

## **PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL**

A MEETING of the COUNCIL for the TOWN OF PRESCOT was held on FRIDAY, 27 JULY, 2012 in the WEST STREET OFFICE COMPLEX, 9 WEST STREET, PRESCOT commencing at 7.00 P.M.

### **PRESENT**

#### **COUNCILLORS:**

Allen, R. Arnall, Flanders, Flatley, D. Friar, Lloyd, McEgan, McGarry, Molloy, L. O'Keeffe, S. O'Keeffe, Rigby and Smith.

#### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dan Wilson – Town Clerk  
Jackie Rigby – Assistant to the Town Clerk

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Councillors S. Arnall, M. Friar, Loyden, and M. Sommerfield.

At this point the Mayor of Prescot (Councillor L. O'Keeffe welcomed new Town Clerk, Dan Wilson to his first Council Meeting and a round the table introduction took place).

#### **31. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

#### **33. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 June, 2012 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

#### **34. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Carnival Committee held on 26 June, 2012 be **APPROVED** and **SIGNED** by the Chair of the Committee.

#### **35. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

There were no announcements from the Leader.

#### **36. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK**

The Town Clerk made the following announcements:

### **Portas Pilot**

Town Clerk announced that a public meeting had been called by interested parties to discuss an application to the next round of the Portas Pilot. Town Clerk explained that the Portas Pilot is a central government initiative aimed at rejuvenating high streets across the UK. The meeting is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> August 2pm at the Print House on High Street.

### **Training – Code of Conduct**

Town Clerk announced that , KMBC will be providing training to update members of changes to the standards regime following the Localism Act 2011. KMBC have opened up the offer to Local Councils in the area. There will be two dates for training in early September and TC to inform members of those dates. It is highly recommended that members attend this one of the training sessions to ensure they have clarity with regards to the new code, which will be an agenda item in Septembers meeting.

Handouts had been circulated around the table informing members of forthcoming events in Knowsley.

He was sorry to inform everyone that former Councillor and past Mayoress of Prescott (Mrs Pat Hayward) had passed away at 3.00 a.m. on Thursday morning. Members would be informed of funeral arrangements as soon as possible.

### **37. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**

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

### **38. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered by Members.

- 12/00293/FUL McDonalds Restaurant, Cables Retail Park
- 12/00392/FUL Land adjacent to 10 Coronation Drive
- 12/00379/FUL 40 Hawthorne Road
- 12/00176/TCA The Vicarage, Vicarage Place
- 12/00286/FUL Beech House, Park Road

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that there were no objections to the above planning applications.

### **39. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The following planning decisions were **NOTED** by members.

- 12/00193/FUL Our Ladys Catholic Primary School Granted
- 12/00242/FUL The Watchmaker, Eccleston Street Granted

- 12/00154/ADV Royal Bank of Scotland Split Decision
- 12/00117/ADV New Star Supermarket, Warrington Road Refused

**40. NEW TOWN HALL**

The Town Council considered the report submitted by the Town Clerk informing them of the progress made in the acquisition of the Fusilier Public House.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to convene a Re-Location/General Purposes & Finance Committee Meeting as soon as possible and report back to the Council.

**41. CHARGING POLICY**

The Town Council considered the report submitted by the Town Clerk regarding the need to adopt a Charging Policy and details of the Service Level Agreement in relation to football pitch maintenance offered by Knowsley Borough Council.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the recommendations be **ACCEPTED**.

**42. FESTIVE LIGHTS**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from Knowsley Borough Council regarding the provision of festive lights for Prescot Town Centre.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council will not make a contribution to Knowsley Borough Council regarding the provision of festive lights and request that Prescot receives the same provision as Huyton and Kirkby Town centres. Town Clerk to inform Knowsley.

**43. BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT**

The Town Clerk issued a monitoring statement informing members of the current financial expenditure and forecast for the year at this point in time.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the budget monitoring statement be **NOTED**.

**44. PRESCOT LEISURE CENTRE UPDATE**

The Town Clerk submitted a briefing note received from Knowsley Borough Council informing members on the future development of the new Knowsley MBC leisure facility for Prescott.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the briefing note be **NOTED**.

**The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.**

**Dated:** .....

**Signed:**.....

**Cllr L O’Keeffe  
Town Mayor**