PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the COUNCIL for the TOWN OF PRESCOT was held on THURSDAY, 25th JULY 2024 in PRESCOT TOWN HALL, commencing at 6.00P.M.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors J. Burke, M. Burke, P. Cook, J. Edgar, P. Goodwin, T. Murray, I. Smith, T. Smith, P. Shaw, M. Sommerfield and G. Wickens.

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

A. Spencer (Town Clerk)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

No members of the public were in attendance.

<u>41.</u>	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES		
	Apologies were received from Cllr F. Wynn		
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42.	42. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM		
	No members of the public were in attendance.		
43.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
	 Declarations of Interest were received from the following: - Cllr J. Burke for Item 13 Community Fund Applications Cllr M. Burke for Item 11 Planning Applications & 12 Planning Decisions Cllr P. Cook for Item 13 Community Fund Applications Cllr I. Smith for Items 11 Planning Applications & 12 Planning Decisions Cllr T. Smith for Item 13 Community Fund Applications 		
44.	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING		
	It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 27 th June 2024 be APPROVED AND SIGNED as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.		
<u>45.</u>	MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS		
	It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOVED to NOTE minutes of Finance, Policy & HR Committee held on 11 th July 2024.		
LI	Committee field off 11 July 2024.		

46. REPORT ON COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS DURING 2024/25

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOVED** to **NOTE** progress against resolutions as presented in Appendix One to the report.

47. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

The Leader thanked councillors and officers for their hard work in supporting the 2023/24 Community Recognition Awards which had been a fantastic event for bringing together local groups who support the Prescot community.

48. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** announcements from the Town Clerk relating to:-

- The Exercise of three-month break off clause by Knowsley Council concerning Brown's Field and Eaton Street Park.
- Prescot Events and Events Funding

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

None.

50. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

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

Cllrs M. Burke and I. Smith left the meeting.

Cllr G. Wickens assumed Chair of the meeting.

51. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Applications were considered:-

Application Ref	Location	Comments
24/00279/FUL	4 Hawthorne Road,	No objections or comments
	Prescot	
24/00292/FUL	43 Fletcher Avenue,	No objections or comments
	Prescot	
24/00275/FUL	5 Knowsley Park Lane,	No objections or comments
	Prescot	



24/00340/FUL	17 Grays Avenue, Prescot	No objections or comments
24/00253/NMA	6 Knowsley Park Lane, Prescot	No objections or comments

52. | PLANNING DECISIONS

No Planning Decisions were received.

Cllrs M. Burke and I. Smith rejoined the meeting.

Cllr M. Burke resumed Chair of the meeting.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders, to discuss Item 14 of the agenda

53. COMMUNITY FUND WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk presented a report and recommendations from the Community Fund Working Group who sat on 11th July 2024.

It was UNANIMOULSY RESOLVED that:

- 1. Approved the amended Community Fund Policy & Guidance Notes subject to removal of "Projects outside of Prescot" as stated on P.43 of the report
- 2. Note the contents of the report.

54. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

1. Friends of Halsnead Allotment and Food Initiative Group who were seeking £500.00 for the purchase of food, toiletries and essential items.

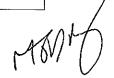
It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:-

REJECT the application given that the items for which funding was being requested was not in adherence with the revised Community Fund Policy and Guidance Notes, but that the Town Clerk supports the group if a further application is submitted.

2. Unity Morris Dancers who were seeking £450.00 for the purchase of a music sound system, speaker and supporting warranty.

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:-

DEFER the application so that the Town Clerk obtains more information about the group in consideration of two new Morris Dancing Troops being formed.



3. Green Fingers Community Allotment Plot who were seeking £500.00 to purchase seating to further enable groups to interact with one another at the plot.

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:

APPROVE the application for £500.00 of Community Funding and to notify the Green Fingers Community Allotment Plot that their application was successful.

55. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24 (TEXT VERSION)

The Town Clerk presented a draft text version of the 2023/24 Annual Report for Members' consideration.

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:

- 1. Approve the text version of the 2023/24 Annual Report subject to the amendments as recorded by the Town Clerk during the meeting; and the receipt of further contributions from Cllrs Burke, Goodwin and Murray.
- 2. Approve that the same printing and distribution companies used for the 2022/23 Annual Report are used again for the 2023/24 Annual Report.
- 3. Note the contents of the report.

56. RESOLUTION TO EXLUDE THE PRESS & PUBLIC

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to Exclude the Press and Public form the meeting by virtue of Standing Order 3D.

57. BAR CONCESSION TENDER

The Town Clerk presented a report and recommendations from the Bar Tender Evaluation Panel who sat on 11th July 2024.

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The Tempest Ltd be appointed as Council's Bar Concessionaire from 31st August 2024
- 2. Products, sale prices and the percentage offered as stated at Appendix One to the report were approved.
- 3. Note the contents of the report.

The meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.

Dated: 26th September 2024

Clir Mark Burke (Mayor of Prescot)

Signed: TY