

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2005 AT 4.00 P.M.

IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Williams, B. (Chairman)
Freeman, M.P. (Vice-Chairman)

Ball, G.D.	Jones, R.
Bennett, Mrs. D.J.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Bennett, K.L.	Thomas, D.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Toth, J.
Davies, D.N.	Turville, R.C.
Dixon, D.I.	Williams, A.
Easton, R.	

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I.R. Carr and N.K. Stanley (Social Inclusion & Housing Leader and Resources Leader))

Also present: Councillors

Ansell, Mrs. P.A. (Access to Skills & Economic Development Leader)
Butler, R.D. (Environment Leader)
Burnett, J.

39. 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>
Bennett, K.L.	Member of Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council	Personal
Toth, J.	Member of Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council	Personal
Toth, J.	Partner Works in the Council's CCTV/Social Alarms Section	Personal

Turville, R.C. Member of Hednesford Town Personal
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40. CALL-IN – HEDNESFORD TOWN REGENERATION, RUGELEY ROAD SCHEME

Prior to consideration of the Call-In, the Scrutiny Committee agreed to consider the Call-In in two parts. The first part was to consider those aspects of the Call-In relating to the insufficient consultation with Members and the public on the potential collateral damage to the existing shopping and trading environment in Hednesford Town Centre and the inadequate briefing of Members on the planning implications. The second part was to consider those aspects of the Call-In relating to the inadequate briefing of Members on the financial implications. It was considered appropriate to consider this aspect of the Call-In in the confidential part of the Agenda.

Consideration was then given to the Report of the Head of Performance Management (Enclosure 3.1 – 3.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Councillor J. Burnett presented his Call-In in respect of the insufficient consultation with Members and the public on the potential collateral damage to the existing shopping and trading environment in Hednesford Town Centre and the inadequate briefing of Members on the planning implications.

Councillor J. Burnett detailed the motion he intended to table. Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions to clarify the position and statements.

In accordance with the Council’s Call-In Procedure Rules, Councillor Mrs. P.A. Ansell, the Portfolio Leader for Access to Skills and Economic Development, attended the meeting for consideration of the Call-In. Councillor Mrs. P.A. Ansell responded to the motion put forward by Councillor J. Burnett. Members were then afforded the opportunity to ask questions to clarify the position and statements.

Following this, Councillor J. Burnett withdrew the aspect of his Call-In relating to the inadequate briefing of Members on the planning implications.

Councillor J. Burnett then moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Mrs. D.J. Bennett:-

“That a fundamental review of Hednesford Town Regeneration Rugeley Road Scheme be undertaken by Cabinet or whatever other formal body is relevant.”

After a debate about the proposals on Hednesford Town Regeneration, Rugeley Road Scheme, the motion was put to a vote and it was lost.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee be informed that the Cabinet's decision stood and would now be implemented.

41. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7, Part I, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

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Councillor J. Burnett detailed the motion he intended to table. Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions to clarify the position and statements.

In accordance with the Council's Call-In Procedure Rules, Councillor Mrs. P.A. Ansell, the Portfolio Leader for Access to Skills and Economic Development responded to the motion put forward by Councillor J. Burnett. Members were then afforded the opportunity to ask questions to clarify the position and statements.

Following this, Councillor J. Burnett left the meeting. The Chairman asked that, in the absence of the proposer of the Call-In, would any Member supporting the Call-In be prepared to move the motion.

No Member supporting the Call-In was prepared to move the motion and accordingly, the Call-In failed.

CHAIRMAN