

## **PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL**

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **THURSDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022** in the **PRESCOT TOWN HALL**, commencing at **6.00 P.M.**

### **ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT**

A. Spencer (Town Clerk)  
L. Sephton (Deputy Town Clerk)

#### **148. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr I. Smith.

#### **149. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

There were no questions received from the public gallery.

#### **150. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were received from the following: -

- Cllr C. Krelle for item 12 Funding Applications – The Lee Cooper Foundation.
- Cllr K. Taylor for item 10 Planning Applications.
- Cllr F. Wynn for item 10 Planning Applications.

#### **151. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 be **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.

#### **152. MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

There were no Committee meetings to be noted.

**153. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader welcomed Alex Spencer to his first meeting of the Town Council in his new role as Town Clerk and informed all members that Prescott Elizabethan Fayre is to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May and encouraged all to attend.

**154. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

The newly appointed Town Clerk expressed his thanks to all Prescott Town Council staff for their warm welcome and support during his first two weeks of employment. In addition, he expressed thanks to former Town Clerk Daniel Wilson, who was supporting council's 2021/22 accounts closedown.

During his first weeks with Prescott, the Town Clerk had attended meetings at Eaton Street Park and had observed community events taking place there.

He has met representatives from Knowsley Council with regards to Prescott TC's Grounds Maintenance Contract and is encouraged that during 2022/23 there will be a more dedicated presence at both Eaton Street Park and Brown's Field. He has also discussed the pressing need to resolve issues relating to leases for each site; which will be discussed with service managers at Knowsley Council in the near future.

Finally, the Town Clerk has liaised with the internal auditor – who will visit Prescott Town Council week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 to complete the 2021/22 Audit. This work will directly contribute to Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return, to be presented at Annual Council on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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

There had been no attendances to conferences or outside bodies.

**156. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**

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

Cllrs K. Taylor and F. Wynn left the room.

**157. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

| Application Ref | Location                                       | Comments      |
|-----------------|--|---------------|
| 22/00173/FUL    | Oriental Tea House, 12 Church Street, Prescott | No Objections |
| 22/00221/FUL    | 108 St James Road, Prescott                    | No Objections |

**158. PLANNING DECISIONS**

There were no planning decisions for noting.

Cllrs K. Taylor and F. Wynn returned to the room.

Cllr C. Krelle left the room and Cllr T. Murray chaired the meeting.

**159. FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **DEFER** the funding application from The Lee Cooper Foundation as further information that had previously been requested had not been received.

Cllr C. Krelle returned to the room and continued to chair the meeting.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £500.00 for the funding application from Prescot Guide House.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sum of £200.00 for the funding application from the Young Adult Respite Service.

**160. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **DEFER** this item.

**161. HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE TOWN NOMINATION**

An amended motion was put forward by Cllr M. Burke to defer the item until the next Town Council meeting, with a view to reviewing the current Honorary Freeman/Freewoman of the Town Policy. Cllr K. Taylor requested that the vote be recorded:-

Members in favour of the motion:-

Cllrs J. Burke, M Burke, F. Wynn, T. Smith and G. Wickens.

Members opposed to the motion:-

Cllrs K. Taylor and T. Large

Members who abstained from voting:-

Cllrs T. Murray, P. Cook and C. Krelle.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to **DEFER** the item until the next Town Council meeting

The meeting closed at 6:49 p.m.

Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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