

**PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL**

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **TUESDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018** in **PRESCOT TOWN HALL, 1 WARRINGTON ROAD, PRESCOT,** commencing at **6.00 P.M.**

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillors, J. Molloy, L. O’Keeffe, D. Friar, S. O’Keefe D. Fairclough, D. Rigby, J. Chadwick, S. Pimblett, S. Arnall Byrom M. O’Mara, J. Burke, I. Smith, K. Taylor and P. Cook

**TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**89. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs G. Flatley and M. Friar

**90. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Ian Gore, Chris Gore, Joyce Lloyd, Racheal Roberts, Mandy Roberts, Gary Roberts, Ruth Webster, Malcolm Webster and Margaret Shepard

**91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A declaration of interest was received from Cllr I. Smith for items 10, 11 and 13 on the agenda Planning Applications, Planning Decisions and Budget and Precept 2018-19

A declaration of interest was received from Cllr S. O’Keefe for items 10, 11 and 16 on the agenda Planning Applications, Planning Decisions and Motion from Cllr Joanne Burke.

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

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

**93. MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

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

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Finance and General Purposes Committee | 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 |
| Events Committee                       | 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2017  |
| Events Committee                       | 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 |

94. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

There were no announcements from the Leader.

95. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

**Closed Door Meeting with KMBC**

As members will be very much aware Browns Field (aka KGV Prescot) has been identified as one of 17 sites KMBC would like to sell off for housing development. In order to fully understand KMBC's proposal and provide members with the opportunity to ask questions of them, a closed door meeting has been arranged for Friday at 6pm here in the Council Chamber.

**Friends of Browns Field and Carr Lane Woods**

As a result of the above, a resident meeting took place last Saturday to formulate the setting up of Friends Group for Browns Field and Carr Lane Woods. The meeting was really well attended and a follow up meeting has been arranged for this Saturday in the Council Chamber at 11am come along if you would like to get involved.

**Community Governance Review – Feedback from the panel**

As members will recall the Town Council submitted a response to KMBC's consultation on the future governance arrangements for the Town. None of the Town Council's proposals have been upheld by the panel, who have recommended that the total number of elected members be reduced from 17 to 12 and that these are split over two wards that mirror the warding arrangements of KMBC, being Prescot North and Prescot South with representation of 7 and 5 respectively. I will now produce a full report for consideration at February's meeting.

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

None

97. **MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**

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

98. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

At this point Cllrs I. Smith and S, O'Keefe left the room

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

| Application Ref | Location  | Comments      |
|-----------------|---|---------------|
| /17/00773/FUL   | Betfreds 39 Eccleston Street, Prescott                | No objections |
| 17/00774/FUL    | The Wool Shop 32 Eccleston Street, Prescott           | No Objections |
| 17/00639/FUL    | John Joseph Powell Day Centre 4 High Street, Prescott | No Objections |
| 17/00794/FUL    | Former Prysmian Cables Site Hall Lane, Prescott       | No Objections |
| 17/00668/FUL    | 20 Warrington Road, Prescott L34 5RB                  | No Objections |

99. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

| Application Ref | Location  | Comments                    |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 17/00064/PREAPP | Former Prysmian Cables Site Hall Lane, Prescott | Not Likely to be Acceptable |
| 17/00715/FUL    | 4 Stanley Crescent, Prescott L34 3LP            | Granted                     |
| 17/00720/FUL    | Hope & Anchor 33 High Street Prescott           | Granted                     |

At this point Cllrs I. Smith and S. O'Keefe returned to the room

100. **FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

There were no funding applications received.

101. **PRECEPT AND ANNUAL BUDGET 2018/2019**

Item Withdrawn

102. **APPOINTMENT OF SPECIALIST EXTERNAL CONSULTANT**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations at 3.1 in the report being: -

Using the powers granted under section 112(1) of the local Government Act 1972 members:

- Approve the appointment of the proposed external consultant at no cost to the Council and for the duration of dealing with the issue.

103. ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2018

Item Withdrawn

104. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JOANNE BURKE

Item was withdrawn.

105. WINTER NEWSLETTER 2018

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendation at 2.1 in the report being: -

Using the powers granted under the local Government Act 1972, s.142.

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

106. ARMISTICE DAY AND CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON 2017 FEEDBACK REPORT

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations 4.1 in the report being: -

Using the powers granted to them under the terms of reference for Prescot Town Council Events Committee members should recommend to full council to:

4.1.1 Retain the Christmas Light Switch On Event for future years

4.1.2 Retain the Armistice Day Service in its current format for future years, although not in 2018 as the date coincides with Remembrance Sunday

With an amendment to 4.1.2 being Retain the Armistice Day Service in its current format for future years, and to explore the feasibility of holding a second service or a wreath laying ceremony at the BICC memorial in the Churchyard.

**The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.**

**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Signed: 

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