

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

The Annual meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **FRIDAY, 13th MAY, 2016** in the **PRESCOT TOWN HALL, 1 WARRINGTON ROAD, PRESCOT**, commencing at **6.30 P.M.**

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

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

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

D. Wilson (Town Clerk)
L. Sephton (Deputy Town Clerk)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016/17

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr David Friar be elected to serve as Mayor of Prescot for the 2016/17 Civic Year.

2. MAYORS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr David Friar duly signed the acceptance of office book to officially accept the office of Town Mayor.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. O'Keeffe, S. Pimblett, M. Allen, K. Swales, G. Flatley and H.Baker.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

5. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING TOWN MAYOR

On behalf of the elected members Cllr Lynn O'Keeffe gave a vote of thanks to the Mayor and congratulated him on working hard over the past civic year by raising a substantial amount of money for his charities. The Mayor responded to say how much he has enjoyed his term in office and thanked everyone for their support and said that he is hoping to do a lot more fundraising during the next civic year.

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016/17

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Jennifer Chadwick be elected to the position of Deputy Mayor.

7. DEPUTY MAYORS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Jennifer Chadwick duly signed the acceptance of office book to officially accept the office of Deputy Town Mayor.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL LEADER

There were no announcements from the Leader of the Town Council.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk informed the members that Evelyn Primary School has used the new Pavilion at Eaton Street as an outdoor classroom.

10. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (2016/17)

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for use during the 2016/17 civic year and to set up a working group to look at revising these.

11. TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES (2016/17)

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the membership of committees will be:-

Finance and General Purpose Committee

Councillors J Molloy, D Rigby, D Allen, J Chadwick, D Friar, L O’Keeffe and S Pimblett.

Events Committee

Councillors D Allen, G Flatley, L O’Keeffe, M Allen, J Chadwick, S O’Keeffe and D Fairclough.

Human Resources Committee

Councillors D Friar, D Rigby, D Allen, J Chadwick, J Molloy, L O’Keeffe and S Pimblett.

The Council may also employ the use of an interregnum Committee during times of recess however membership of this committee will be subject to availability.

12. REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES (2016/17)

Knowsley District Sports Council – Cllr D Friar

Merseyside Association of Local Councils – Cllrs J Molloy, D Rigby and D Friar

Friends of Eaton Street Park – Cllr L O’Keeffe

Merseyside Playing Fields Association – Cllr D Friar

13. COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (2016/17)

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Council will meet at 6.00pm on the last Friday of each month with the exception of August and December when the Council are in recess. The Finance and General Purpose Committee will meet at 2.00pm on the second Friday of each month and Events and Human Resources Committees will meet as and when required. The Town Clerk will draw up a meeting calendar for publication to be agreed at the next Town Council Meeting.

14. SCHEDULE OF MEMBER ATTENDANCES (2015/16)

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the schedule of member attendances. It was also noted that the meeting held on 19th August 2015 was an interregnum meeting and should be listed on a separate schedule.

15. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 29th April 2016 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of business transacted.

16. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

None to report.

17. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

None to report.

18. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

19. PLANNING DECISIONS

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

The meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

Dated: 24th June 2016

Signed:.....

Cllr Dave Friar (Mayor of Prescot)