**PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL**

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on

**FRIDAY, 26TH** **SEPTEMBER 2014** in the **PRESCOT TOWN HALL,**

**1 WARRINGTON ROAD, PRESCOT** commencing at **7.00 PM.**

**PRESENT**

**COUNCILLOR G FLATLEY (TOWN MAYOR)**

Councillors D. Friar, M. Friar, P. Loyden, J. McGarry, J. Molloy, D. Rigby, I. Smith

and K. Swales.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

D. Wilson (Town Clerk)

J. Rigby (Assistant to the Town Clerk)

S. Gowland – Knowsley Borough Council

Carla Pallavus – Knowsley Borough Council

Jonathan Clarke – Knowsley Borough Council

Before the commencement of the meeting the Mayor of Prescot welcomed Councillor K. Swales to her first Council Meeting.

**43. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Allen, R. Arnall, S. Arnall, C. Cashman, A. Flanders, L. O’Keeffe, S. O’Keeffe and M. Sommerfield.

**44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A Declaration of Interest was received from Councillor J. Molloy (Agenda item 11 – Funding Applications).

**45. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting of the Town Council held on 25th July, 2014 be received as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**46. KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN**

Mr. Jonathan Clarke – (Knowsley Borough Council) gave an update on the Knowsley Local Plan and answered Members questions.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Mr. Clarke be thanked for attending the meeting and providing Members with an update on the work on the Knowsley Local Plan undertaken so far.

**47. HEALTHY HOMES INITIATIVE**

Mr Steve Gowland (Knowsley Borough Council) gave a presentation on the Healthy Homes Initiative to provide information on this new initiative, he then answered Members questions.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Mr. Gowland be thanked for attending the meeting and providing members with the information on the Healthy Home Initiative.

**48. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

 **(i) Interregnum Committee 4th August 2014**

 **(ii) Draft Minutes of the Events Committee 3rd September 2014**

 **(iii) Draft Minutes of the Finance & GP Committee 12th September 2014**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the above Committees.

**49. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK**

 **MERSEYSIDETRAVEL**

 Transport Customer Forum

 1.30 – 3.00 Tuesday 30th September Prescot Cables, no set agenda.

 **PRESCOT POST OFFICE**

The Town Clerk has today received a correspondence from the Post Office confirming their decision to move from Aspinall Street to Unit 10 (formally Paper Cuts) of Prescot Shopping Centre.

The new Post Office will have a total of 4 counters and with the exception of a cash machine all previous services available at the old Post Office will continue at the new one.

 **HIGH SPEED RAIL LINK**

The Town Clerk has recently received a correspondence from Linking Liverpool – the campaign for a high speed rail link. The correspondence provides compelling evidence of the economic benefits to the region of the high speed rail link and urges you to sign an online petition in support of the campaign via the website.

 [www.highspeedrailliverpool.org](http://www.highspeedrailliverpool.org)

**FRIENDS OF PRESCOT CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD**

The Friends are holding a ceremony in the Cemetery on 12th October at 2pm to dedicate a memorial to all babies and children who are buried in unmarked graves within the Cemetery and Churchyard followed by light refreshments in St Marys Church Hall.

**MARKS AND SPENCERS COMES TO PRESCOT**

M & s Simply Food will open its doors for service on the 1st October, press release attached.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

This years service and parade will be held on 9th November, details including invitation to members from the Mayor of Knowsley attached.

**50. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**

 A schedule of Mayoral Engagements was submitted.

 It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the schedule be **NOTED.**

**51. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

 There were no new Planning Applications submitted.

**52. PLANNING DECISIONS**

 **APPLICATION NO: DEVELOPMENT DECISION**

 **14/00444/FUL** Prescot Fireplaces Refused

 19-21 Chapel Street

 It was **UNANIMOULSY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the above Planning Decision.

**53. FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

 **(i) PRESCOT HOCKEY CLUB**

A funding application was received from Prescot Hockey Club requesting financial assistance towards the cost of Prescot Hockey Club Junior Banners and Flyers.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a Grant of £420.00 be made towards the cost of the Banners and Flyers.

 **(ii) VEE’S PLACE**

A funding application was received from Vee’s Place requesting financial assistance towards the cost of kitchen utensils, such as a catering grill, soup heater place, tea and coffee airport flasks and cups.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council purchase the above kitchen items directly within the limit of £500.00 and arrange for delivery to Vee’s Place.

 **(iii) FAMILY VOICES = FAMILY CHOICES**

A funding application was received from Family Voices requesting financial assistance towards the cost of a family fun event around Mischief Night (date to be confirmed).

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a grant of £500.00 be made to provide diversionary activities at the Event and for promotional leaflets.

**54. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report to advise members of the purpose, process and timescales of the electoral review.

 It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that for now the report be **NOTED.**

**55. KNOWSLEY STRATEGIC BOARD**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report from the Knowsley Strategic Board requesting representation from Prescot Town Council onto the Board.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Councillor D. Friar be this Town Councils representative on the Knowsley Strategic Board.

**The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.**

**Dated: 31ST OCTOBER 2014 Signed: …………………………………**

 **Cllr. G Flatey**

 **Mayor of Prescot**