

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **FRIDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 2014** in the **WEST STREET OFFICE COMPLEX , 9 WEST STREET, PRESCOT** commencing at **7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR D RIGBY (TOWN MAYOR)

Councillors C. Cashman, D. Friar, M. Friar, M. Lloyd, J. Molloy, L. O’Keeffe, S. O’Keeffe and I. Smith.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

D. Wilson (Town Clerk)
J. Rigby (Assistant to the Town Clerk)

94. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Allen, R. Arnall, S. Arnall, A. Flanders, G. Flatley, P. Loyden, J. McGarry, and M. Sommerfield.

95. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

97. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Subject to a minor alteration in relation to a recess being called the minutes of the last meeting were **UNANIMOUSLY** approved as a true and accurate record.

98. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

There were no announcements from the Leader.

99. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

NEW TOWN HALL

Internal Design

The Finance and General Purposes Committee met on the 14th February, 2014 and agreed all the internal finishes for the new Town Hall. This just leave the furniture.

Tender for the Concession of the Bar Facility

The tender period for the concession of the bar facility closes next week at 12.00 p.m. on the 28th February, 2014. As agreed at the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting in January all tenders will be opened and assessed by a tender panel consisting of the Town Clerk, Assistant to the Town Clerk, representative from KMBC Audit Team, Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Leader of the Council.

Bookings

In spite of the fact that we are yet to start advertising the Town Hall facilities in earnest, word of mouth seems to be spreading and we have already had enquiries for 3 Christenings, 2 Weddings and 2 60th Birthday Parties.

100. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

There were no new Mayoral Engagements submitted.

101. PLANNING DECISIONS

- 13/0071/ADV Installation of 3 no. internally illuminated fascia signs and 1 no. internally illuminated sign applied to windows. 7 Cables Retail Park, Steley Way, Prescot. **GRANTED**

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

102. COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATION

A Community Fund Application was received from the Prescot Historic Society requesting funding towards rent of meeting rooms etc.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a grant of £200.00 be awarded to the Prescot Historic Society.

103. AMENDMENT TO LEASE AT BROWNS FIELD

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the Town Council to consider an amendment to the Lease at Brown Field, in which a section of the leased land adjacent to the highway was developed as part of a highways scheme to form a layby. Unfortunately the lease covering this land was not altered at the time of the improvement works and in order for the land to be included on KMBC's highways maintenance programme it would need to be under their tenure.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to surrender the lease of land (the lay-by) to Knowsley MBC so that it can be included in their Highway maintenance programme.

104. 2014/15 BUDGET

The Town Clerk submitted the Budget Report to be considered by the Town Council.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the following recommendations be **APPROVED**.

- The gross revenue budgetary expenditure is set at £268,043;
- The gross capital budgetary expenditure is set at £240,647 subject to increase due to under corresponding under spend in 21013/14 and
- The precept for the financial year is set at £186,947 and that the Town Clerk notifies Knowsley Borough Council accordingly.

The meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

Dated: 28th March 2014

Signed:.....

**Cllr D Rigby
Town Mayor**