

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>	<u>TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Cllr F. Wynn
<u>42.</u>	<u>PUBLIC OPEN FORUM</u> No members of the public were in attendance.
<u>43.</u>	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Declarations of Interest were received from the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
<u>44.</u>	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING</u> 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>	<u>MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u> It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to NOTE minutes of Finance, Policy & HR Committee held on 11 th July 2024.

46.	<p><u>REPORT ON COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS DURING 2024/25</u></p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to NOTE progress against resolutions as presented in Appendix One to the report.</p>												
47.	<p><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER</u></p> <p>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 Prescott community.</p>												
48.	<p><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK</u></p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to NOTE announcements from the Town Clerk relating to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Exercise of three-month break off clause by Knowsley Council concerning Brown's Field and Eaton Street Park. • Prescott Events and Events Funding 												
49.	<p><u>REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AT CONFERENCES OR OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p>None.</p>												
50.	<p><u>MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS</u></p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to NOTE the Mayoral Engagements listed.</p> <p>Cllrs M. Burke and I. Smith left the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr G. Wickens assumed Chair of the meeting.</p>												
51.	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>The following Planning Applications were considered:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 1704 1321 1953"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application Ref</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>24/00279/FUL</td> <td>4 Hawthorne Road, Prescot</td> <td>No objections or comments</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24/00292/FUL</td> <td>43 Fletcher Avenue, Prescot</td> <td>No objections or comments</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24/00275/FUL</td> <td>5 Knowsley Park Lane, Prescot</td> <td>No objections or comments</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Application Ref	Location	Comments	24/00279/FUL	4 Hawthorne Road, Prescot	No objections or comments	24/00292/FUL	43 Fletcher Avenue, Prescot	No objections or comments	24/00275/FUL	5 Knowsley Park Lane, Prescot	No objections or comments
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52.	<u>PLANNING DECISIONS</u>		
	<p>No Planning Decisions were received.</p> <p>Cllrs M. Burke and I. Smith rejoined the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr M. Burke resumed Chair of the meeting.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend standing orders, to discuss Item 14 of the agenda</p>		
53.	<u>COMMUNITY FUND WORKING GROUP</u>		
	<p>The Town Clerk presented a report and recommendations from the Community Fund Working Group who sat on 11th July 2024.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.	<u>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</u>		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friends of Halsnead Allotment and Food Initiative Group who were seeking £500.00 for the purchase of food, toiletries and essential items. <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:-</p> <p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Unity Morris Dancers who were seeking £450.00 for the purchase of a music sound system, speaker and supporting warranty. <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:-</p> <p>DEFER the application so that the Town Clerk obtains more information about the group in consideration of two new Morris Dancing Troops being formed.</p>		

	<p>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.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:</p> <p>APPROVE the application for £500.00 of Community Funding and to notify the Green Fingers Community Allotment Plot that their application was successful.</p>
<p>55.</p>	<p><u>DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24 (TEXT VERSION)</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk presented a draft text version of the 2023/24 Annual Report for Members' consideration.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p>56.</p>	<p><u>RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS & PUBLIC</u></p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to Exclude the Press and Public form the meeting by virtue of Standing Order 3D.</p>
<p>57.</p>	<p><u>BAR CONCESSION TENDER</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk presented a report and recommendations from the Bar Tender Evaluation Panel who sat on 11th July 2024.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Signed:.....

Cllr Mark Burke (Mayor of Prescot)