

## PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **TUESDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018** 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, S. O’Keeffe, D. Fairclough, D. Rigby, J. Chadwick, M. Friar, J. Burke, I. Smith, K. Taylor, P. Cook and L. Rigby.

### TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

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

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr G. Morgan - Leader KMBC  
Mark Butterworth - KMBC  
Public Gallery - D. Davies, K. McCormack, P. Cook, A. Johnson, B. Johnson, A. Sweeney, H. Sweeney, J. Sills, M. Roberts, R. Roberts, G. Roberts, S. Humphreys, B. Humphreys and A. Roberts.

The Mayor welcomed Cllr Graham Morgan and Mark Butterworth to the meeting.

#### **79. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs S. Pimblett, M. O’Mara and G. Flatley.

#### **80. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

There were no questions raised by members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

The Mayor **PROPOSED** to suspend standing orders in order that item 17 on the agenda to be discussed as the next item. This was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**.

#### **81. COUNCILLOR GRAHAM MORGAN AND MARK BUTTERWORTH - GREENSPACE**

Cllr Morgan addressed the Town Council and public gallery with an update on the current greenspace position and asked the Town Council for additional support to contribute towards the maintenance of Prescot’s public open space. Cllr Morgan recognised that the Town Council had provided an initial proposal on the matter and that discussions on this would need to take place in the coming months.

A number of questions were raised from the public gallery and Councillors and addressed by Cllr Morgan and Mark Butterworth.

At the cessation of questions the Mayor thanked Cllr Morgan and Mark Butterworth for attending the meeting at which point left.

**82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declaration of interest were received from

- Cllr S O’Keeffe for items 10 and 11 on the agenda - planning applications and planning decisions.
- Cllr I Smith for item 10 on the agenda - planning applications.
- Cllr P Cook for item 12 on the agenda - funding applications.

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

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

**84. MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

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

Human Resources Committee - 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Events Committee - 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018  
Finance and General Purposes Committee - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**85. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE DEPUTY LEADER**

The Deputy Leader congratulated Prescot Town Council on receiving the Quality Council Status.

**86. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

Christmas Light Switch-On Event

As members will be aware the Prescot Christmas Light Switch-On Event will take place this Saturday. The event begins at 3:30pm and will showcase an array of local talent, together with other attractions including community stalls, a selection pack give away and the actual light switch on. In a change to previous years the Mayor will be assisted in switching the lights on by Prescot Citizen of the Year - Leah Whitehead at approximately 5:30pm.

Mayor of Prescot's Charity Concert

Once again, the Prescot Festival have organised this fantastic event, the proceeds from which are donated to a number of local charities including the Mayor of Prescot's Charity. This year the event includes performances from Allerton Brass Quintet, Evelyn Community Primary School & Staff Choirs, St Mary & St Paul's Primary School Choir, Prescot Parish Church Choir and Knowsley Ladies Choir. The Concert will take place on Thursday 6th December 7.00pm-8.15pm at St Mary's Church.

Carr Lane Tree Replacement Project

The project will replace the 51 dying Poplar Trees along Carr Lane with a more aesthetic species. The Poplar trees are at the end of their natural life and will become a danger if left unattended much longer. This project is jointly funded between the Town Council as lease holder and KMBC as landowner on roughly a 50-50 basis, with the Town Council responsible for delivering the project. Weather permitting works will begin on the first weekend in January. In order to complete the works in the safest way with the least disruption to residents, Carr Lane will be subject to a full road closure during the weekends to allow for the felling of the trees and then the subsequent replanting of the replacement trees. It is hoped that the project can be completed over three weekends with ample opportunity for community involvement in the replanting phase of the project.

New Caretaker

I happy to report that we have now appointed a new part time caretaker. As Cllr Pimblett mentioned at the last meeting, we have recently been experiencing some resource pressures as a result of an unfortunate injury to our principle caretaker, and we wish him a speedy recovery. The new caretaker will help to alleviate the immediate pressure and provided much needed additional resources.

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

There were no reports or presentations.

**88. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**

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

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

**89. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following comments were **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

Application Ref	Location	Comments
18/00651/ADV	Harns, 11 Market Place, Prescot	No Objections
18/00679/ADV	18 High Street, Prescot	No Objections

**90. PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

Application Ref	Location	Comments
18/00570/FUL	77 Eccleston Street, Prescot	Granted

At this point Cllrs I. Smith and S. O’Keeffe returned to the room and Cllr P. Cook left the room.

**91. FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the funding application from Lady Margaret Bowling Club - £500.00

At this point Cllr P. Cook returned to the room.

**92. ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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

3.1 Members consider the attached risk assessment and agree to

- Approve the assessment as having covered the risks faced by the council in the delivery of its business and objectives.
- Approve the control measures to be applied to address the risks identified.

**93. REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations in the report with an amendment to the wording on the appendix. The recommendations being:

4.1 Under the requirements of Section 3 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England) 2015, the Council approves the review undertaken of the effectiveness of the internal audit arrangements (2018/19) in respect of the following five areas:

- Scope of internal audit
- Independence of internal auditor
- Competence of the internal auditor

- Relationships regarding elected members, Clerk of the Council and the internal auditor
- Planning and Reports regarding internal audit

94. **WINTER NEWSLETTER 2018**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations in the report with an amendment to the wording from Cllr Smith. The recommendations being:

- 2.1 Using the powers granted under the Local Government Act 1972, s.142.
- Members consider the draft Winter newsletter attached as appendix 1 and approve the items for the quarter.

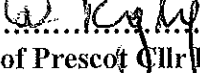
95. **CHRISTMAS CLOSEDOWN**

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

- 3.1 Using the powers granted under the Local Government Act 1972 members
- Approve the Town Council office closure during the period 21st December 2018 to 1st January 2019 inclusive.
- and
- Provide two ex-gratia concessionary leave days to Town Council staff to facilitate the above closure.

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

**Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Signed:  .....  
Mayor of Prescott Cllr Dave Rigby

