



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Events and Celebrations
Committee held on Monday 20th April 2026 at 6pm in Preesall and
Knott End Youth and Community Centre.

Present: Cllr A Hayes (chair) Cllr T Johnson, Cllr P Orme, Cllr S Dobbie, Cllr A Shewan

In attendance: Debbie Smith – Incoming Clerk to the council, Alan Whalley – Out-going Clerk to the council

1.1 (2026 27) Apologies for absence

Cllr K Tunstall

2.2 (2025 27) Declaration of interest and dispensations

Nil

3.3 (2025 27) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to **approve** a correct true record for the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2026.

4.4 (2025 27) Public participation

Resolved to adjourn the meeting to allow non-council members to speak.

Three members were present at the meeting to discuss a future pride event next year between the months of June-August, to be held in the Town. The three members informed the committee that Kirkham and Wesham currently hold an annual pride event, and it is very successful, they felt it would be good for the community and local businesses. There are lots of volunteers who are willing to help organise it. It was asked if their event could be held on the park field. The committee responded that it was out of the council's remit to grant permission for the use of the field, Wyre Borough and Wyre Juniors would have to be consulted and suggested that it may be better placed at the car park and surrounding area of the Knott End Social Club. The three members agreed and asked for the council's support. Cllr Johnson asked if the members of the public would do some research with the Social Club and local businesses and compile any information and put it forward to the committee. He remarked that it was a good idea and thanked the members of the public for bringing it to the attention of the committee. He stated that the council would help and support were possible and welcomed the event.

Resolved at the conclusion of the public session to reconvene the meeting.

5.5 (2025 27) May Day – Monday 4th May

The committee **reviewed** and **discussed** all updates and tasks in progress for this event in the order within appendix A. To **note** the committee **discussed** at length the Britannia Coconut Dancers and **resolved** not to have them attend the event.

The committee **reviewed** and **resolved** all tasks completed and all actions are accounted for in the May Day Appendix numbers 21 – 34. The addition of Cllr Johnson and Cllr Orme will provide a tombola for the Mayor's Charity. It was discussed what time members would arrive on the day, all members and the clerks are aware of their responsibilities.

6.6 (2026 27) Lancashire Landings – Saturday 25th April 2026

The committee **reviewed** and **discussed** and **resolved** the updates on all tasks in progress for this event in order within appendix C

The committee reviewed the tasks completed Lancashire Landings Appendix, numbers 3 – 10 and **resolved** it Preesall Town Council Civic Events and Celebrations Committee meeting 20th April 2026

is up-to-date, and all actions are accounted for.

7.7(2026 27) Event Ideas

The committee discussed and **resolved** that they wished to support future community group events like the possible pride event, a possible charity fun run, and a possible vintage car show.

8.8 (2026 27) Date and Time of the Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th May 2026, starting at 6pm

The chair closed the meeting at 9pm

APPENDIX A – MAY DAY EVENT 4th MAY 2026

Task in Progress	Reference Minute	Details of Task	Details of Possible Improvements by Discussion of Committee/ Actions to take	Task to be Actioned by
May Day Event	5.5 (26/27)	Ask if Stalmine Scouts would like to attend	The clerk spoke to the scouts in person on Tuesday 12 th April, and had no email response. It is to assume they do not wish to attend. To ask if both Scouts Pilling and Stalmine wish to attend next year's May Day Event.	Clerk – Debbie Smith
	5.5 (26/27)	Wyre juniors to attend	No response from the chair. It is to assume they did not wish to attend.	Clerk - Debbie Smith
	5.5 (26/27)	Awaiting confirmation from Hambelton Primary on attendance for may pole dance	The clerk had no email response. It is to assume they do not wish to attend.	Clerk- Debbie Smith
	5.5 (26/27)	Comms with the police, to ask if they wish to offer bike stamping	The police have apologised and will not be attending the event.	Clerk – Alan Whalley
	5.5 (26/27)	Enquire about having birds of prey	Turbay Woods at Lostock Hall will not be attending and do not have the right birds for the event, tried a few other companies and received the same response. Cllr Dobbie wondered if contact could be made with Affinity in Fleetwood as they have had birds of prey there in the past.	Clerk – Alan Whalley
	5.5 (26/27)	May Pole	Confirmed to collect the May Pole from Carters on Friday 1 st May	Allan Whalley
	5.5 (26/27)	Coastguard awaiting confirmation	Mark Butterworth has confirmed that they will be attending unless the coastguard service is required.	Cllr Johnson
	5.5 (26/27)	To contact St Aidan's, over band playing	They will not be attending, not enough students.	Cllr T Johnson
	5.5 (26/27)	HOPE (HUB)	This is still to be confirmed.	Cllr Dobbie

Below is the May Day Appendix of task's up to date completed/confirmed for the event

Minute Ref	Details of Task	Task Completed/Confirmed	Task to be Actioned by
5.5 (26/27)	Ask if Stalmine Primary would like to participate in the May Pole dance	Confirmed not attending	Clerk – Debbie Smith
5.5 (26/27)	To contact Stalmine Primary, to discuss if school band (Rock Steady) wish to attend	Confirmed not attending	Clerk – Debbie Smith
5.5 (26/27)	To contact Stalmine Primary, to ask if they wish to	Confirmed not attending	Clerk – Debbie Smith

	have any stalls/games at the event/ reminder to use their own liability insurance		
5.5 (26/27)	Comms with porta loo company	To pass on Cllr Phil Ormes number to the company to open the gate – will do closer to the time.	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Enquire about Tai Chi attending	Confirmed not attending	Cllr P Orme
5.5 (26/27)	Enquire about having line dancers (Wyre Stompers)	Confirmed attendance as well as a demonstration will put on a workshop and the get public involved	Chair – Andrew Hayes
5.5 (26/27)	Enquire about petting zoo	Confirmed not attending. Spoke to the petting zoo, they cannot attend as they do not have liability insurance.	Cllr S Dobbie
5.5 (26/27)	Book Trauma kit from Wyre B	booked, Tony will collect and returned it.	Cllr T Johnson
5.5 (26/27)	Children’s entertainer	booked and confirmed	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Fire Department	booked and confirmed	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Police	not Attending	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Milkshake van with hot drinks tea/coffee/hot choc	booked and confirmed	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Ice cream van	booked and confirmed	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Nick to PA the day confirmed	booked and confirmed	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Fleetwood Charity school May pole dancing	booked and confirmed	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Saint Williams school May pole dancing	booked and confirmed	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Carters School cheerleaders	booked and confirmed	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Toilets booked for only to pay for transport	booked and confirmed	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Cllr Shephard family member will be in attendance for the position of paramedic for the event	booked and confirmed	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Events License for the day	License is held by the clerk	Clerk – Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Stalmine Council	Will be attending with a table (may arrive late)	Clerk -Debbie Smith
5.5 (26/27)	Medals for pole dancers/cheerleaders	50 have been ordered, and the clerk will collect them.	Clerk -Debbie Smith
5.5 (26/27)	Poo Patrol	Confirmed attendance	Clerk -Debbie Smith
5.5 (26/27)	Gazebo, with water weights, bag	Held by the lengths man in storage unit	Clerk -Debbie Smith
5.5 (26/27)	Fair and Food	Booked and confirmed, Warren has been updated	Clerk -Debbie Smith
5.5 (26/27)	OWSAC	Confirmed not attending	Clerk -Debbie Smith
5.5 (26/27)	FOKEL	Confirmed attendance	Clerk -Debbie Smith
5.5 (26/27)	Face painter from 2024	Confirmed and booked	Clerk - Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Youth Group	Confirmed not attending	Cllr Orme
5.5 (26/27)	Over Wyre Brass Band	No response – not attending	Clerk -Debbie Smith
5.5 (26/27)	Military Veterans with a table alongside British Legion	Confirmed attendance – play your cards right	Cllr Orme
5.5 (26/27)	Jane	Confirmed attendance with stalls in the youth centre	Clerk -Alan Whalley
5.5 (26/27)	Advertising the event	Create a poster, place on social media, notice boards, green book, council website	Clerk – Alan Whalley Clerk – Debbie Smith
5.5 (26/27)	(Help PKE) – To have a tombola stall	Confirmed not attending	Cllr Hayes

APPENDIX C – LANCASHIRE LANDINGS 25th APRIL 2026

Task in Progress	Reference Minute	Details of Task	Details of Possible Improvements by Discussion of Committee/ Actions to take	Task to be Actioned by
Lancashire Landings	7.7 (26/27)	Contact Alister about the last post	Cllr Johnson spoke to Alister's mother, and it is confirmed he will be attending, contact details of his mother will be given to the clerk for future events.	Cllr T Johnson
	7.7 (26/27)	To write a small explanation to commemorate the event to be read out at the event.	Four boards have been completed by Cllr Johnson for the event. The committee thanked him for his efforts. Cllr Johnson is to re-draft his information for a member to read and himself.	Cllr T Johnson
	7.7 (26/27)	information board to be displayed one to be displayed at NatWest shelter, one at Middle shelter on the sea bank area.	The display boards are complete and are being held by Cllr Orme. They will go up before the event.	Cllr P Orme
	7.7 (26/27)	Stone plaque to be placed in the gardens	Stone plaque is to either be picked up by Cllr Orme or delivered to the clerk. Cllr Orme will speak with the lengths man to have it fitted before the event.	Cllr P Orme
	7.7 (26/27)	PA System	Cllr Orme will take the PA system to the event.	Cllr P Orme
	7.7 (26/27)	Refreshments at the Preesall Knott End Social Club (workies)	The clerk has is now in receipt of invites attending the event, and the social club has been informed of how many numbers to cater for.	Clerk - Debbie Smith

Below is the Lancashire Landings Appendix of task's up-to-date completed/confirmed for the event

Task in Progress	Details of Task	Details of Task Completed/Confirmed	Task to be Actioned by
7.7 (26/27)	Contact Reenactors	Not available.	Cllr T Johnson
7.7 (26/27)	Send out reminders to council members to attend the event	Emails sent to council members,	Clerk – Alan Whalley/Debbie S
7.7 (26/27)	British Legion	Confirmed a Standard will be present and two other members	Cllr Johnson
7.7 (26/27)	List of invites	The clerk is in receipt of these	Cllr Johnson
7.7 (26/27)	Fusiliers Flag	The flag has now been purchased, held by Cllr Orme	Cllr Orme
7.7 (26/27)	Invite council members	Invitations sent out at the time of the agenda	Clerk – Debbie Smith
7.7 (26/27)	Invite list	Completed	Clerk – Debbie Smith
7.7 (26/27)	Sent out formal invites	Completed	Clerk – Debbie Smith
7.7 (26/27)	Advertising the event	Poster created, placed in notice boards with the order of service. Poster placed on Facebook, website	Clerk – Debbie Smith
7.7 (26/27)	Order of Service	Printed and Laminated copies for the event	Clerk – Debbie Smith

