

PREESALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday 13 April 2026 at 6.30pm at the Youth & Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall

Present: Cllr T Johnson, (Mayor) and 14 members of the public

In attendance: Debbie Smith, Clerk to Preesall Town Council

1. The Mayor welcomed those present

2. The Mayor reported that: There are lots of things currently going on at present, and there is lots of refurbishment work taking place around the Town at Kelly's Corner and the sea front.

3. Issues raised by residents:

A resident brought to attention of the Mayor the increasing issue of the number of E Bikes that are present in the town causing health and safety concerns to the local community. The resident gave examples of incidents that have occurred, caused by the riders of the E Bikes. The Mayor informed the resident that this issue would be discussed at the council meeting. The resident was informed that the police are aware of the issue, and they are looking to source a special Opps team to tackle the problem.

A resident brought the issue of the possible closure of the ferry service and asked the Mayor and the council to all work together to ensure that this does not happen, as once this service is gone it will be gone forever. The resident was informed that it was not a money issue to continue the service of the ferry, it was down to securing a contractor. The Mayor informed the resident that he had recently spoken to MP Cat Smith and MP Lorraine Beavers, and both are going to work together to fight for the continuation of the ferry service.

A resident brought the quarry appeal to the attention of the Mayor, and stated they had received the appeal date, late so their timeline was cut short to get ready, but the group is now ready for the appeal, and so are their speakers. The resident told the Mayor they had been working closely with Lancashire County Council who are taking the lead on highways and noise. The resident informed the Mayor that flooding will not come under the appeal, although there is an issue with Sunnyside. The quarry group are concentrating very heavily on health and dust. The resident explained that the appellant will be heard tomorrow, then LCC will be heard, and then the quarry group, Wyre Cllr Collette Rushforth, and LCC Cllr Mathew Salter will set out the case on behalf of the people, but there are concerns with time limits when speaker.

The Mayor thanked the residents for their attendance at the meeting.

4. The Mayor closed the meeting at 6.57pm.