

## **PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL**

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **THURSDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021** in the **PRESCOT TOWN HALL**, commencing at **6.07 P.M.**

### **ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillors M. Burke, C. Krelle, I. Smith, T. Smith, J. Burke, P. Cook, T. Murray, K. Taylor.

### **TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT**

L. Sephton (Acting Town Clerk)  
L. Johnson (Administration Officer)

### **PUBLIC GALLERY**

L. Massie, B. Massie, L. Campbell-Hunter, H. Nulty, Mrs Wilson, C. Arnold, K. Arnold, D. Arnold, J. Arnold, D. Johnson, S. Craven, D. Wilson, Mr Butterworth and Mr Townsend.

Before the commencement of the Meeting the Town Council held a minute's silence to remember Mr Mike Wynn husband of Cllr Frances Wynn and former Borough and Town Councillor who held the role of Mayor of Prescott on two occasions.

Following the silence Cllr Ian Smith paid tribute to Mr Wynn.

#### **85. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr L. Rigby, Cllr T. Large, Cllr F. Wynn and Cllr G. Wickens

#### **86. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

There were no questions received from the public gallery.

#### **87. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were received from the following

- Cllr T. Smith for item 12 Funding Applications – Friends of Molyneux Drive Woodland & Forestry Space
- Cllr J. Burke for item 12 Funding Applications – Friends of Molyneux Drive Woodland & Forestry Space
- Cllr P. Cook for item 12 Funding Applications – Friends of Molyneux Drive Woodland & Forestry Space



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

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and the Extra-Ordinary meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

89. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

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

- Finance, Policy and Human Resources Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – DRAFT

90. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader offered his condolences to Cllr F. Wynn and Cllr I. Smith on the loss of Mr Mike Wynn.

91. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE ACTING TOWN CLERK**

**Prescot Christmas Cracker Event**

Just a reminder that our Prescot Christmas Cracker Event will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

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

There had been no attendances to conferences or outside bodies.

93. **MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**

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



94. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application Ref	Location	Comments
21/00789/FUL	Whitakers Garden Centre Liverpool Road Prescott	Object on the grounds of visual amenity in that the floodlights would impact on neighbouring properties.
21/00790/ADV	Whitakers Garden Centre Liverpool Road Prescott	Object on the grounds of Highway safety - the excessive amount of signage and flags would be distracting to passing traffic on the highway. Visual amenity - the excessive amount of signage and flags which will be visible to neighbouring properties. The signage and flags will not be in keeping with the heritage of Prescott and the advertising of the Taylor Wimpey brand and site is excessive.
21/00488/FUL	31 High Street Prescott	No Objections
21/00835/COU	19 Wood Lane Prescott L34 1LN	No Objections

95. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

There were no planning decisions for noting.

96. **FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £390.00 for the funding application from Friends of Molyneux Drive Woodland & Forestry Space

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £240.00 for the funding application from Prescott Hockey Club

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £500.00 for the funding application from Prescott and Odyssey Cricket Club Juniors

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £300.00 for the funding application from Prescott Historic Society

97. **ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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

Members consider the attached risk assessment and agree to:

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

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

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

Under the requirements of Section3 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England) 2015, the Council approves the review undertaken of the effectiveness of the internal audit arrangements (2020/21) 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

99. **HONORARY FREEMAN/FREEWOMAN OF THE TOWN AWARDS**

Honorary Freeman/Freewoman of the Town awards were presented by the Mayor of Prescott to Mrs Carole Arnold and Mr Daniel Wilson.

The meeting closed at 7:25 p.m.

Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Signed:.....  
Cllr Chris Krelle (Mayor of Prescott)