

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council for the Town of Prescot was held on **FRIDAY, 28TH JUNE, 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, D. Friar, M. Friar, M. Lloyd S. O’Keeffe, I. Smith and M. Sommerfield.

22. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Arnall, G. Flatley, J McGarry, J. Molloy and L. O’Keeffe.

23. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received from Councillor I. Smith, (Agenda Item 10 – Browns Field Football Pitch) – member of Friends of Browns Field Committee and Agenda Item 11 – Community Fund Bids – Lane Ends FC – member of Friends of Browns Field Committee.

Councillor M. Sommerfield (Agenda Item 10 – Browns Field Football Pitch) – member of Friends of Browns Field Committee and Agenda Item 11 – Community Fund Bids – Lane Ends FC – member of Friends of Browns Field Committee.

25. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 31st May, 2013 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

26. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Human Resources Committee Meeting held on 30th May, 2013.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to defer the minutes until the next Council Meeting.

(ii) Events Committee held on 13th June, 2013.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events Committee held on 13th June, 2013 be **NOTED**.

(iii) **Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 14th June, 2013.**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 14th June, 2013 be **NOTED**.

26. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

Councillor D. Allen informed Members of the Council that the on-going Police investigation was now in its final stages, and the Town Council would be informed of the outcome over the next couple of months.

27. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Green Space

Eaton Street

The Play space installation is completed there are a couple of items of street furniture to be completed.

Browns Field

The Master plan well under way with a draft plan expected by the end of July.

New Town Hall

Whittaker Ltd have had to do some preliminary health and safety work for submission to the HSE and will be starting on site next week.

Quality Council – Progress

Annual Return and Annual Report covered in the agenda.

Cinema

A representative from CINEX UK is coming in Tuesday to talk about the possibility of opening a cinema in Prescot. The idea is at the very earliest stage at the moment and this meeting is part of a consolation exercise.

28. MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

A schedule of Mayoral Engagements was submitted.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the schedule.

29. PLANNING DECISIONS

- 13/00189/FUL
- 12/00209/DEMCON
- 13/00205/FUL

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the above planning decisions.

30. BROWNS FIELD FOOTBALL PITCH REMEDIATION

The Town Clerk submitted a report on the resting and remediation of the football pitches at Browns Field, informing Members that the football pitches are in a serious need of major restoration.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that

- (i) under the Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 and 10 to agree the remediation and rest of the football pitches at Browns Field for one year; and;
- (ii) under the powers provided under Local Government Act 1972 s137 support the community fund application from Lane Ends Football Club to facilitate the above.

31. COMMUNITY FUND BIDS

- (i) Lane Ends Athletic FC

A community Fund Bid was received from Lane Ends Athletic Football Club to help fund the re-location to the Huyton Arts & Sports Centre for Learning due the the football pitches at Browns Field be rested for a year.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a grant of £500.00 be made to Lane Ends Athletic Football Club.

- (ii) Merseyside Police – Derby Street, Prescot.

A community fund bid was received from Merseyside Police to help fund the distribution of “SmartWater” kits in Prescot to help reduce burglaries in the area.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a grant of £500.00 be awarded to the Merseyside Police Authority.

32. ANNUAL RETURN

The Town Council considered the 2012/13 Accounts and Annual Return as submitted by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk took members through the accounts, the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Internal Audit Report and answered members questions.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Return be **APPROVED** and signed as true and accurate and submitted for external audit.

Councillors C. Cashman, I. Smith and M. Sommerfield voted against the Annual Return.

33. ANNUAL REPORT

The Town Clerk submitted a draft copy of the Annual Report and the Town Clerk asked for suggestions on how to distribute the Report of households in the Prescott area.

It was **RESOLVED** that under the Local Government Act 1972 s137 that

- (i) the Town Council **APPROVE** the production of the Annual Report at a cost of no more than a £1,000; and
- (ii) Town Councillors help in the distribution of the Annual Report to households in the Prescott area and also the Town Clerk contact the Army Cadets to seek help with the distribution and offer them a donation for their help.

Councillor C. Cashman, I. Smith and M. Sommerfield abstained on the above item.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

Dated: 26th July 2013

Signed:.....

**Councillor D Rigby
Town Mayor**