

COUNCIL - 27 NOVEMBER 2012

Councillor B M Cross MBE (Mayor)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

Mrs L Bakker-Collier	P E Jones
Mrs F Beatty	P W Jones
R R Bhakhri	Mrs A C Kelly
Mrs M Bowen	W J Kemp
F A Chapman	P A Leason
G R Collier	A M Loughran
R P Cooke	M T Millichap
Mrs J M Dalgarno	S O'Connor
Mrs I E Davies	A J Perkins
M G Dodson	J M Pert
R J Draper	D B Price
Mrs A P Edgeller	G O Rowlands
Mrs J W Farnham	P M Rowlands
P M M Farrington	P Roycroft
F A Finlay	W R Simpson
J S Francis	R M Smith
Mrs M R Goodall	A H Stafford Northcote
P G Goodland	B J Stamp
A S Harp	R W Stephens
T R Harris	Mrs J E Tabernor
M R Heenan	J Thorley
Mrs A D Hobbs	P J Trainor
I Hollinshead	A J Welch
T A Holmes	K S Williamson
Mrs J Hood	M F Williamson
F D J James	M P Winkle
E G R Jones	M J Winnington

C37 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2012 submitted and signed.

C38 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C A Baron, A T A Godfrey, J S Highfield and R M Sutherland.

C39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M R Heenan declared a pecuniary interest in the Plan for Stafford Borough in respect of:-

Housing and Industrial allocation in Stafford,
The Haywoods,
Hopton
Barlaston (item No 9)

C40 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor passed on his congratulations to Councillor T R Harris and his partner on the recent birth of their daughter.

The Mayor thanked those who attended the dinner at The Moat House, Acton Trussell on Thursday 25 October 2012, which had raised £909 for the Mayor's Charity.

Continuing, the Mayor detailed forthcoming events for Members to note:-

Mayor's Diamond Ball - Friday 7 December 2012 - County Showground

Civic Carol Service - Sunday 16 December 2012

Gala Night of the Pantomime - Beauty and the Beast - Monday 17 December 2012

C41 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillors Mrs M Bowen and S O'Connor had given Notice of Motion pursuant to Paragraph 13 of the Council Procedure Rules:-

"We believe that to fulfil the strategic priorities of 'Prosperity for all', 'Health and Well-being' and 'Leading and Delivering for our Community' that Stafford Borough Council should become a 'Living Wage' employer, and undertake a costing exercise and consider implementing, the 'Living Wage' and do so at the earliest opportunity'."

Councillor Mrs M Bowen proposed and Councillor R J Draper seconded that the motion be approved.

Members of the Council considered the item as provided for in Paragraph 15 of the Council Procedure Rules.

A request for a recorded vote was made by the required number of Members in accordance with Paragraph 17.4 of the Council Procedure Rules. Voting on his proposal was recorded as follows:-

For	Against	Abstained
R R Bhakhri	Mrs L Bakker-Collier	B M Cross
Mrs M Bowen	Mrs F Beatty	F D J James
R P Cooke	F A Chapman	

R J Draper	Mrs J M Dalgarno
T R Harris	Mrs I E Davies
Mrs A D Hobbs	M G Dodson
I Hollinshead	Mrs A P Edgeller
Mrs J Hood	Mrs J W Farnham
W J Kemp	P M M Farrington
P A Leason	F A Finlay
A M Loughran	J S Francis
M T Millichap	Mrs M R Goodall
S O'Connor	P G Goodland
G O Rowlands	A S Harp
P M Rowlands	M R Heenan
W R Simpson	T A Holmes
B J Stamp	E G R Jones
R W Stephens	P E Jones
J Thorley	P W Jones
A J Welch	Mrs A C Kelly
M P Winkle	A J Perkins
	J M Pert
	D B Price
	P Roycroft
	R M Smith
	A H Stafford Northcote
	Mrs J E Tabernor
	P J Trainor
	K S Williamson
	M F Williamson
	M J Winnington

The notice of Motion was declared to be lost.

C42 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillors M R Heenan and A H Stafford Northcote had given Notice of Motion pursuant to Paragraph 13 of the Council Procedure Rules:-

“This Council welcomes the decision of the Mercian Regiment to incorporate the name ‘Staffords’ in the name of the three new Regiments to be created, and requests our thanks be sent to the Colonel of the Regiment, the Staffordshire Regimental Association and County Branches for all their work in ensuring this successful outcome.”

Councillor M R Heenan proposed and Councillor A H Stafford Northcote seconded that the motion be approved.

Members of the Council considered the item as provided for in Paragraph 15 of the Council Procedure Rules.

During the debate on amendment was proposed by Councillor B J Stamp and seconded by Councillor M T Millichap to add the following wording to the Notice of Motion - "however we are concerned that the restructuring of the Army will result in many troops serving with the existing Regiment being made redundant, and ask that the Government consider any costs carefully".

On being put to the vote the amendment was declared to be lost.

RESOLVED:- "that the Council welcomes the decision of the Mercian Regiment to incorporate the name 'Staffords' in the name of the three new Regiments to be created, and requests our thanks be sent to the Colonel of the Regiment, the Staffordshire Regimental Association and County Branches for all their work in ensuring this successful outcome."

C43 PRESENTATION OF PETITION

Councillor R R Bhakhri submitted a petition on behalf of residents of Parkside Estate, Stafford, concerning grounds maintenance of the area.

The Mayor accepted the petition.

C44 THE PLAN FOR STAFFORD BOROUGH - PUBLICATION

Considered the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration (V6 15/11/12).

During the debate an amendment was proposed by Councillor Mrs J Hood and seconded by Councillor P A Leason that the final sentence of Paragraph 8.13 of The Plan for Stafford Borough Publication (Pre-Submission) be removed.

On being put to the vote the amendment was declared to be lost.

RESOLVED:- that (a) having noted and taken into account:-

- (i) the Summary of Responses to the "Plan for Stafford Borough - Strategic Policy Choices";
- (ii) the changes to the "Plan for Stafford Borough - Publication" (4 October 2012) as set out in the appendix to the report;
- (iii) the "Revised Sustainability Appraisal Report";
- (iv) all other matters referred to in the Report;

the “Plan for Stafford Borough” be approved for publication to seek representations on soundness and legal compliance in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and;

- (b) subject to no fundamental objection to soundness or legal compliance being received and accepted the “Plan for Stafford Borough” be approved for submission;
- (c) the Head of Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration be authorised to make minor editorial, typographical or presentational amendments to the “Plan for Stafford Borough” prior to submission

Councillor M R Heenan having declared a pecuniary interest in part of this item left the room during the voting thereon.

C45 FEES AND CHARGES 2013

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V4 19/11/12).

RESOLVED:- that the proposed fees and charges for 2013 be approved.

C46 FINANCIAL PLAN 2013/14 - 2016/17

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V4 19/11/12).

RESOLVED:- that the Financial Plan 2013/14 - 2016/17 be approved.

C47 REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME VARIATION

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V1 19/11/12).

RESOLVED:- that the variations to the approved revenue budget and capital programme for 2012/13, as set out in the report, be approved.

MAYOR