

**PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL**

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **TUESDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017** in **PRESCOT TOWN HALL, 1 WARRINGTON ROAD, PRESCOT**, commencing at **6.00 P.M.**

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT**

D. Wilson (Town Clerk)  
L. Johnson (Administration Officer)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**58. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs M. O’Mara, S. Arnall and S O’Keeffe.

**59. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

There were no members of the public.

**60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were received from: -

- Cllr I. Smith for items 10 and 11, Planning Applications and Planning Decisions.
- Cllr J. Chadwick for item 12, Friends of Prescot Cemetery and Churchyard funding application.

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

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

**62. MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

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

Finance and General Purposes Committee	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
Events Committee	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 and 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017

63. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

There were no announcements from the Leader.

64. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

**Shakespeare North Presentation**

A general invitation has gone out to residents, inviting them to attend a briefing session about the Shakespeare North theatre on Thursday night 7pm to 8:30pm at St Mary's Church, Church Street.

A team of representatives from Shakespeare North Trust and Knowsley Council will be

- Showcasing designs, images and 3D model for the theatre and education centre
- providing information about the timeline for the project
- Letting attendees know how they can become involved
- Take part in a consultation to shape the content of the exhibition space.

**Fire Safety Training**

The Town Council staff will be undertaking their annual fire safety refresher training on Friday, any elected members wishing to take part in the training are welcome. This is an internal training course so is not accredited, the session will begin promptly at 10am.

**Community Governance Review**

Further to item 15 on the agenda, the Leader and I will be attending a meeting tomorrow morning with officers from KMBC regarding the forthcoming community governance review. I am expecting to be fully briefed on the scope of the consultation and will provide feedback at the next council meeting in October.

**Conclusion of External Audit**

I am very pleased to report that the external auditors have completed the annual external audit of the Town Council's finances and have raised **no** matters for the council's attention. Those members familiar with the audit process will know how rare it is to receive an audit report without a single comment for improvement, particularly given the detail that previous external audits have gone into, with one comment returned last year stating that the annual return did not balance by £1, this was on a turnover of £356,960. I will of course prepare reports for Finance and General-Purpose Committee and Council respectively. This is certainly a first during my time as Town Clerk and certainly demonstrates the improvements made by the council in relation to financial controls from the time of my appointment in 2012. This only leaves one question, where do we go from here?



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

None submitted.

66. **MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**

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

Cllr I. Smith left the room.

67. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

Application Ref	Location	Comments
17/00577/FUL	Land At Mill Street, Prescot	No objections

68. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

Application Ref	Location	Comments
17/00550/TCA	Rear of Prescot Wesley Methodist Church, 8 Atherton Street, Prescot	Granted
17/00532/FUL	10 Derby Street, Prescot L34 3LG	Withdrawn Invalid

Cllr I. Smith returned to the room.

69. **FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the funding application from Friends of Prescot Cemetery and Churchyard for £500.00.

Cllr J. Chadwick left the room whilst the Friends of Prescot Cemetery and Churchyard funding application was discussed.

Cllr J. Chadwick returned to the room.

**70. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER AUTUMN**

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.

**71. KNOWSLEY GREENSPACES REVIEW CONSULATION**

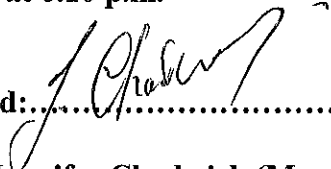
It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report.

**72. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report.

**The meeting closed at 6.16 p.m.**

**Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

Signed:.....

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