

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **FRIDAY, 27th MARCH, 2013** in the **WEST STREET OFFICE COMPLEX, 9 WEST STREET, PRESCOT** commencing at **7.00 P.M.**

Time, date and location of meeting recorded

PRESENT

Full record of members present at the meeting

COUNCILLOR D RIGBY (DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR)

Councillors D. Allen, D. Friar, A. Flanders, G. Flatley, M. Lloyd, J. McGarry, J. Molloy, S. O’Keeffe, D. Rigby, I. Smith and M. Sommerfield.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence recorded and accepted by members

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L O’Keeffe, S Arnall, R Arnall, M Friar, and P. Loyden.

116. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received from Councillor D Rigby – Agenda item 15 – Budget Monitoring and Councillors I Smith and M Sommerfield – Agenda item 14 – Browns Field Master Plan.

Members declarations of interest clearly recorded in the minutes.

118. TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE

A presentation to update members on the forthcoming TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE programme was given by Mike Davies and Owen Barton of KMBC followed by a question and answer session.

119. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that they be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

Resolutions of the council clearly recorded in the minutes with a clear minute number reference.

120. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

There were no announcements from the Leader.

Each page of the minutes signed as accurate by the Chair of the meeting.

121. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Green Space

Eaton Street

Covered in agenda item 13.

Browns Field

Covered in agenda item 14.

New Town Hall

TC has written to 10 contractors asking for information and references in order to short list for the tender process, that information has been requested for 10th April. This should coincide nicely with the borrowing approval from DCLG (usually 2 weeks following submission) Agenda item 12.

The empty barrels have also been moved according to legal requirements.

Building Control. The current staircase in the new Town Hall will not pass fire regulations with regard to evacuation of wheelchair bound users. In order to meet the regulations the staircase would need to be considerably widened or a lift installed. Arkhibuild have explored the available options with the cheapest being the installation of a domestic type disability lift at a cost of 15K it is believed that this cost can be offset by the saving on the original stair lift and the saving on the kitchen.

Finance

Covered in agenda.

Quality Council – Progress

Test 5 – Annual Report - TC and Mayor will soon be working on the annual report for production and dissemination to the Residents of Prescot by 30th June. If anyone wants to suggest any items for inclusion please submit them to the Town Clerk.

Items for inclusion

- New Town Hall Development
- Eaton Street Park
- Browns Field
- Prescot Carnival
- Christmas Light Switch on
- Townscape Heritage Initiative
- Launch of the PTC Website

Test 8 – Promoting local democracy and citizen ship - Details of Council Vacancy and election have been advertised on the notice boards and website, along with details of where to cast your vote.

Town Clerk has been approached by KMBC to support an initiative by Knowsley Park Centre for Learning aimed at increasing GCSE Mathematics attainment. The initiative is along the lines of a 'Making Maths Real' programme and will provide students with real life maths scenarios like - budgeting for events etc.

Other Items

Clarity and amendments to Standing orders and terms of reference for Prescot Town Council.
No suggestions submitted at this point.

North West Funfair will be located on the old Steal works site from 28 March to 14 April. Opening hours will be 1pm until 9pm daily.

Lighting works on Leyland Street letter and plan attached.

Knowsley Flower Show shuttle bus – KMBC have asked if the Town Council would like to sponsor a shuttle bus from Prescot to Court Hey Park at a cost of £300. The bus will contain a large poster advertising the TC's sponsorship, in addition to this the Town Council will also get a full page advert at the cost of half a page and PTC logo will appear on 10,000 postcards, 100 A4 posters, 2000 programmes. This is a good opportunity for advertising the Town Council and raising its profile to residents.

122. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

A schedule of Mayoral Engagements was submitted.

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

123. PLANNING DECISIONS

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the decisions be **NOTED**

124. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Applications from MALS and Friends of Henley Park were submitted for consideration.

MALS Merseyside

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to refuse this application on the grounds of clarity. It was moved and seconded that a representative from MALS be invited to the next Council Meeting to provide more detail on nature of their work.

Friends of Henley Park

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to refuse this application on the grounds of Henley Park not being within the township of Prescot.

125. TOWN HALL BORROWING APPROVAL

Members were asked to consider the report submitted by the Town Clerk detailing various loan options available to the Town Council through the Department for Communities and Local Government borrowing scheme in order that a loan application could be completed.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that

- (i) The Town Council make an application to the Secretary of State by way of the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) for borrowing approval of £500,000; and

- (ii) If successful the Town Clerk will then use the approval to obtain an Annuity loan from the Public Works Loan Board for £500,000 over 20 years to enable the development of the new Town Hall.

126. EATON STREET TODDLER PLAY SPACE

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to make a contribution of £10k KMBC for the replacement of the toddler play facilities at Eaton Street Park

127. BROWNS FIELD MASTER PLAN

It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to invest £5k into a master plan for Browns Field and commission 2020 Knowsley to provide the professional services.

128. BUDGET MONITORING

The Town Clerk provided the budget monitoring report up to 28th February 2013.

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 8.01 p.m.

Dated: 27th March 2013

Signed:.....

**Councillor D Rigby
Deputy Mayor of Prescot**