

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GRANT APPLICATIONS AND RATE RELIEF COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 2006 AT 2.00 P.M.
CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Burnett, J. (Chairman)
Davies, D. N. (Vice-Chairman)
Davis, Mrs. M.A. Thomas, D.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. D. Grice and M. R. Grocott).

5. 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>
Davies, D.N.	Slitting Mill Victory Hall Fund – Member knows the Secretary and Chairman	Personal
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Cannock Chase Sports Council – Husband former President of Cannock Chase Sports Council	Personal
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Chase Council for Voluntary Service – Council representative	Personal

6. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 August, 2006 be approved as a correct record.

Arising from the Minutes, Members advised that Hednesford Memorial Club had made representations regarding difficulties they had experienced in receiving a grant they had been awarded. Officers were therefore requested to outline the procedure for notifying organisations that a grant had been awarded.

Officers advised that difficulties had occurred with this particular grant as the Council had undertaken the necessary fencing work and had inadvertently invoiced the

Hednesford Memorial Club for the work. Hednesford Memorial Club then paid the invoice which meant that no grant had been awarded.

It was explained that following a grant being awarded by the Committee the normal procedure was to send a letter inviting a representative to attend a presentation meeting to collect their cheque.

7. National Non-Domestic Rates – Charitable Rate Relief

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Commercial Operations (Enclosure 4.1 - 4.17 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That grants be awarded as follows: -

(A) 1st Hednesford Scouts and 2nd Guides

That 80% mandatory and 10% discretionary rate relief be granted in respect of the above for one year with effect from 1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007.

(B) 2nd Rugeley (Hillsprings) Scout Group

That 80% mandatory and 10% discretionary rate relief be granted in respect of the above for the period 1 September 2006 – 31 March 2007.

(C) Age Concern England

That 80% mandatory and 10% discretionary rate relief be granted in respect of the above for the period 24 June, 2006 – 31 March, 2007.

(D) Chase Council for Voluntary Service

That 80% mandatory and 10% discretionary rate relief be granted in respect of the above for the period 6 October, 2006 – 31 March, 2007.

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That a representative from Longford Primary School be invited to attend the next presentation meeting to collect the award of £500 previously granted “to establish and maintain partnership links with a school in Datteln” and if a representative fails to attend, the award be cancelled.

(B) That the following grants be awarded:-

Organisation	Ref. No.	Amount
Cruse Bereavement Care	A201	£300
1 st Blackfords Club and Sea Scout Group	A202	£500
(The External Funding Officer advised on the alternative funding opportunities available)		
Staffordshire Regimental Association Hednesford Branch	A203	£500
Slitting Mill Victory Hall Fund	A204	£500
(The External Funding Officer advised on the alternative funding opportunities available)		
Cannock Chase Advice Centre	A205	£1000
Staffordshire Blind – Rugeley Social Section	A206	£250
8 th Cannock St. Barnabas Brownies and Guides	A207	£350
West Chadsmoor Senior Citizens Club	A208	£500
SCALE	A210	£1000
Cannock Chase Arts Council	A211	£3000
(The External Funding Officer advised on the alternative funding opportunities available)		
Cannock Salvation Army Over 60's Club	A212	£250
Cannock Chase Sports Council	A213	£3000
Staffordshire Shark In-Line Hockey Club	A214	£400
(The External Funding Officer advised on the alternative funding opportunities available)		

(C) Cannock Royal British Legion Club Limited (A209)

That the application be deferred to enable officers to liaise with the applicant in order to clarify the specific use for the required amount.

(The External Funding Officer advised on the alternative funding opportunities available).

CHAIRMAN