

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST, 2013

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Grice, Mrs. D. (Chairman)
Pearson, A. (Vice Chairman)

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

26. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bottomer, B.; Gilbert, P.; Grocott, M.R.; Johnson, J.P.; and Mitchell, Mrs. C

27. 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.

28. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 July, 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

29. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Charity Box

The Chairman advised that the charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation to support her chosen charities. The Chairman reported that at the meeting held on 3 July, 2013, a total of £28.97 was collected and she thanked Members for their donations.

30. Question(s) in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

31. 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 June, 2013

Stadium Site Feasibility Study (Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader's Update) – In response to a question, the Leader advised that experts had been appointed; he had met with them the previous day; and a report back was expected towards the end of the year.

Sensory Room at Chase Leisure Centre (Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader's Update) – The Leader of the Council advised that the sensory room had been officially opened by Olivia Wilson after whom it was named.

Future of Cannock Hospital (Leader of the Council's Update) – The Leader commented that he was sure that all Members would share his delight that it appeared that the hospital would be staying in the NHS under the control of the Royal Wolverhampton Hospital. It was gratifying that the Trust Special Administrator appeared to have let common sense prevail and chosen to ignore some of the local MP's suggestions for alternative operation and use of the hospital. The Cabinet would continue to push for additional services at the hospital by encouraging Walsall Manor Hospital to run some of its services from there.

Review of Leisure Concessions to Serving members of the Armed Forces 2013-14 (Minute 8) – The Leader of the Opposition advised that his Group was supportive of the leisure concessions to serving members of the Armed Forces.

(b) Planning Control Committee – 19 June 2013

- (c) Scrutiny Committee – 16 April, 2013
- (d) Health Scrutiny Committee – 22 April, 2013
- (e) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 25 June, 2013
- (f) Joint Parking Committee – 23 April, 2013
- (g) Rate Relief Committee – 24 April, 2012
- (h) Standards Committee – 3 December, 2012

32. Recommendation(s) Referred from Cabinet

Consideration was given to the following recommendations to Council considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 25 July, 2013, in respect of:

(i) Repurchase of Vacant Former Council Dwellings

“That Council be requested to include £220,000 of Affordable Housing Grant as an additional resource within the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programmes for 2013-14 and 2014-15.”

(ii) Civic Building, Sharing Accommodation

“That a scheme for Civic Centre accommodation works of £500,000 is included in the 2013-14 Capital Programme and that Contract Procedure Rules are waived to ensure the work is carried out as a matter of urgency.”

RESOLVED:

That, in respect of:

(A) Repurchase of Vacant Former Council Dwellings:

£220,000 of Affordable Housing Grant be included as an additional resource within the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programmes for 2013-14 and 2014-15.

(B) Civic Building, Sharing Accommodation

A scheme for Civic Centre accommodation works of £500,000 be included in the 2013-14 Capital Programme and that Contract Procedure Rules waived to ensure the work is carried out as a matter of urgency.

33. Allocation of Seats to Committees and Other Bodies

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Item 8.1 - 8.5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The allocation of seats to the different political groups to the Council's Committees and Other Bodies, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
- (B) The allocation of seats approved above, take effect forthwith.
- (C) As appropriate, the affected political group Leaders should notify the Chief Executive, within 5 working days, of the names of those Members to be appointed / removed from the Council's Committees and other bodies.

34. Annual Governance Statement 2012-2013

Consideration was given to Report of the Head of Governance (Item 9.1 - 9.15 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Governance Statement for 2012-13 be approved.

(The Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council then signed the Annual Governance Statement 2012-13.)

35. Review of Gambling Act, 2005 – Policy Statement

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Item 10.1 – 10.37 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the revised Gambling Act, 2005 Policy Statement, shown at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved and adopted.

36. 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) 1; 2 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972.

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PART 2

37. 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 June, 2013

- (c) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 20 June and 4 July, 2013

(The meeting closed at 4.25 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN