

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **THURSDAY, 27th JUNE 2019** in **PRESCOT TOWN HALL, 1 WARRINGTON ROAD, PRESCOT**, commencing at **6.00 P.M.**

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors M. Burke, C. Krelle, T. Large, L. Rigby, I. Smith, T. Smith, F. Wynn, J. Burke, P. Cook, T. Murray and K. Taylor

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

L. Nelson and A. Nelson

21. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr G. Wickens

22. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

L. Nelson and A. Nelson were introducing themselves and talking about the Prescott Gospel Hall

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received from the following:

- Cllr I. Smith for items 10 and 12 Planning Applications and Funding Application
- Cllr J. Burke for item 12 Funding Application
- Cllr T. Murray for item 12 Funding Application

24. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meetings held on 14th May 2019 and 30th May 2019 be **APPROVED** and **SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

25. MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no minutes if committee meetings to be noted

26. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

There we no announcements from the Leader.

27. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Prescot Carnival

What a great event, in spite not having had the blistering sunshine of last year, the event was extremely well turned out again, from the very start the park was packed with residents all enjoying what was on offer. So a very big thank you to Louise who does the vast majority of organising and booking and all those who attended and helped out on the day, especially Prescot Army Cadets.

Prescot Festival

Don't miss the closing weekend of the 15th Annual Prescot Festival of Music & the Arts which finishes with two performances Maghull Wind Orchestra & Soprano Danielle Louise Thomas at the Prescot Parish Church on Sunday evening. Tickets for all performances are available through the festival website.

Knowsley 2030

Knowsley 2030 will be holding a drop-in session at the Town Hall on the 16th July 5:30pm until 6:30pm. Knowsley 2030 is a consultation exercise which seeks residents opinions on how they would like to see the borough by 2030.

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

Prescot Business Club – Town Clerk

The Town Clerk has attended two business club meetings since the annual meeting in May.

The first of these was a Business Club – Events Committee Meeting which was attended by one of KMBC's Town Centre Managers (Mark Bingley) were Christmas Lights was discussed. KMBC have now reinstated a budget for Town Centre Christmas Lights and therefore would like to pool its resources with the Town Council to enhance the Light provision throughout the Town and the switch on. The combination of these budgets can only be a good thing for the Town and as such the Town Centre Manager will need to be invited to the next Town Council events committee meeting.

The Second meeting was held on Tuesday evening and was the full Business Club Meeting. The Chair (Louise Gillespie) had invited John Flaherty KMBC's Executive Director for Communities and Neighbourhoods. John is also the lead officer for the regeneration of Prescott, as such John was able to provide an update with regard to

- Shakespeare North, final build costs are due to be received very soon and the project has an estimated completion time of roughly two years. Enabling works are proceeding according to plan.
- Market Place, the works to develop the public realm at Market Place are progressing and are due to be completed by September.
- The Shopping Centre – the centre is owned by Geraud Markets, John had recently met with one of the owners of the company and had candid conversation about the future of the site and lack of investment on the part of Geraud. John had informed Geraud that KMBC would be willing to purchase the site and left the company to ponder the decision.

Prescot in Bloom, this was another point raised, for some time there has been discussion about installing hanging baskets outside each of the shops in the town centre. Unfortunately, the uptake has been very slow, in order to try and increase this the Town Clerk has offered to personally put up any hanging baskets that shop owners are struggling to have installed.

A second point was raised about the entry points into the town and how it would be beneficial to enhance them with signage and floral displays. To that end I have contacted Mr Flaherty to enquire about the possibility of reinstating the flower beds along Derby Street opposite the old Police Station, should I get a positive response, I will prepare a report for consideration at Finance, General Purpose and Human Resources Committee.

29. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

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

30. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At this point Cllr I. Smith left the room

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the following planning applications

Application Ref	Location	Comments
19/00263/FUL	31 Fletcher Avenue, Prescott	No Objections
19/00282/FUL	21 Alder Close, Prescott	No Objections
19/00231/FUL	18 Hawthorne Road, Prescott	No Objections
19/00260/COU	Prescot Gospel Hall, Evans Street, Prescott	No Objections
19/00278/FUL	Knowsley Safari Park, Prescott Bypass, Prescott	No Objections
19/00283/FUL	9 Hamnett Road, Prescott	No Objections
19/00187/FUL	Greenhouse Mini Market, 22 Molyneux Drive, Prescott	No Objections
19/00300/ADV	2 Leyland Street, Prescott	No Objections
19/00285/FUL	2 Youatt Avenue, Prescott	No Objections
19/00297/FUL	Land at Greenwood Close, Cross Lane and Former Watch Factory Site, Off Bookbinders Lane	Objected due to Highway Safety, Visual Amenity and loss of light.
19/00310/COU	Former Byrne Hire and Sales, Kemble Street, Prescott	No Objections
19/00311/FUL	2 Leyland Street, Prescott	No Objections
19/00319/FUL	92 Coronation Drive, Prescott	No Objections
19/00186/ADV	Greenhouse Mini Market, 22 Molyneux Drive, Prescott	No Objections

31. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

Application Ref	Location	Comments
19/00140/CLD	83 Scotchbarn Lane, Prescott	Granted
19/00146/FUL	Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Ward Street, Prescott	Granted
18/00411/FUL	Cross Lane Surgery 148 Cross Lane, Prescott	Granted
18/00721/FUL	30 Derwent Avenue, Prescott	Granted
19/00109/FUL	Evelyn Community Primary School, Evelyn Avenue, Prescott	Granted
19/00203/FUL	31 Hamnett Road, Prescott	Granted

32. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the funding application from MALS Merseyside Deane's Fest – on the basis that the organisers can provide evidence that the event is run at break even and does not generate a profit for the business. Funding in this case will be retrospective upon provision of evidence to the Town Clerk.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £480 for the funding application from MALS Merseyside

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £471.46 for the funding application from Prescot 2 Ladies Bowling Team

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £200 for the funding application from Prescot Historic Society

33. STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** both documents with the following amendment put forward by Cllr T Large

Amendment to recommendations in Item 13

I move that we also include under standing order 5 k that members of the public be allowed 2 mins each to make representation to the council on a specific application with a maximum of 3 representations to be made per application'

I believe that this amendment will provide the council with deeper insight into the thoughts of residents in relation to planning applications and allow for better representation.

34. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations under 3.1 being:

- In accordance with Standing Orders 5 J vi, Members approve the suggested revisions to the Town Council's Terms of Reference for Committees.

35. COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations under 3.1 being:

- Members fully consider the report attached as appendix 1 and agree the recommendations contained within, on the basis that the Mayoral allowance is deemed as a reasonable out of pocket expense in relation to the position.

36. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations under 3.1 being:

- Using the powers granted under The Local Government Act 1972 s137. Members consider the draft annual report and approve its production at a cost of no more than £700.00

37. MOTION FROM CLLR C KRELLE – TOILETRIES COLLECTION POINT

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations under 3.1 being:

In accordance with the powers granted under the section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 members are asked to

- Consider the report and approve the motion put forward by Cllr C Krelle.

38. MOTION FROM CLLR J BURKE – COMMUNITY TRAINING PROGRAMME

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations under 3.1 being:

In accordance with the powers granted under the section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 members are asked to

- Consider the report and approve or reject the motion put forward by Cllr J Burke.

The meeting closed at 7:05 p.m.

Dated: 25th July 2019

Signed:.....
Cllr Pat Cook (Mayor of Prescott)