

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **THURSDAY, 30th JULY 2020** via **ZOOM**, commencing at **6.00 P.M.**

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

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

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

32. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr L. Rigby

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received

34. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 25th June 2020 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

35. MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the following committees: -

- Finance General Purpose and Human Resources Committee 14th May 2020
- Finance General Purpose and Human Resources Committee 16th July 2020 - Draft

36. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader spoke about the Holiday activities sessions that have been going ahead in the Town Hall and the same scheme that is being held at Bryer Road community centre which has been running successfully.

School Uniform Recycling would soon be underway in accordance with COVID guidance on best practice from central government.

37. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

Holiday Activities

Friends of Eaton Street Park have been holding their holiday activity sessions at the Town Hall for the past couple of weeks as the building supports a one-way system to preserve effective social distancing.

However, numbers at the Town Hall have been lower than usual so the Friends will now move back to Eaton Street Park where they will replicate the social distancing approach and hopefully support more families.

However the reduction in numbers may also be attributable to the success of the same scheme being run at Bryer Road community centre also provided by the Friends of Eaton Street Park.

Food Bank

As members are aware the Town Council have been operating a food bank facility at the Town Hall since the end of March. This service was only ever introduced as a temporary measure to help alleviate the pressures faced through COVID 19, whilst the Town Hall was not in use for its usual purposes.

However as social distancing restrictions have been lifted we have started to see the decline in demand for the service and this coupled with the opening of the Town Hall to its usual business and many of the volunteers returning back work means we will have to start withdrawing the service, indeed volunteers to deliver to the Whiston area that has also been covered under our scheme have already dropped to two days a week.

We will carry on for as long as we can but will the end of this temporary service is now sight. Any remaining food stocks will be given back to the food bank and other local organisations who have enable our scheme.

Black Lives Matter

Members will be aware of an email from Cllr Graham Morgan inviting PTC to work with KMBC on this matter. I have responded on members behalf and requested some

additional information regarding numbers etc that I will bring to the next town council meeting once I have received a response.

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

There were no reports or presentations to receive.

39. **MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**

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

40. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no Planning Applications

41. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

There were no planning decisions for noting.

42. **FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £500 for the funding application from 1st Whiston Scouts – encumbering Prescott, Name change pending

43. **INTERREGNUM COMMITTEE**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the nominations from the following members to attend an interregnum committee if required

- Cllr Tracey Murray
- Cllr Graham Wickens
- Cllr Thomas Large
- Cllr Mark Burke
- Cllr Ian Smith
- Cllr Francis Wynn

44. **MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR K TAYLOR**

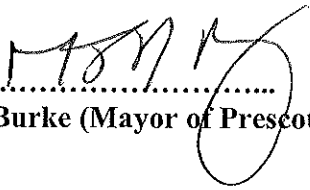
It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations under 4.1 being:

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

- Consider the report and approve the motion put forward by Cllr K Taylor to carry out and fund a community clean-up day in the south ward.

The meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

Dated: 24th September 2020

Signed:.....
Cllr Mark Burke (Mayor of Prescott)