

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 2013**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Grice, Mrs. D. (Vice Chairman)

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| Adamson, G.         | Grocott, M.R.       |
| Alcott, G.          | Holder, M.J.        |
| Allen, F.W.C.       | Jones, Ms. J.L.     |
| Anslow, C.          | Jones, R.           |
| Ball, G.D.          | Kraujalis, J.T.     |
| Bennett, C.         | Lovell, A.          |
| Bernard, Mrs. A.F.  | Mitchell, Mrs. C.   |
| Bernard, J.D.       | Molineux, G.N.      |
| Bottomer, B.        | Morgan, C.W.J.      |
| Cartwright, Mrs. S. | Snape, P.A.         |
| Davies, D.N.        | Spicer, Mrs. A.     |
| Davis, Mrs. M.A.    | Stretton, Mrs. Z.   |
| Dixon, D.I.         | Sutherland, M.      |
| Dudson, A.          | Sutton, Mrs. H.     |
| Freeman, Miss M.    | Toth, J.            |
| Gamble, B.          | Whitehouse, Mrs. L. |

**86. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. A. Allt; P. Fisher; P. Gilbert; J. Johnson; A. Pearson; J. Rowley; Mrs. D.M. Todd; and R. Todd (Chairman).

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

No Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

**88. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February, 2013 be approved as a correct record.

## **89. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence**

### (i) Charity Box

The Vice Chairman reported that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation to support the Chairman's chosen charities. The Vice Chairman advised that at the Meeting held on 13 February, 2013 a total of £31.00 was collected, and she thanked Members, on behalf of the Chairman, for their donations.

## **90. Question(s) in Accordance with Rule 8**

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

## **91. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees and Panels**

### RESOLVED:

That the Part 1 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees and Panels be adopted and any recommendations be approved and decisions implemented following the expiry of any call-in period:-

#### (a) Cabinet – 20 December, 2012 and 17 January, 2013

Recommendation from Town Centre Regeneration PDC – 9 October, 2012 (Minute 102) – In response to a Member's question regarding consultation on the proposed Miners' Memorial, the Leader of the Council advised that consultation undertaken by Lea Hall and Brereton miners Memorial Society had received 572 responses of which 568 were in favour of a Miners' Memorial. The majority of the respondents had expressed a preference for the Globe Island as the favoured location for the memorial.

#### (b) Planning Control Committee – 9 January, 2013

#### (c) Scrutiny Committee – 20 November, 2012

#### (d) Health Scrutiny Committee – 10 December, 2012

Members expressed a general concern that the findings of the Francis Report could impact negatively on the future operation of Stafford Hospital and, by extension, Cannock Hospital, which had suffered by association rather than fact. It was noted that other surrounding hospitals were also the subject of recent criticism and were themselves having to cope with an increased burden as a result of the closure of the Stafford Accident and Emergency Department.

The Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee advised that the Committee would be considering the outcomes of the Francis Report in Due course.

A Member also referred to an 'end of life care' document that had been circulated for the meeting by Cannock Chase Clinical Care Group's Chief Officer, and asked if it had been made available more widely. The Health Scrutiny Committee Chairman advised that the document had been distributed only to the Committee, but he would ensure a copy was forwarded to the Member.

(e) Joint Parking Committee – 2 October, 2012

(f) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 11 January, 2013

**92. Recommendation(s) Referred from Cabinet**

Consideration was given to the following recommendation to Council considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 20 February, 2013, in respect of:

Priority Delivery Plans 2013-14

That, subject to this recommendation being agreed by Cabinet:

The Priority Delivery Plans for the 2013/14 financial year be adopted and approved for publication.

RESOLVED:

That the Priority Delivery Plans for the 2013-14 financial year be adopted and approved for publication.

**93. Council Tax Resolution 2013-14**

Prior to consideration of this matter, the Head of Finance had distributed an updated version of the Appendix to the agenda, and it was explained that it included a late final figure for one of the Parish Precepts.

RESOLVED:

That the Council Tax Resolutions as detailed in the amended Appendix to the agenda (and attached as an Appendix to these Minutes) be approved.

**94. Localism Act, 2011 – Pay Policy Statement**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Leader of the Council (Item 9.1 – 9.12 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The Pay Policy Statement as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- (B) The Pay Policy Statement be published on the Council's website.

**95. Calendar of Meetings 2013-14**

Prior to consideration of this matter, an updated version of the Appendix to the report. Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Item 10.1 – 10.10 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The updated Calendar of Meetings 2013-14 be approved.
- (B) The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, the relevant Chairmen of Committees and / or Leader of the Council, be authorised, where appropriate, to convene additional meetings, postpone or cancel meetings as and when required.

**96. Exclusion of the 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(s) 2 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972.

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**PART 2**

**97. Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels**

RESOLVED:

That the Part 2 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels be adopted and any recommendations be approved and decisions implemented following the expiry of any call-in period:-

- (a) Cabinet – 20 December, 2012
- (b) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 11 January, 2013

(The meeting closed at 4.35 p.m.)

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CHAIRMAN

## COUNCIL

27 FEBRUARY, 2013

### COUNCIL TAX 2013 / 2014

Following Minute No 85 of the Council of 13 February 2013 setting the Council's formal Council Tax requirement for 2013 / 2014; the Council is recommended to make a Council Tax for 2013 / 2014 by formally approving the following resolution:-

- 1 It be noted that at its meeting on 13 January 2013, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2013/14.
  - (a) for the whole Council area as 26,203.57 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as shown below

| <b><u>Parish</u></b>     | <b>Tax Base</b>         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bridgtown                | 389.66                  |
| Cannock Wood             | 388.45                  |
| Heath Hayes / Wimblebury | 3,915.70                |
| Norton Canes             | 1,955.78                |
| Brindley Heath           | 212.50                  |
| Rugeley                  | 5,010.93                |
| Brereton & Ravenhill     | 1,704.85                |
| Hednesford               | 4,534.18                |
| <b>Unparished</b>        |                         |
| Cannock                  | 8,091.52                |
|                          | <b><u>26,203.57</u></b> |

- 2 That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2013/14 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated at £5,265,635.
- 3 That the following amounts are calculated for the year 2013/14 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
  - (a) £57,467,556 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
  - (b) £51,639,295 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

- (c) £5,828,261 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) £222.42 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £562,626 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £200.95 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
- (g) For the following parts of the Council's Area

|                            | <b>£.p</b> |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Brereton and Ravenhill     | 225.71     |
| Bridgtown                  | 215.25     |
| Brindley Heath             | 216.24     |
| Cannock Wood               | 227.68     |
| Heath Hayes and Wimblebury | 216.88     |
| Norton Canes               | 221.92     |
| Rugeley                    | 257.94     |
| Hednesford                 | 225.71     |

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (1)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h) For the following parts of the Council's area

|                                      | A<br>(disa<br>bled)<br>£ p | A<br>£ p | B<br>£ p | C<br>£ p | D<br>£ p | E<br>£ p | F<br>£ p | G<br>£ p | H<br>£ p |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Brereton and Ravenhill               | 125.39                     | 150.47   | 175.55   | 200.63   | 225.71   | 275.87   | 326.03   | 376.18   | 451.42   |
| Bridgtown                            | 119.58                     | 143.50   | 167.42   | 191.33   | 215.25   | 263.08   | 310.92   | 358.75   | 430.50   |
| Brindley Heath                       | 120.13                     | 144.16   | 168.19   | 192.21   | 216.24   | 264.29   | 312.35   | 360.40   | 432.48   |
| Cannock Wood                         | 126.49                     | 151.79   | 177.08   | 202.38   | 227.68   | 278.28   | 328.87   | 379.47   | 455.36   |
| Heath Hayes and Wimblebury           | 120.49                     | 144.59   | 168.68   | 192.78   | 216.88   | 265.08   | 313.27   | 361.47   | 433.76   |
| Norton Canes                         | 123.29                     | 147.95   | 172.60   | 197.26   | 221.92   | 271.24   | 320.55   | 369.87   | 443.84   |
| Rugeley                              | 143.30                     | 171.96   | 200.62   | 229.28   | 257.94   | 315.26   | 372.58   | 429.90   | 515.88   |
| Hednesford                           | 125.39                     | 150.47   | 175.55   | 200.63   | 225.71   | 275.87   | 326.03   | 376.18   | 451.42   |
| All other parts of the Councils area | 111.64                     | 133.97   | 156.30   | 178.62   | 200.95   | 245.61   | 290.26   | 334.92   | 401.90   |

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (3)(f) and (3)(g) above by the number by which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.



- 4 To note that the County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

#### Valuation Bands

|   | A<br>£ p | B<br>£ p | C<br>£ p | D<br>£ p | E<br>£ p | F<br>£ p | G<br>£ p | H<br>£ p |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Staffordshire<br>County Council                   | 684.83   | 798.97   | 913.11   | 1,027.25 | 1,255.53 | 1,483.81 | 1,712.08 | 2,054.50 |
| Office of the<br>Police and Crime<br>Commissioner | 118.41   | 138.14   | 157.88   | 177.61   | 217.08   | 256.55   | 296.02   | 355.22   |
| Stoke-on-Trent<br>and Staffs Fire<br>Authority    | 45.09    | 52.61    | 60.12    | 67.64    | 82.67    | 97.70    | 112.73   | 135.28   |

- 5 That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2013/14 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

|                               | A<br>(disa<br>bled)<br>£ p | A<br>£ p | B<br>£ p | C<br>£ p | D<br>£ p | E<br>£ p | F<br>£ p | G<br>£ p | H<br>£ p |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Brereton and<br>Ravenhill     | 832.34                     | 998.80   | 1,165.27 | 1,331.74 | 1,498.21 | 1,831.15 | 2,164.09 | 2,497.01 | 2,996.42 |
| Bridgtown                     | 826.53                     | 991.83   | 1,157.14 | 1,322.44 | 1,487.75 | 1,818.36 | 2,148.98 | 2,479.58 | 2,975.50 |
| Brindley Heath                | 827.08                     | 992.49   | 1,157.91 | 1,323.32 | 1,488.74 | 1,819.57 | 2,150.41 | 2,481.23 | 2,977.48 |
| Cannock Wood<br>(Provisional) | 833.44                     | 1,000.12 | 1,166.80 | 1,333.49 | 1,500.18 | 1,833.56 | 2,166.93 | 2,500.30 | 3,000.36 |

|  | A<br>(disabl<br>ed)<br>£ p | A<br>£ p | B<br>£ p | C<br>£ p | D<br>£ p | E<br>£ p | F<br>£ p | G<br>£ p | H<br>£ p |
|--|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Heath Hayes<br>and Wimblebury              | 827.44                     | 992.92   | 1,158.40 | 1,323.89 | 1,489.38 | 1,820.36 | 2,151.33 | 2,482.30 | 2,978.76 |
| Norton Canes                               | 830.24                     | 996.28   | 1,162.32 | 1,328.37 | 1,494.42 | 1,826.52 | 2,158.61 | 2,490.70 | 2,988.84 |
| Rugeley                                    | 850.25                     | 1,020.29 | 1,190.34 | 1,360.39 | 1,530.44 | 1,870.54 | 2,210.64 | 2,550.73 | 3,060.88 |
| Hednesford                                 | 832.34                     | 998.80   | 1,165.27 | 1,331.74 | 1,498.21 | 1,831.15 | 2,164.09 | 2,497.01 | 2,996.42 |
| All other parts of<br>the Councils<br>area | 818.59                     | 982.30   | 1,146.02 | 1,309.73 | 1,473.45 | 1,800.89 | 2,128.32 | 2,455.75 | 2,946.90 |

- 6 That it is determined in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2013/14 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of that Act.