

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **TUESDAY, 26th MARCH 2019** 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, S. Pimblett, G. Flatley, 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

C. Duvall & K Duvall - Red Box Project Prescott & Knowsley
I. Roberts

A minute’s silence was held to mark the recent passing of Val Thomas (formerly Hodgson) a former Mayor of Prescott.

134. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr M. O’Mara.

135. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no questions for the public open forum.

136. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from the following:

- Cllr S. O’Keeffe for items 10 and 11 Planning Applications and Planning Decisions.
- Cllr I. Smith for item 10 Planning Applications.

Standing orders were suspended and item 13 on the agenda was brought forward as the next item for consideration.

137. RED BOX PROJECT

Clare and Karl Duvall founders of the Red Box Project Prescott and Knowsley gave a presentation to the Town Council on the Red Box Project and how the system operates and how the Town Council could help. Member’s praised the project’s success and the work Carl and Clare had put into to make this happen. Members also provided advice on applying for funding through the Town Council’s community fund, a fund common to all Town Council’s across Knowsley, and pledged its continuing support to promote the project through its media channels.

138. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meetings held on 19th February 2019, 26th February 2019 and 28th February 2019 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

139. MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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

Events Committee	6 th February 2019
Finance and General Purposes Committee	8 th February 2019

140. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the help and support shown to Prescot Town Council. With a special thank you to all the councillors who are not able to stand in the forth coming elections due to the commitments they have to give to their families or the demands that work is placing on them, for the service and contributions to the people of Prescot.

It seems unbelievable those 8 years ago when many of the current labour councillors took over control of the council, the council did not have a permanent home at that time and was having to redefine its objectives. Those councillors worked long and hard, and although along the journey we have had to say goodbye to some of those councillors, with the foundation they have created and the on-going work of all the members we have come so far, a successful home for the Council and managing a very successful events program and range of local services for the People of Prescot.

Those councillors, who 8 years ago decided to create an Events committee through exceptional hard work have managed to hold a Fun day that has grown into a successful Carnival, that not only entertained many of the people of Prescot but has also welcomed the wider community. I would like to thank all those involved in the Events Committee and all those involved in all the other committees.

The council will be sorry to see you leave but will wish you well in all your endeavours and hope that should circumstances change that you will re-join the council in the future.

141. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Prescot Loves to Talk

Last Thursday saw the launch of a new initiative aimed at improving children's vocabulary through the power of conversation.

The concept was the idea of Evelyn Primary School who got chatting about it to ICAN, the children's communication charity, and Knowsley Council. It is simply a way of encouraging chat and communication between everyone at every opportunity.

Conversation benefits all ages but is particularly beneficial to children, as statistically those with a more expansive vocabulary have much improved employment prospects.

Browns Field Hedge Planting Day

The Friends of KGV Brown's Field and Carr Lane Woods are holding a hedge planting day on Saturday 30th March from 10:30am to 12pm. The Friends have accessed a planting pack from Grow Wild and will be putting it to use this weekend.

Prescot Elizabethan Fayre

The Elizabethan Fayre will take place on the 4th May, the Town Council have agreed to provide sponsorship to the value of £1,000 including the Circus Skills performance along with other activities not involving animals.

142. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AT CONFERENCES OR OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports or presentations.

143. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

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

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

144. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Ref	Location	Comments
19/00111/FUL	Shakespeare North Playhouse Trust, Car Park at Mill Street, Prescot	No Objections
19/00121/FUL	143 Scotchbarn Lane, Prescot	No Objections

19/00146/FUL	Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Ward Street, Prescot	No Objections
19/00140/CLD	83 Scotchbarn Lane, Prescot	No Objections
19/00092/FUL	40 Ford Road, Prescot	No Objections

145. PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no Planning Decisions.

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

146. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

It was **RESOLVED** to **REJECT** the funding application from Imaginarium Theatre as the organisation have already received funding from the Town Council within in the last 12 months.

147. SPRING COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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

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

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

148. EVENTS CALENDAR AND BUDGET

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

4.1 Using the powers granted to them under the Local Government Act 1972 s.145 members resolve to:

4.1.1 Agree the Events Calendar with associated budget as shown at 3.3.

The meeting closed at 6:43 p.m.

Dated: 30th April 2019

Signed: 
Mayor of Prescot Cllr Dave Rigby