



PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Events and Celebrations Committee held on Thursday May 7th, 2026, at 6pm in Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre.

Present: Cllr A Hayes (chair), Cllr P Orme, Cllr S Dobbie, Cllr A Shewan, Cllr K Tunstall

In attendance: Debbie Smith - Clerk to the council,

1.9(2026 27) Apologies for absence

Alan Whalley – Out-going Clerk to the council, Cllr T Johnson

2.10(2026 27) Declaration of interest and dispensations

Nil

3.11(2026 27) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to **approve** a correct true record for the minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2026. Cllr Tunstall abstained as she was not present at April's meeting.

4.12(2026 27) Public participation

No public members were in attendance.

5.13(2026 27) May Day 2026 – Monday 4th May Review of the Event

The committee **discussed** and **reviewed** the event.

The committee **resolved** to note the following positives:

- The good weather was a huge factor in making the event.
- The layout of the event.
- The free entertainer and face painter kept the children busy.
- The 50p stalls put on were cost effective.
- The jumble sale was a great success.
- The dancers, children attending were great.
- Everything went smoothly in setting up the event, and the closing of it.
- The new Town Council gazabo looked distinctive.

The committee **resolved** to note the following negatives:

- The skate rails being a trip hazard.
- Provide a healthy food option.
- There were no rides that was specified at older children.

The committee **resolved** to note the following improvements for the event next year:

- A ride that would suit older children.
- Other food stalls to provide a variety of choice for the public.
- Ensure the skate rails are clearly marked or covered by stall tables next year to prevent any trip hazards for health and safety purposes.
- Earlier contact made to schools, stalls and entertainment for availability and booking.

The committee **resolved** not to book Fishers Mobile Farm for next year's event. The council **resolved** for the clerk to book the same children's entertainer. Cllr Orme to speak to Wyre juniors, Cllr Shewan to speak

to the Hindquarter in Knott End over food for next year, and Cllr Dobbie to enquire over having donkeys, a dog show and archery at next years event.

6.14(2026 27) Lancashire Landings – Saturday 25th April 2026 Review of the Event

The committee **discussed** and **reviewed** the event.

The committee **resolved** to note the following positives:

- The good weather was a huge factor in making the event.
- The event given the short time it was organised in, had a great turn out.
- The refreshments afterwards at the Knott End Social Club were social, and the Club was well organised with the refreshments.
- The order of events ran well, without any issues.

The committee **resolved** to note the following negatives:

- There was no road closure.

The committee **resolved** to note the following improvements for the event next year:

- There will be a road closure, regardless of the people attending to mark the event with the respect it deserves without any interruptions from road traffic.
- To organise the event at an earlier time within the civic committee's calendar.
- To ensure that the Battle of Britain is maintained in good time, instead of the morning of the event.

7.15(2026 27) Date of next meeting to be confirmed

The committee **resolved** that after the Annual May Meeting being held on Monday 11th May, when the committee members are decided, to contact the members resolved at the meeting in June to arrange the next meeting date dependant on members availability.

With no further business the chair closed the meeting at 7.45pm