

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY, 2005

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Davies, D.N. (Chairman)

Meaden, R.G. (Vice-Chairman)

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

(An apology for absence was received from Councillor R. Jones)

1. Presentation

The Chairman made the following presentation:-

(a) Certificate of Long Service

The Chairman presented Councillor Mrs. P. Z. Stretton with a Certificate of Long Service.

(b) Chairman's Highlights

The Chairman highlighted outstanding events that he had attended and thanked all those who had supported him during his term of office.

A sum of almost £6,000 had been raised for charities and this would be distributed between Cannock Renal Unit and several other charities. The Chairman expressed appreciation to everyone who had donated money or gifts and who had been involved in the organisation of charity events.

2. Election of Chairman

Councillor N.K. Stanley (seconded by Councillor R.D. Butler) nominated Councillor R.G. Meaden to be Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Mrs. D. Grice (seconded by Councillor K. Daly) nominated Councillor G.D. Ball to be Chairman of the Council.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor R.G. Meaden be elected Chairman of the Council to hold office for the ensuing municipal year.

(Councillor R.G. Meaden thereupon signed his declaration of acceptance of office).

Councillor R.G. Meaden thanked Members for electing him to Office.

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Councillor R.D. Butler (seconded by Councillor N.K. Stanley) nominated Councillor K.L. Bennett to be Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Mrs. D. Grice (seconded by Councillor K. Daly) nominated Councillor G.D. Ball to be Vice-Chairman of the Council.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor K.L. Bennett be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office for the ensuing municipal year.

(Councillor K.L. Bennett thereupon signed his declaration of acceptance of office).

4. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 13 April, 2005 be approved.

5. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced that this years Civic Service would be held on Sunday, 12 June, 2005 at St. Augustine's Church, Rugeley.

6. Election of Leader of The Council

Councillor M.R. Grocott (seconded by Councillor Mrs. P.A. Ansell) nominated Councillor N.K. Stanley to be Leader of the Council.

Councillor F.W.C. Allen (seconded by Councillor Mrs. D. Grice) nominated Councillor D. Thomas to be Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor N.K. Stanley be elected Leader of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

7. Appointment of Cabinet

Councillor N.K. Stanley (seconded by Councillor M.P. Freeman) moved the following:-

- (a) That the Cabinet be 7 Members with the following portfolios:-

- Policy and Resources
- External Partnerships
- Culture and Sport
- Health
- Access to Skills and Economic Development
- Social Inclusion and Housing
- Environment

(b) That the following Members be appointed to serve on the Cabinet:-

- Councillor N.K. Stanley with responsibility for the Policy and Resources Portfolio.
- Councillor R.D. Butler with responsibility for the External Partnerships Portfolio.
- Councillor B. Williams with responsibility for the Social Inclusion and Housing Portfolio.
- Councillor M.R. Grocott with responsibility for the Culture and Sport Portfolio.
- Councillor Mrs. P.A. Ansell with responsibility for the Access to Skills and Economic Development Portfolio.
- Councillor D.N. Davies with responsibility for the Environment Portfolio.

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- Councillor M.R. Grocott with responsibility for the Culture and Sport Portfolio.
- Councillor Mrs. P.A. Ansell with responsibility for the Access to Skills and Economic Development Portfolio.
- Councillor D.N. Davies with responsibility for the Environment Portfolio.

8. Committees and Other Bodies

Prior to moving the appointment of Members to Committees and Other Bodies, Councillor N.K. Stanley moved the following motion which was seconded:-

“That the Terms of Reference of the Housing Transfer Committee be amended to allow for no more than 10 Members being appointed to this Committee in accordance with Section 15 and Schedule 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 concerning political balance.”

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the motion moved by Councillor N.K. Stanley be carried.
- (B) That the membership of Committees, Select Committees and other bodies be as set out on the schedule at Annex 1 of these minutes.
- (C) That the Terms of Reference of the Select Committees reflect the responsibilities of the Portfolio Leaders.

9. Outside Bodies

RESOLVED:

- (A) That where appointments on outside bodies are held by nominated postholders, such as the Leader of the Council or a portfolio holder, these continue to be the Council’s representatives for the forthcoming municipal year.
- (B) That the nominations to outside bodies as set out on the schedule at Annex 2 of these minutes, be the Council’s representatives for the forthcoming municipal year.

CHAIRMAN