

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

The Annual meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **FRIDAY, 15TH MAY, 2015** at **PRESCOT TOWN HALL, 1 WARRINGTON ROAD, PRESCOT** commencing at **7.30 P.M.**

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors D Allen, S Arnall, J Molloy, L O’Keeffe, S O’Keeffe, D Rigby, D Fairclough, K Swales, M Allen, M O’Mara, S Pimblett, J Chadwick, S Whiley, G Flatley, D Friar and M Friar.

COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

Daniel Wilson (Town Clerk)
Liam Johnson (Apprentice Administration Officer)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr G Conway
Mrs K Conway
Mrs S Pimblett

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/16

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr David Friar be elected to serve as Mayor of Prescot for the 2015-16 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 Cllr H Baker.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

5. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING TOWN MAYOR

On behalf of elected members the Mayor gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor Cllr G Flatley. Cllr Flatley thanked the Mayor and responded to say how much she had enjoyed her term in office and wished the new Mayor all the best in his term.

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/16

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Gillian Flatley be elected to the position of deputy Mayor

7. DEPUTY MAYORS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

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

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL LEADER

The Leader welcomed the new elected members to their first meeting and thanked all members from all parties past and present for the help and support they had provided in getting the Town Council where it is today. The Leader then went on say how positive she felt for the future of the Town Council and that following the recent elections how she had high hopes for what can be achieved in the coming four years. The Leader also went on to welcome Liam Johnson the Council's new apprentice administration officer to his first Council meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Welcome

I'd just like to reiterate the Leader's comments and say that I'm looking forward to working with you all over the next four years. We have made considerable strides in the previous 3 years and have almost reinvented the Town Council's identity with a new building and rejuvenated the events programme, so lets hope we can continue in that vain. On that subject I'm very pleased to announce that I have been informed today that we have been successful with a funding application for £45,000. These funds together with our own budget provision and some funding from Knowsley MBC will see the old porta cabin on Eaton Bowling Green replaced with a brand new fit for purpose building, so we will be starting the term of office with a bang.

There will be a members induction and training on Tuesday morning at 10am in the Council Chamber, I'll see you there.

Recruitment of new staff

As many of you are aware my previous assistant Jackie retired at the end of April. Jackie's retirement hastened the Council's need to restructure it's staffing provision especially given the new challenges we face through operating the Town Hall.

Human Resources Committee agreed a new staffing structure in March that included a Deputy Town Clerk and an Apprentice Administration Officer.

The Deputy Town Clerk (Louise) is due to start in post on the 8th of June and tonight I have the pleasure of introducing you all to our Apprentice Administration Officer, Liam who started with us on the 5th May and I am very pleased to say is taking to his role like a duck to water.

Notices of Thanks

Both Prescot Parish Church and the Prescot Festival have been in touch to thank the Town Council for the monies provided towards the maintenance of the Town Clock and the Prescot Festival respectively.

The family of Former Cllr Harold Campbell, have sent a card thanking members for their attendance at his funeral.

Upcoming Events

The Prescot Festival – this year the festival is coming to the Town Hall, on the 26th June when The Chilled Lemons Jazz Quartet will be performing from 7pm (tickets £8)

A Midsummer Nights Dream – Members will remember that the Town Council provided funding to the MATE productions to support them to bring this play to Prescot. There are a number of dates for the outdoor show being 2 shows on the 30th and 31st May at 2:30pm and 7:30pm then 6th June 7:30pm and 21st June 2:30pm

10. STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (2015/16)

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to APPROVE the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for use during the 2015/16 civic year.

11. TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES (2015/16)

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** the membership of committees will be

Finance and General Purpose Committee

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

Events Committee

Councillors D Allen, L O’Keeffe, D Fairclough, K Swales, M Allen, J Chadwick and G Flatley

Human Resources Committee

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

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

12. REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES (2015/16)

Bryer Road Environmental Group - Gillian Flatley

Knowsley District Sports Council - Dave Friar

Prescot School Endowment Trustees – Matthew Allen

M.A.L.C – Joan Molloy / Dave Rigby / Dave Friar

Friends Of Brown’s Fields – Gillian Flatley

Friends of Eaton Street – Kathleen Swales

Merseyside Playing Fields – Dave Friar

Prescot Town Team – Denise Allen

Local Advisory Board – Dave Friar

13. COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (2015/16)

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Council will meet at 6pm on the last Friday of each Month with the exception of August and December when the Council are in recess.

14. SCHEDULE OF MEMBER ATTENDANCES (2015/16) Pages 13-17

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the schedule of member attendances.

15. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING Pages 18-20

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on the 24th of April be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

16. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 20th April, 2015.

17. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the Mayoral Engagements provided.

18. REVIEW OF THE COUNCILS GRANT CRITERIA

It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that following the resolution made under item 10 this item be **DEFERED** to the Finance and General Purpose Committee.

The meeting closed at 20.03 p.m

Signed

Cllr. D Friar (Town Mayor)