

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **FRIDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 2013** in the **WEST STREET OFFICE COMPLEX, 9 WEST STREET, PRESCOT** commencing at **7.00 P.M.**

PRESCOT

COUNCILLOR L O'KEEFFE (TOWN MAYOR)

Councillors D. Allen, R. Arnall, S. Arnall, A. Flanders, D. Friar, J. McGarry, S. O'Keeffe, Rigby, Smith and M. Sommerfield.

Before the commencement of the meeting a minutes silence was held in respect of the recent deaths of Councillor D. McEgan, former Councillor G. Hayward and Knowsley Borough Councillor Keats.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, G. Flatley, M. Friar, M. Lloyd, P. Loyden, and J. Molloy.

88. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A Declaration of Interest was received from Councillor D. Rigby – Agenda item 14 – Budget Monitoring.

90. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30th November, 2012 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

91. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Re-Location Committee/GP and Finance Committee be **NOTED.**

92. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

There were no announcements from the Leader.

93. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

GREEN SPACE

FUNDING FOR EATON STREET

Unfortunately the Town Council's application for 40k to the Veoila Trust to develop a toddler play space at Eaton Street has not been successful. The Town Clerk has since spoken with KMBC's Green Space Strategy manager to explore other options. KMBC have offered to look at reducing the scheme and commit 20k if the Town Council could match with 10k. TC will report fully at February meeting.

BROWNS FIELD

During a recent meeting with the Friends of Browns Field it was established that there is strong desire amongst the group to produce a master plan for the site. The master plan will be created by consulting with local stakeholders to identify their requirements and aspirations for the site. The provision of a master plan will inform and support all future funding applications for the development of the site a Master Plan would cost in the region of 5k. TC will report fully at February meeting.

NEW TOWN HALL

TC has been working with KMBC to develop the business case for the New Town Hall this is almost complete and will inform the borrowing application to the Public Works Loan Board. The business case includes:-

BACKGROUND - PROPOSALS AND VIABILITY ASSESSMENT -
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS - PROCURMENT PROCESS AND
TIMESCALES - RISKS ASSESSMENT – CONCLUSION

The planning application was submitted on 19th December and decision is expected on 27th February. TC has met with Arkhibuild team today to inform the Mechanical and Engineering tender docs. The project is proceeding in line with the agreed timescales.

FINANCE

As members are aware January would traditionally see the setting of next years budget and determine the associated Precept requirement place on residents. Unfortunately central government reforms have had major implications for Local Authorities through the removal of Council Tax Benefit. The fine details of the policy have not yet filtered down to Local Authorities therefore KMBC have not been able to provide Prescott Town Council with its number of Band D equivalent

properties required to set the Precept. We await further information from KMBC and hope to be able to bring a full report to the February Council Meeting. The TC has created a number of options based on the best available information to date in order to inform the Business Case and support the borrowing requirement report. This is impacting on the loan application for the new Town Hall.

QUALITY COUNCIL – PROGRESS

Christmas light switch on great success.

Development of the Web page continues. We need to commissions some additional works to raise our Google profile.

COUNCIL VACANCY

Following the sad passing of Cllr McEgan in accordance with Section 7 Local Government Act 1972 a vacancy notice for the role of Councillor in the North West Ward of Prescot will be advertised on Wednesday of next week.

94. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

A schedule of Mayoral Engagements was submitted. It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the schedule be **NOTED**.

95. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No new Planning Applications were submitted.

96. PLANNING DECISIONS

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>DEVELOPMENT</u>	<u>DECISION</u>
12/00602/FUL	Erection of a 3 storey apartment block comprising of 3 no. 2 bedroom apartments together with construction of a new vehicular access and associated works (garage building to be demolished. Former West Street Garage, West Street, Prescot.	Refused
12/00603/CON	Conservation area consent sought for the demolition of garage building. Former West Street Garage, West Street, Prescot.	Refused
12/00636/LBC	Application to vary condition no. 7 attached to listed building consent 10/00090/LBC (internal and external works to include removal of modern cement render to expose original brickwork and replacement of modern window casements with timber sashes to all elevations. Internally, modern partitions to first floor rooms to front of property to form additional bedroom and en-suite) as dry-lining of the basement floor and walls and installation of pump and sump to	Granted

	outrigger is no longer required. 48 St Helens Road, Prescott.	
12/00447/ADV	Display of 1 no. internally illuminated fascia sign and 1 no. internally illuminated projecting sign. Former Au Naturelle and Ethel Austin, 43 Eccleston Street, Prescott.	Refused
12/00604/LBC	Erection of 1m high metal fencing & gate to be situated above existing brick wall to front/part right hand side boundaries together with erection of 2m high gate to left hand side of building. Prescott House Dental Surgery, 3 High Street, Prescott.	Refused
12/00614/FUL	Erection of 1m high metal fencing & gate to be situated above existing brick wall to front/part right hand side boundaries together with erection of 2m high gate to left hand side of building. Prescott House Dental Surgery, 3 High Street, Prescott.	Refused
12/00286/FUL	Conversion of vacant medical centre to form 2 no. residential dwellings (use Class C3) including erection of a single storey extension to front to form kitchen and shared double garage, construction of new orangery style roof to existing rear flat roof office (existing front lobby to be demolished) and external alterations together with associated landscaping and boundary treatments and new access gates. Beech House, Park Road, Prescott.	Granted
12/00609/FUL	Erection of 2 storey extension to side elevation. 2 Broadlands, Prescott.	Granted
11/00337/RPP	Application to extend the time limit of Planning Application 06/00714/FUL (erection of apartment block comprising 23 no. dwellings in total, together with basement car park and associated works (existing building to be demolished). T. Stephenson & Sons Ltd, 5 Market Place, Prescott.	Withdrawn Invalid
11/00341/RPP	Application to extend the time limit of conservation area consent application 07/00710/CON – demolition of existing building). T. Stephenson & Sons Ltd, 5 Market Place, Prescott.	Withdrawn
12/00571/FUL	Installation of 2 no. 2.1 metre high customer information help points. Prescott Bus Station, Church Road, Prescott.	Granted
12/00617/FUL	Single storey extension to side elevation and conversion of front garden to area of hard standing to provide parking. 27 Sutherland Road, Prescott.	Granted

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the above **PLANNING DECISIONS**.

97. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(i) MOLYNEUX DRIVE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

The Town Clerk submitted a Section 137 Funding Application Form from the Molyneux Drive Allotment Society requesting financial assistance towards the purchase of materials to paint the communal cabin, installation of a cooker and materials to upgrade the area around the cabins.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a Section 137 Grant of £500.00 be made to the Molyneux Drive Allotment Society.

(ii) **LANE ENDS ATHLETIC**

The Town Clerk submitted a Section 137 Funding Application Form from Lane Ends Athletic Football Club requesting financial assistance towards line marking equipment.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a Section 137 Grant of £500.00 be made to Lane Ends Athletic Club for line marking equipment.

98. **WEST STREET LEASE**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report informing Members that the lease to the West Street Offices was due to expire on 14th January, 2013.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the extension of the current lease until November 2013 and the Town Clerk to carry out the required actions.

99. **RESIDUAL BAR STOCK DISPOSAL**

The Town Clerk submitted a report to update Members on the current position of the bar stock disposal.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to make a sale to KMBC disposing of some 60% of the stock, the remaining items will be donated to the Mayors charity for future raffle prizes etc.

100. **BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT**

The Town Clerk provided the budget monitoring report upto December 2012.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the expenditure to date be **APPROVED** and the information in relation to the Budget Monitoring Statement and annual forecast be **NOTED**.

The meeting closed at 7.41 p.m.

Dated:

Signed:.....

Councillor L. O'Keeffe
Mayor of Prescot