

**PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL**

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **TUESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017** in **PRESCOT TOWN HALL, 1 WARRINGTON ROAD, PRESCOT,** commencing at **6.00 P.M.**

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillors, J. Molloy, L. O’Keeffe, S. O’Keeffe, D. Fairclough, D. Rigby,  
J. Chadwick, J. Burke, I. Smith, K. Taylor and P. Cook

**TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT**

D. Wilson (Town Clerk)  
L. Sephton (Deputy Town Clerk)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

T. Smith, S Smith, C Smith

**42. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr D. Friar and M. Friar.

**43. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

No questions were received from members of the public.

**44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were received from: -

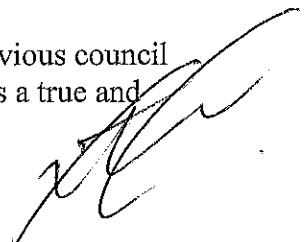
- Cllrs I. Smith and S. O’Keeffe for items 10 and 11, Planning Applications and Planning Decisions.
- Cllrs K. Taylor, P. Cook and J. Burke for item 12, Friends of Eaton Street Park funding application.
- Cllr L. O’Keeffe for item 15, National Joint Council Pay Claim Proposal 2018/19.

Standing orders were suspended whilst elected members held a minute’s silence for former Cllr J. Friar who recently passed away.

Standing orders were reinstated and members moved onto the next item on the agenda.

**45. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.



46. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of committee meetings for:

Finance and General Purposes Committee 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

47. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

There were no announcements from the Leader.

48. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

**CCTV at Eaton Street**

As elected members are aware the Town Councils recent collaboration with Prescot Cables FC saw the installation of CCTV cameras covering strategic parts of Eaton Street Park. The investment in the system has meant that individuals responsible for a recent arson attack in the park have been identified by the local policing team and appropriate action taken. Hopefully the system and intervention by Merseyside Police will now provide a deterrent to any such acts in the future.

**Picnic in the Park**

The Friends of Eaton Street Park held their annual Picnic in the Park event last Sunday. The event was very well attended and included attractions such as local musicians, face painting, refreshments etc. The event helps to raise money for the development of the park and the friends have expressed an interest in using the monies raised at the event to purchase a second concrete picnic bench for the park.

**Church Service at Eaton Street Park**

As previously mentioned Prescot Community Church will be holding a service and picnic at Eaton Street Park on Sundays over the summer period. This is yet another positive use for one of our Town's Green Flag Parks.

**Carr Lane**

The Town Clerk has recently met with the local arboricultural officer to evaluate the condition of the trees on the Browns Field side of Carr Lane. These trees fall within the demise of the Browns Field Lease agreement and are therefore the maintenance responsibility of the Town Council. Although the trees do not pose any immediate threat they are reaching the end of their lives and are in decline. Therefore, they will need to be replaced / removed in the near future. In order to enable these works the Town Clerk has been in contact with Cllr Carl Cashman of Knowsley Prescot North

Ward with a view to accessing funding via a local fund provided by KMBC through its elected members. The Town Clerk will try to progress this funding application and scoping of the works over the summer period.

**Market Place**

Finally, the winner of the design competition for Market Place will be announced following a meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> August, so be sure to keep a look out for details of this significant Town Centre development.

**49. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AT CONFERENCES OR OUTSIDE BODIES**

None submitted.

**50. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the Mayoral Engagements provided.

Cllrs S. O’Keeffe and I. Smith left the room.

**51. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were considered and the comments were **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**.

Application Ref	Location	Comments
17/00446/FUL	Site of former Imperial Hotel and section of footpatch to the South West Bridge Road/Station Road, Prescot	No objections

**52. PLANNING DECISIONS**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the following planning decisions.

Application Ref	Location	Comments
17/00121/FUL	Girls On Top, 46 Eccleston Street, Prescot	Granted
17/00304/FUL	91 St Helens Road, Prescot	Granted
17/00418/LIC	18 High Street, Prescot	Raise Objection

Cllrs S. O’Keeffe and I. Smith returned to the room.

53. **FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the funding application from The Whitechapel Centre for £450.00.

Cllrs K. Taylor, P. Cook and J. Burke left the room whilst the Friends of Eaton Street funding application was discussed.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the funding application from the Friends of Eaton Street Park for £500.00.

Cllrs K. Taylor, P. Cook and J. Burke returned to the room.

54. **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SUMMER**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations in the report being: -

- Members consider the draft newsletter attached as appendix 1 and approve the items for the quarter.

55. **APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations in the report being: -

- Members agreed to appoint Mr David Blanchflower as Prescot Town Councils internal auditor and review after a period of 12 months.


Cllr L. O'Keeffe left the room.

56. **NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL PAY CLAIM PROPOSAL 2018-19**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the response to NALC as being: -

- As a Town Council we are unaware of the full impact an increased pay award would bring as we do not yet know the level of additional income we will receive for housing development in 2018/19, although it is likely that we would struggle to meet the 5% pay award increase based on current level of income.

Cllr L. O'Keeffe returned to the room.



57. INTERREGNUM COMMITTEE

A motion was put forward a motion that the “Mayor, Leader, Deputy Leader and the Chairperson of each committee shall be members of the Interregnum committee”, this motion was seconded. An amendment to the motion was put forward to “include a representative from the opposition”, this motion was seconded and subsequently voted upon with a majority voting against the amendment, it therefore followed that the original motion be voted upon which was then **RESOLVED** under a majority. .

**The meeting closed at 6.25 p.m.**

**Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Signed: .....

**Cllr Jennifer Chadwick (Mayor of Prescot)**

