- The Draft Report of Lichfield and Tamworth Joint Health Scrutiny Committee's Review of Alcohol Consumption among Young People and Interventions to Promote Sensible Drinking.
- Taking Healthcare to the Patient – Transforming NHS Ambulance Services and Commissioning a Patient Led NHS

## **30. Health Centre Development at Chase Leisure Centre**

The Head of Policy and Performance informed the Select Committee that a site for the Health Centre Development was being considered at Cardinal Way. A report on the disposal of the land for the development would be presented to Cabinet in late September, 2005. It was agreed that this be included as a standing item for future meetings of the Select Committee.

## **31. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

The Head of Policy and Performance enquired whether the Select Committee wanted to include for overview and scrutiny the issue of annual health checks. The Select Committee requested that further information be circulated when available.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the provision of work permits to contractors carrying out work at cemeteries in the area be included as a recommendation in the report to Cabinet.

- (B) The date the 24 months would commence in which to effect repairs to Headstones and Memorials be clarified.
- (C) That a meeting of the Select Committee be arranged as soon as possible after 28 September, 2005.
- (D) That representatives of the Ambulance Service and Primary Care Trust be invited to the meeting on 17 October, 2005 and that the meeting commence at 2.00 p.m.
- (E) That the erection of Telecom Masts in the area and their impact on public health be investigated.
- (F) That the Health Centre Development be included as a standing item on agendas.

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CHAIRMAN