

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **FRIDAY, 26TH JULY, 2013** in the **WEST STREET OFFICE COMPLEX, 9 WEST STREET, PRESCOT** commencing at **7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR D RIGBY (TOWN MAYOR)

Councillors D. Allen, R. Arnall, S. Arnall, C. Cashman, A. Flanders, G. Flatley, D. Friar, M. Friar, J. McGarry, 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)

35. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Lloyd, P. Loyden and M. Sommerfield.

36. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

38. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that with the inclusion of Councillor A. Flanders in the list of apologies the minutes of the previous Council Meeting held on 28th June, 2013 be received as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

39. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE 30TH MAY 2013

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on 30th May, 2013 be **NOTED**.

(ii) EVENTS COMMITTEE 11TH JULY 2013

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events Committee held on 11th July, 2013 be **NOTED**.

(iii) FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 12TH JULY 2013

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 12th July, 2013 be **NOTED**.

40. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

The leader confirmed that it has been agreed that the Town Council will not incur any of the costs for the additional audit support provided in previous years in relation to the on-going Police Investigation.

A DOH grant of 10.4 million pounds has been approved for an extra care scheme to be built on the site of the former Prescott Watch Factory this includes money from the Department of Health, Knowsley MBC and Knowsley Housing Trust. More than 70 new homes will be built, which include extra care apartments and bungalows to enable people such as the elderly and disabled to live independently.

41. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

GREEN SPACE

Eaton Street

Community Fund bid from Friends of Eaton Street, Green Flag status has been achieved but this is press embargoed until 29th July. The Town Councils contribution to the new playground has greatly supported this achievement.

Browns Field

A draft Master plan has now been produced, we are checking its viability against planning legislation before its release.

NEW TOWN HALL

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on Tuesday, 23rd July, W. Carefoot and Sons PLC were appointed as contractor to the New Town Hall Development. This appointment puts the project back on track, the estimated start date on site is Monday, 19th August with an estimated completion date being the end of February. In order to finance the additional costs of the contract budget savings of £60k were agreed by the Committee.

QUALITY COUNCIL – PROGRESS

Following a number of revisions 5,500 copies of the Annual Report will be delivered to the Town Council next week. A final distribution method is still to be agreed.

FINANCE

The quarterly VAT Return was submitted yesterday and as usual will result in a repayment from HMRC.

OTHER NEWS

Tour of Britain, as members are aware Prescot will be hosting stage 3 of the Tour of Britain. The Town Clerk has been attending the planning group set up for the event in order to explore potential media exposure and promote the Town Council. The route will go from the Safari Park down St Helens Road pass the New Town Hall development onto High Street/Derby Street and exit Prescot via Liverpool Road. Therefore it is expected that Prescot will attract a large number of visitors who will access the Town Centre. The planning group are therefore proposing to hold an event in the Town Centre making the most of what Prescot has to offer. This is a great opportunity for the Town Council to promote the New Town Hall Facility and will be on the next Events Committee agenda.

The Town Clerk read out a thank you from Lane Ends AFC for the Councils support through the Community Fund.

42. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

A schedule of Mayoral Engagements was submitted.

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

43. PLANNING DECISIONS

- **11/000385/OUT** Former Prysmian Cables and Systems Site,
Hall Lane, Prescot. **GRANTED**

- **13/00092/FUL** McDonalds Restaurant, Cables Retail Park. **GRANTED**
- **13/00093/ADV** McDonalds Restaurant, Cables Retail Park. **GRANTED**
- **13/00102/ADV** Ethel Austin Ltd, 43 Eccleston Street. **GRANTED**
- **12/00591/FUL** Enterprise Credit Union, 5-7 Atherton Street. **APPLICATION
WITHDRAWN**
- **13/00250/ADV** Unit 8, Cables Retail Park. **GRANTED**
- **13/00254/FUL** Former Garden Centre, Cables Retail Park. **GRANTED**

- **13/00164/FUL** 78 Manchester Road. **GRANTED**

- **13/00158/COU** Sun Tec, 48 Molyneux Drive. **GRANTED**

- **11/00411/NMA** Oliver Lyme House, Lavender Crescent. **GRANTED**

- **13/00259/FUL** 1 Chorley Road. **GRANTED**
- **13/00166/FUL** Land adjacent to roundabout Liverpool Road. **GRANTED**
- **13/00308/TCA** The Presbytery, 1 West Street. **GRANTED**

44. COMMUNITY FUND BIDS

(i) FRIENDS OF EATON STREET PARK

A Community Fund Bid was received from Friends of Eaton Street Park to help with the provision of equipment to be used for events in the Park.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a grant of £250.00 be made to the Friends of Eaton Street Park.

(ii) FACING LIFE AND PAIN

A Community Fund Bid was received from FLAP requesting funding towards the purchase of specialist Orthopaedic equipment.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a grant of £500.00 be made to the Facing Life and Pain Group.

The meeting closed at 7.16 p.m.

Dated:

Signed:.....

**Cllr D Rigby
Town Mayor**