

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **EVENTS COMMITTEE** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **THURSDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER 2024** in the **PRESCOT TOWN HALL**, commencing at **6:00 P.M.**

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors J. Burke, J. Edgar, P. Goodwin, T. Murray, T. Smith and M. Sommerfield.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

L. Sephton (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF COMMITTEE

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Tracey Murray be elected as Chair of the Events Committee.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF COMMITTEE

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Marjorie Sommerfield be elected as Vice Chair of the Events Committee.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs M. Burke and P. Cook.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 20th May 2024 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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6. **PRESCOT CARNIVAL 2024 FEEDBACK REPORT**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations at 2.5 being: -

2.5.1. Members should offer any other points on lessons learned for consideration at the meeting.

There were no other points raised.

2.5.2. The success of the carnival in attracting visitors and the setup, in its current format strongly suggests we should retain this method of organisation and delivery.

2.5.3. The success of the carnival in attracting visitors in June strongly suggests the carnival should run around the same time next year during the Prescot Festival of Music and Arts on either Sunday 22nd June 2025 or Sunday 29th June 2025 and members should agree a date to enable early planning of the event as this is the most fundamental decision taken in relation to the event.

Members agreed the date for next year's Prescot Carnival would be on 22nd June 2025.

2.5.4 Following the success of the numerous free activities it is recommended that these are booked once again next year as follows: -

- 6 large inflatables with 6 members of staff
- Climbing wall, Bungee Trampolines and Cannonball Airblasters
- Pedal go karts, crazy golf and gladiator duel
- Face painters x 5

7. **PRESCOT COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS 2024 FEEDBACK REPORT**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations at 6 being: -

6.1 Members should offer any other points on lessons learned for consideration at the meeting.

Members agreed to offer other Prescot Town Councillors the opportunity to speak during the event rather than just the Mayor and the outgoing Mayor.

6.2 Members should agree for the event format to remain unchanged and if the event time should be reduced to run for 2.5 hours.

Members agreed to keep the time of the event to 12pm – 3pm

8. ARMISTICE DAY 2024

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations at 4 being: -

4.1 Using the powers granted to them under the terms of reference for Prescott Town Council Events Committee members should resolve to:

- Approve the Armistice Day Service in its suggested format.

9. CHRISTMAS CRACKER 2024

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations at 4 being: -

4.1 Using the power granted under section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 – Members resolve to: -

4.1.1 Consider the activities listed in 3.1 and agree the activities that are required for this year and instruct the Deputy Town Clerk make a booking.

Members agreed to all the activities listed in 3.1 with an additional Christmas stall to be hired from The Fun Experts

10. BATALA MERSEY HALLOWEEN PARADE AND STATIC PERFORMANCE

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations at 3 being: -

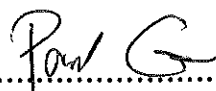
3.1 Using the powers granted to them under the terms of reference for Prescott Town Council Events Committee members should resolve to:

- Approve the proposed Halloween Samba Parade and Static Performance by Batala Mersey and approve the virement of funds from the 2024/25 Events Budget or 2024/25 Council Budget to support all expenditure relating to the event.

Members agreed to use the underspends from the existing 2024/25 Events budget.

The meeting closed at 6:46 p.m.

Dated: 16th October 2024

Signed:.....
(Cllr T. Murray, Chair of Events Committee)
Paul Goodwin - Acting Chair

