

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2025** 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,
P. Shaw, I. Smith, T. Smith, M. Sommerfield, G. Wickens and F. Wynn

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

A. Spencer (Town Clerk)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

1 x Member of the Public in Attendance.

<u>122.</u>	<u>TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES</u> No apologies were received.
<u>123.</u>	<u>PUBLIC OPEN FORUM</u> No members of the public wished to participate.
<u>124.</u>	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Declarations of Interest were received from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr I. Smith for Items 11 Planning Applications & 12 Planning Decisions• Cllr M. Burke for Items 11 Planning Applications & 12 Planning Decisions
<u>125.</u>	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING</u> It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 30 th January 2025 be APPROVED AND SIGNED as a true and accurate record of the business transacted.
<u>126.</u>	<u>MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u> None



<p><u>127.</u></p>	<p><u>REPORT ON COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS DURING 2024/25</u></p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOVED to NOTE progress against resolutions as presented in Appendix One to the report.</p>
<p><u>128.</u></p>	<p><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER</u></p> <p>The Leader provided an update on the success of the 2024/25 Winter Coat Recycling Scheme; which has now been rolled out to and delivered in conjunction with Whiston Town Council.</p> <p>The success of the scheme had been underpinned by the flexibility of volunteers of to deliver no matter what the day; and approach which ensured huge engagement from the community.</p> <p>The Leader expressed thanks to Knowsley Council for awarding £2,500.00 of grant funding.</p>
<p><u>129.</u></p>	<p><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk provided an update on preparations for Council’s 2025/26 Local Democracy Project insofar as dates have been circulated to schools and confirmation (from schools) is being awaited upon.</p> <p>The Town Clerk confirmed that Member support for delivering the project is crucial and that training would be given to all Members prior to the first date on which the project would commence.</p>
<p><u>130.</u></p>	<p><u>REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AT CONFERENCES OR OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk confirmed that he had attended a meeting of the Prescot Business Club on 11th February 2025. During this meeting the following items were discussed:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Results of Prescot Business Club Survey 2. Progress on Safer Streets Fund 3. Confirmation by Knowsley Council of Christmas Lights provision in 2025. 4. Discussion regarding approval of planning applications in context of Town Centre aesthetic and design.
<p><u>131.</u></p>	<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>

	Cllr G Wickens assumed the Chair.									
<u>132.</u>	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>The following Planning Applications were considered:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application Ref</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>24/00555/LBC</td> <td>Prestbytery 1 West Street Prescot</td> <td>No objections or comments</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25/00028/LBC</td> <td>The Clock Face 54 Derby Street Prescot</td> <td>No objections or comments</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Application Ref	Location	Comments	24/00555/LBC	Prestbytery 1 West Street Prescot	No objections or comments	25/00028/LBC	The Clock Face 54 Derby Street Prescot	No objections or comments
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<u>133.</u>	<p><u>PLANNING DECISIONS</u></p> <p>No Planning Decisions were received.</p> <p>Cllrs M. Burke and I. Smith rejoined the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr M. Burke resumed the Chair.</p>									
<u>134.</u>	<p><u>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>1. Knowsley Council who was seeking £300.00 of sponsorship for the 2025 Knowsley Flower Show.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:</p> <p>APPROVE the application to a total value of £300.00.</p>									
<u>135.</u>	<p><u>ARMISTICE DAY 2024 FEEDBACK REPORT</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk presented a report on behalf of the Deputy Town Clerk to feedback the success of the 2024 Armistice Day service.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To APPROVE that the Armistice Day service is retained in its current format for future years and that the budget for the event remains at £200.00. NOTE the contents of the report. 									

<p><u>136.</u></p>	<p><u>CHRISTMAS CRACKER 2024 FEEDBACK REPORT</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk presented a report on behalf of the Deputy Town Clerk to feedback the success of the 2024 Christmas Cracker event</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To APPROVE that the Christmas Cracker event is retained for future years, with the location remaining at Prescot Town Hall and the next event will be held on 6th December 2025. 2. To APPROVE the Beamz professional high volume snow machine at a cost of £790.83 is purchased utilising the underspend on the events budget. 3. NOTE the contents of the report
<p><u>137.</u></p>	<p><u>SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS DROP IN 2024 – FEEDBACK REPORT</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk presented a report on behalf of the Deputy Town Clerk to feedback the success of the 2024 Senior Citizen Christmas Drop In</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To APPROVE that the Senior Citizen Christmas Drop In event is retained for future years, with the location remaining at Prescot Town Hall, with the date to be agreed and the budget increased to £1,000.00 to enable a hot meal to be offered during the event. 2. NOTE the contents of the report.
<p><u>138.</u></p>	<p><u>EVENTS CALENDAR 2025-26</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk presented a report on behalf of the Deputy Town Clerk outlining proposed events during 2025-26.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To APPROVE the Events Calendar 2025-26 and associated budgets. 2. NOTE the contents of the report.
<p><u>139.</u></p>	<p><u>APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2024/25</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk confirmed the requirement for Council to appoint an internal auditor to complete Council’s audit for 2024/25.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To APPROVE the appointment of Mr David Blanchflower to complete Council’s Internal Audit for 2024/25. 2. To NOTE the contents of the report.

<p>140.</p>	<p><u>RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</u></p> <p>By virtue of Standing Order 3D, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to EXCLUDE members of the press and public for the remainder of the meeting given the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons.</p>
<p>141.</p>	<p><u>REPLACEMENT FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT PRESCOT TOWN HALL</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk provided Members with a report for why a replacement fire alarm system was required at Prescott Town Hall; and as per Council's Financial Regulations, provided three quotations for works.</p> <p>It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To APPOINT ICS to install a new fire alarm system at Prescott Town Hall 2. To NOTE the contents of the report.

The meeting closed at 7:04 p.m.

Dated: 27th March 2025

Signed: 

~~Cllr Mark Burke (Mayor of Prescott)~~

Cllr Graham Wickens
Deputy Mayor of Prescott



