

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL, 2013 AT 4.00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

Notice is hereby given of the above mentioned meeting of the Council which you are summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the business set out below:-

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

To declare any interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Members should refer to the guidance included as part of this agenda.

3. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 February, 2013, Minute No's. 86 – 96 and 97; Page No's. 67 – 70 and 71.

4. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

5. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions have been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

6. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees and Panels

To receive for information details of resolutions in respect of powers and duties

delegated by the Council in Part 1 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Panels and Forums: -

(a) Cabinet

- (i) 31 January, 2013
Minutes 125 - 147
Page Nos. 96 - 119
- (ii) 20 February, 2013
Minutes 148 - 162
Page Nos. 120 - 128

(b) Planning Control Committee

- (i) 30 January, 2013
Minutes 248 – 259
Page Nos. 121 – 130
- (ii) 20 February, 2013
Minutes 260 – 269
Page Nos. 131 – 138
- (iii) 6 March, 2013
Minutes 270 – 275
Page Nos. 139 – 140

(c) Audit and Governance Committee

- (i) 6 December, 2012
Minutes 23 - 30
Page Nos. 11 – 13

(d) Licensing and Public Protection Committee

- (i) 10 January, 2013
Minutes 1 – 5
Page Nos. 1 – 2

(e) Appeals and Complaints Panel

- (i) 22 February, 2013
Minutes 1 - 4
Page No. 1
- (ii) 25 February, 2013
Minutes 1 - 3
Page No. 1

- (f) Cannock Community Forum
 - (i) 27 November, 2012
Notes 26 – 36
Page Nos. 17 - 22
- (g) Heath Hayes, Norton Canes and Rawnsley Community Forum
 - (i) 11 December, 2012
Notes 16 – 24
Page Nos. 6 – 9
- (h) Hednesford Community Forum
 - (i) 19 November, 2012
Notes 1 – 17
Page Nos. 1 – 12
- (i) Rugeley and Brereton Community Forum
 - (i) 26 November, 2012
Notes 1 – 15
Page Nos. 1 – 11

7. Recommendation(s) Referred from Planning Control Committee:

To consider the following recommendation to Council considered by Planning Control Committee at its meeting on 20 February, 2013, in respect of:

Local Protocol for Planning Decision Making (Minute 268(C))

“(C) That the Committee recommend to Council that paragraph 6.19(b) of the Scheme of Delegations contained in Part 3 of the Constitution and also paragraph 7.4 of the Local Protocol for Planning Decision Making contained in Part 5 Section 49 of the Constitution be amended to state that when a Parish Council objects to an application which Officers are not intending to refuse using delegated powers, the application be determined by Committee rather than by Officers.”

Recommendation(s) Referred from Environment Policy Development Committee:

To consider the following recommendation to Council considered by the Economic Development PDC at its meeting on 12 March, 2013, in respect of:

Appeals and Complaints Terms of Reference (Minute 17(B))

“(B) That Council be requested to amend the Terms of Reference of the Appeals and Complaints Panel to include:-

“1.1(f) dealing with requests for review of decisions made by officers in the Urban Forestry Section in response to requests to carry out work to Council owned trees”.

8. Motion(s) Received Under Rule 6

To consider the following Motion submitted under Rule 6 by Councillor G. Adamson, Leader of the Council:

“This Council notes:

That the Conservative / Liberal Democrat government’s ‘Bedrom Tax’ will withdraw support for some of the most vulnerable residents of this district.

That thousands of working households on the lowest incomes will lose out nationally under these new rules.

That disabled people will be hit disproportionately by the changes, and

That this decision comes at a time when the government is giving millionaires a tax cut of £100,000.

This Council believes:

That it is unacceptable for the government to target the poor and vulnerable at the same time as they offer a tax cut to the richest in society.

That this policy will have negative consequences for Cannock Chase at a time when the Council has seen its budget slashed by the Conservative / Liberal Democrat government.

That this policy will put further strains upon the Council at a time of austerity.

This Council resolves:

To call on the government to scrap this unworkable and ill-conceived policy, that attacks the most vulnerable residents of Cannock Chase.”

9. Exclusion of the Public

The Chairman to propose the following motion:-

"That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph(s) 1; 2 and 3 Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act, 1972."

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PART 2

10. Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels

To (receive for information details of resolutions in respect of powers and duties delegated by the Council in Part 2 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Forums and Panels: -

(a) Cabinet

- (i) 20 February, 2013
Minutes 163 - 164
Page Nos. 129 - 131

(b) Licensing and Public Protection

- (i) 10 January, 2013
Minutes 6 – 8
Page Nos. 3 – 7

(c) Appeals and Complaints Panel

- (i) 22 February, 2013
Minutes 5
Page Nos. 2 - 3
- (ii) 25 February, 2013
Minutes 4
Page Nos. 2 - 3

11. Proposal to Change Senior Management Structure of the Council

Not for Publication Report of the Chief Executive (Item 11.1 – 11.8).



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2 April, 2013

GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL, PECUNIARY AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

DEFINITION OF WHAT IS A PERSONAL, PECUNIARY AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

A PERSONAL INTEREST is one where your well-being or financial position, or those of a member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association would be affected to a greater extent than the majority of Council Tax payers, ratepayers, or inhabitants of the electoral ward(s) affected by the decision. You automatically have a personal interest if you have given notice in the Register of Members' Interests, e.g. if you are appointed to an outside body by the Council.

A PECUNIARY INTEREST is a personal interest where the matter

- a) affects your financial position or that of a member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association or a body in which you have registered in the Register of Members Interests or
- b) relates to the determining of any consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to you or any person with whom you have a close association or a body in which you have registered in the Register of Members Interests

and, in either case, where a member of the public knowing the facts would reasonably regard the interest as so significant it is likely to affect your judgement of the public interest

A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST is an interest of yourself or your partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners) in respect of employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried out for profit or gain; sponsorship; contracts; land; licences; corporate tenancies; or securities, as defined with the Localism Act, 2011.

PLEASE MAKE IT CLEAR WHETHER IT IS A PERSONAL, PECUNIARY OR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST.

It would be helpful if, prior to the commencement of the meeting, Members informed the Monitoring Officer of any declarations of interest, of which you are aware. This will help in the recording of the declarations in the Minutes of the meeting.

DECLARING INTERESTS AT FULL COUNCIL

The Code of Conduct requires that personal interests where you have a personal interest in any business of the Council, and where you are aware or ought

reasonably to be aware of the existence of the personal interest, and you attend a meeting of the Council at which the business is considered, you must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

Some items will be mentioned in the papers for full Council but are not actually being considered by Full Council. In such circumstances the Monitoring Officer's advice to Members is that there is no need to declare an interest unless the particular matter is mentioned or discussed. As a general rule, Members only need to declare an interest at full Council in the following circumstances:

- Where a matter is before the Council for a decision and/or
- Where the matter in which the Member has an interest is specifically mentioned or discussed at the Council meeting.