

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **THURSDAY, 30th JANUARY 2020** in **PRESCOT TOWN HALL, 1 WARRINGTON ROAD, PRESCOT**, commencing at **6.00 P.M.**

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

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

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

102. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs C. Krelle and L. Rigby

103. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no questions from the public gallery.

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received

105. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 28th November 2019 to be **APPROVED** and **SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

106. MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There we no minutes of committee meetings to be noted

107. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

There were no announcements from the Leader

108. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Eaton Street Park

The boundary fencing between the park and Prescott Cables will be getting a makeover in the next few weeks as it gets transformed from ugly concrete block and post into a unique and vivacious welcome sign.

Browns Field

The Friends of KGV Browns Field and Carr Lane woods have funded the purchase and installation of three new benches in the park which were sited yesterday. Two of the benches are close to play facilities whilst the other offers a welcome rest to the those walking dogs at the far end of the site and provides a lovely view of the park from that end.

The Friends are also working with me to install some new notice boards on site which we expect to be completed by the end of the year.

Christmas Events

I'd also like to place on record my thanks to all those who helped out at our Christmas Cracker Event, given that this event was conceived with very tight timescales it was a credit to the Town Council's ability to deliver community focused events within its modest budgets.

Also well done to Prescott Mission Christmas who utilised the Town Hall to provide Christmas Dinner to 50+ isolated Prescott Residents.

109. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

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

110. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Application Ref	Location	Comments
19/00188/ADV	Bus stop fronting Pennington Gardens, Warrington Road	No Objections
19/00528/FUL	9 Layton Way Prescott L34 5NR	No Objections
19/00646/FUL	35 Wood Lane Prescott L34 3LN	No Objections
19/00635/FUL	35-37 Eccleston Street Prescott	No Objections
19/00662/FUL	9 St James Road Prescott	No Objections
19/00608/FUL	21 Market Place Prescott L34 5SB	No Objections

19/00657/FUL	3 Cables Retail Park Steley Way	No Objections
19/00697/PDC	126A Warrington Road Prescott	No Objections
19/00682/FUL	Land Adjacent to 13 Brookside Road and to rear 2 – 16 Brookside Close (Silcock Field) Prescott	Objection on the grounds of Highways safety

111. PLANNING DECISIONS

Application Ref	Location	Comments
18/00825/FUL	Land to side of 46 High Street Prescott	Granted
19/00384/FUL	96 St James Road Prescott	Granted
19/00398/FUL	2 Leyland Street Prescott	Granted
19/00434/FUL	HSBC 2 Eccleston Street	Granted
19/00437/REM	Land off Mill Street Prescott	Granted
19/00442/FUL	84 Shaw Lane Prescott L35 5BZ	Granted
19/00458/FUL	7 Station Road Prescott L35 5SN	Granted
19/00526/FUL	1 Mitchell Road Prescott	Granted
19/00530/FUL	1 Chapel Street Prescott	Granted
19/00543/FUL	25 Westbrook Avenue Prescott	Granted
19/00571/FUL	53 Eccleston Street Prescott	Granted
19/00594/ADV	McDonalds Restaurant Cables Retail Park	Granted
19/00615/FUL	19 Wood Lane Prescott L34 1LN	Granted
18/00382/ADV	73 Warrington Road, Prescott	Refused
19/00188/ADV	Bus stop fronting Pennington Gardens, Warrington Road	Granted
19/00602/ADV	3 West Street Prescott L34 3LE	Granted
19/00646/FUL	35 Wood Lane Prescott L34 1LN	Granted
19/00657/CLU	3 Cables Retail Park	Granted
19/00662/FUL	9 St James Road Prescott	Granted

112. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

There were no funding applications received.

113. ANNUAL PLAN

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

3.1. Members are asked to

- Consider and approve the draft annual plan submitted as appendix 1 to this report.

114. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION

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

3.1: In accordance with the requirements of Localism Act 2011 Members are asked to agree:

- Formally agree to those dispensations now received from elected members of Prescott Town Council, under S. 33 of the Localism Act 2011, as residents of Prescott, to be able to discuss and eventually set the 2020-2021 precept, on the basis that without the dispensation, the number of members or co-opted members prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacted the business as to impede the transaction of the businesses
- That the dispensation, in keeping with S. 33 of the Act, is for a period not exceeding four years, and is therefore set until after the next Town Council elections in May 2023
- Members complete and return the attached letter requesting dispensation

115. ANNUAL EVENT PLAN 2020-21

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations under 4.1 being:

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

- Agree the Events Calendar with associated budget as shown at 3.1

116. LOCAL ELECTRICITY BILL

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

3.1: In accordance with the request and the draft resolution provided members are asked to resolve:

That Prescott Town Council

- (i) Acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- (ii) Recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;
- (iii) Further recognises
 - That very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so
 - That making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be provided of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
 - That revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;
- (iv) Accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and
- (v) Further resolves to
 - Inform the local media of this decision
 - ~~Write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill and~~
 - Write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support

117. PRECEPT AND ANNUAL BUDGET 2020/2021

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations under 8.1 being:

- 8.1.1 A 4.88% increase in the annual Precept being £4.13 per band D property.
- 8.1.2 The gross revenue budgetary expenditure for 2020/21 is set at £330,241.

8.1.3 The precept demand for the financial year 2020/21 is set at £293,254 or £88.65 per band D equivalent property, and that the Town Clerk notifies KMBC accordingly.

118. CHRISTMAS CRACKER 2019 FEEDBACK REPORT

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

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

- The Christmas Cracker Event is retained for future years, subject to the ability to utilise the budget to contribute to an increased value for money scheme.

The meeting closed at 7:10 p.m.

Dated: 27th February 2020

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