

## **PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL**

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **FRIDAY, 28th MARCH, 2014** 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, C. Cashman, D. Friar, P. Loyden, M. Friar, M. Lloyd, J. McGarry, I. Smith and J. Molloy

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

D. Wilson (Town Clerk)  
Stg Major I Stoddart

#### **105. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. G. Flatley L. O’Keeffe. S. O’Keeffe, M. Sommerfield. Apologies were also submitted by J. Rigby (Assistant to the Town Clerk)

#### **106. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Two members of the public where present, but did not wish to speak.

#### **107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

#### **108. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting of the Town Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 be received as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

#### **109. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

There were no announcements from the leader.

#### **110. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

##### **Letters of thanks**

Rev John Taylor has sent in letter of thanks for the Councils support in maintaining the Church Clock

Prescot Hockey Club have also thanked the Council for their support and have recently informed me that the Ladies First Team were crowned champions of their league and will now be promoted. This news has been posted on the Town Council website.

### **Web site development**

#### Bookings

We now have a comprehensive booking system in place, that includes an online calendar on the Town Council's website. The calendar allows the public to check available dates before they book.

#### Useful links

The website has also been updated to include a useful links page, directing residents to KMBC and Prescot On line websites. This can be added to at any time to take in community group and other relevant sites, suggestions from members are encouraged.

### **Internal Audit**

The date of the internal audit has been set for 12 May 2014 and is expected to take 1 week to complete.

### **Town Hall**

#### Promotion

An article on the new Town Hall has been included in the spring edition of Knowsley news, this marks the first stage of Council promotion of the new facility.

#### Premises Licence

An application for the premises licence for the new Town Hall was submitted on the 13<sup>th</sup> March so far 2 of the 8 responsible authorities in Knowsley have replied with no objections, at this time no objections have been received from residents. An advertisement of the licence application has also been included in the St Helens Star Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March edition.

#### Fire Risk Assessment

The Town Clerk has met on site with a fire risk assessor to ascertain the requirement for fire fighting equipment and thus make the building safe for public use. The full risk assessment will complete the Councils Fire management strategy.

### **Register of Interests**

Members will have received a letter from the Town Clerk regarding the requirement to provide KMBC with updated register of interests under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2011. A timely response will be appreciated.

### **Town Clerks Leave**

The Town Clerk will be on leave from 25<sup>th</sup> April until 12<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately this will mean that he is not available for the April meeting of the Town Council. Having checked with the Lancashire Association of Local Councils, this is an acceptable practice provided an officer is available to take the minutes of the meeting. Alternatively members could agree to cancel the meeting.

No vital decisions are required from Council in the month of April therefore should members wish to proceed with the meeting the Town Clerk will ensure the business to be transacted at the meeting is kept to a minimum.

## **111. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**

A schedule of Mayoral Engagements was submitted.

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

## 112. PLANNING DECISIONS

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Application Detail</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Decision</b>
13/00766/FUL	Erection of first floor extension over existing kitchen and retention of single storey orangery	9 St Helens Road Prescot	Granted
14/00008/FUL	Erection of conservatory to rear elevation	40 Speakman Way Prescot	Granted
14/00017/DEMCON	Demolition of rod rolling mill and adjacent ancillary buildings.	Vacant buildings (former Prysmian cables) Hall Lane Prescot	Prior approval is required

## 113. COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS

- (i) A Community Fund application was received from Prescot Army Cadets, requesting a contribution towards the replacement equipment which had reached the end of its useful life. Stg Major Stoddart some background information in support of the application and answer any questions from members.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a grant of £500.00 be made to the Prescot Festival.

- (ii) Community Fund applications from Vee's Place and MAAT (Mother and toddlers together) were withdrawn from the agenda prior to the meeting.

**The meeting closed at 7.08 p.m.**

**Dated:**.....

**Signed:**.....

**Cllr D Rigby  
Mayor of Prescot**