PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

The ANNUAL TOWN meeting of PRESCOT was held on FRIDAY, 13TH MAY 2016 at PRESCOT TOWN HALL, 1 WARRINGTON ROAD, PRESCOT commencing at 6.00 P.M.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors D Allen, D Friar, J Molloy, L O'Keeffe, D Fairclough, D Rigby, J Chadwick, M O'Mara, S Arnall and M Friar.

COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

Daniel Wilson (Town Clerk) Louise Sephton (Deputy Town Clerk)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Dr J Sills, Mrs K Conway, Mrs L Gillespie and other members of the public

1. WELCOME BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed all those present.

2. <u>PUBLIC OPEN FORUM</u>

A member of the public asked about whether the Town Council would be objecting to the planning application in relation to building houses on the land adjacent to Whittakers Garden Centre. The Mayor responded to state that the Town Council had not been notified of the planning application and when this notification is received it will be discussed at the Council meeting.

Dr J Sills addressed the meeting and asked what the Town Councils comments were about the new Shakespeare Theatre proposals. The Mayor responded to confirm that the Town Council welcomed these proposals.

Mrs Kath Conway addressed the meeting to give her concerns on the financial assessment criteria for Disability Facility Grants through Knowsley MBC. Mrs Conway informed the Town Council that she was not eligible for this grant due to her husband being in employment, no other criterion was explored. The Mayor responded that the Town Council could write to Knowsley MBC to ask for the criteria and Cllrs L. O'Keeffe and D. Allen agreed to make further enquiries in their capacity as elected members for Prescot on serving on Knowsley MBC and respond directly to Mrs Conway.

A member of the public addressed the meeting and asked if there would be any long term educational support and additional library opening times when the Shakespeare Theatre is open. The Mayor responded that there will be short term plans put in place first. There will be a University linked to the Theatre and this will bring student places.

Dr J Sills addressed the meeting and asked if there was any response on Knowsley Park Centre for Learning changing their name back to Prescot School. The Mayor responded that as far as he was aware the school was unable to use the existing words.

3. <u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u>

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 15th May 2015 be agreed as a true and accurate record of the business transacted and signed by the Town Mayor.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 6.22pm

Dated: 26th May 2017

Signed Cllr D Friar (Town Mayor)