

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **FRIDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2013** in the **WEST STREET OFFICE COMPLEX, 9 WEST STREET, PRESCOT** commencing at **7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR D RIGBY (TOWN MAYOR)

Councillors D. Allen, S. Arnall, C. Cashman, A. Flanders, G. Flatley, D. Friar, M. Lloyd, P. Loyden, J. McGarry, J. Molloy, L. O’Keeffe, S. O’Keeffe, I. Smith and M. Sommerfield.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

D. Wilson (Town Clerk)
J. Rigby (Assistant to the Town Clerk)

45. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. R. Arnall and M. Friar.

46. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Mr Adkins of Manchester Road, enquired about the leisure provision within the Township. The Town Clerk gave verbal update on current developments within Prescott to be followed up by a letter to Mr Adkins.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received from Councillor D. Allen – Agenda item 5 (i)
Councillor I. Smith – Agenda Item 5 (i).

48. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting of the previous Council Meeting held on 26th July, 2013 be received as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

49. COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS

(i) KNOWSLEY DISABILITY CONCERN

A Community Fund Bid was received from the Knowsley Disability Concern seeking funding to hire premises for meetings, and also to recruit Volunteer Leaders/Mentors for the group.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a grant of £500.00 be made to the Knowsley Disability Concern.

(ii) WESTGARTH UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL GROUP

Mr J. Whitehead from Westgarth United gave a presentation in support of their Community Fund Bid to purchase equipment to provide competitive football for boys and girls of all abilities in a fun and safe environment.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a grant of £500.00 be made to the Westgarth United Junior Football Group.

(iii) YOUNG TIGERS

Mr. D. Allister from the Young Tigers gave a presentation in support of their Community Fund Bid to have a kids free day at a home match for Prescott Cables and launch a “Young Tigers” programme for children aged 10 to 16.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Community Fund Bid be approved in principle, subject to satisfying the Town Clerk, that conditions of criteria have been met.

50. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

(i) EVENTS COMMITTEE 8TH AUGUST 2013

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Events Committee held on 8th August, 2013.

(ii) FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 9TH AUGUST 2013

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 9th August, 2013.

(iii) EVENTS COMMITTEE 29TH AUGUST 2013

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the draft minutes of the Events Committee held on 29th August, 2013.

(iv) FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 13TH SEPTEMBER 2013

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the draft minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 13th September, 2013.

51. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

There were no announcements from the Leader.

52. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

GREEN SPACE

Eaton Street

The park was officially recognised as having achieved Green Flag Status on 1st August. A flag pole has been erected to display the flag which will be going up next week.

Browns Field

The Master Plan has now been released there are some issues in relation to the possible contamination on site that need to be investigated further before we can apply for planning for the development. The plan has been promoted by way of our website, Prescott Online, the Annual Report and a letter from the Town Clerk to properties adjacent to the park.

NEW TOWN HALL

The new Town Hall is progressing well, the Contractor stated on site as agreed, and have published and disseminated a newsletter to the adjacent properties and businesses providing a good link to the community.

The images of the Town Hall have been displayed at the Carnival and the Tour of Britain and have received many good comments, one person wants to book it for a wedding. In addition to this there are 6 3m x 1m banners depicting various aspects of the finished building to help advertise the facilities.

The Town Clerk is working on a charging policy for the various elements of the Town Hall which will be submitted to Finance & General Purposes Committee for consideration by November. Once agreed we will be able to add this information to the new web page and begin to take bookings for April.

QUALITY COUNCIL – PROGRESS

The Annual Report has been successfully delivered to every household in Prescott, well done to members who facilitated this, this approach saved the Council around £350 and ensured the process was completed accurately.

As members are aware the Quality Council scheme is currently under review, covered under item 11 of the Agenda.

OTHER NEWS

TOUR OF BRITAIN WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The individual time trial (Stage 3) was won by Sir Bradley Wiggins, who went on to win the Tour, so you could say the foundations of his victory were laid in Prescott. Unfortunately due to weather conditions we did not get the turn out we had expected on High Street etc, however there were a good number of spectators positioned by the new Town Hall and around 3000 people attended Knowsley Safari Park including a number of local schools were the compare actively promoted the Prescott area.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE FO THE NATION ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Councillor Ken Cleary, Secretary of Merseyside Association of Local Councils provided feedback on the proposals put forward at the MALC meeting held here on the 7th August.

The timing of the consultation has made it very difficult for the Town Council to respond as we were not aware of the proposals until the MALC meeting and the closing date for comment was 30th August. The consultation document is available on request from the Town Clerk.

LOCAL HEROES

The Town Clerk circulated a copy of the press release for the Local Heroes, an exhibition by the Knowsley Leisure & Culture Development Service.

53. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

A schedule of Mayoral Engagements was submitted.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the schedule be **NOTED**.

54. PLANNING DECISIONS

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| • 13/00182/FUL | 97 DERBY STREET | REFUSED |
| • 13/00317/FUL | 69 & 69A ST HELENS ROAD | GRANTED |
| • 13/00355/FUL | 36 SOUTH AVENUE | GRANTED |
| • 13/00340/FUL | TELECOM MAST
MANCHESTER ROAD | GRANTED |

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the above Planning Decisions.

55. QUALITY COUNCIL SCHEME REVIEW

The Town Clerk submitted a report with regard to the Quality Council Scheme Review for Councillors information.

The meeting closed at 7.52 p.m.

Dated: 25th October 2013

Signed:.....

**Cllr D Rigby
Town Mayor**