

KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

A Meeting of the Knowsley Town Council was held on Thursday 16 September 2021, in Room One, Community Pavilion, Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors:- D J Baum (Mayor of the Town Council), J Donnelly (Deputy Mayor)
V Boateng, B Donnelly, K Gregory, N Joseph, C Milne, L O'Keeffe,
I Smith, L Tomlinson.

Officers: Heather Weightman (Clerk of the Council)
Jane Thomas (Deputy Clerk of the Council)

APOLOGIES

Councillors: M Seed, B Thompson

ABSENT

Councillors: None.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Mayor presented Maria Regan (Little Woods of Stockbridge Association) with the Maureen Clunan Memorial Award for 2021. Maria was nominated as the recipient of the award in recognition of her work within the Stockbridge Community.

70. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No questions were received from members of the public.

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A declaration of interest relating to Agenda Item 10 - Planning Notifications was received from Cllr D J Baum.

72. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that subject to the following amendment, the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 15 July 2021 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

AMENDMENT - MINUTE NO 56 - REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Paragraph 5 be amended to read as follows:

“A member apologised to the Mayor regarding a request for the use of Town Council facilities for a Covid 19 rapid response site”.

Paragraphs 6 to 8 be deleted.

73. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** (by members of the Committee) that the minutes of the meeting of the Events Committee held on Tuesday 13 July 2021 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed that the grant funding of £800 for the Family Picnic in the Park awarded to the Huyton Initiatives for Youth Activities (HIYA) be deferred until December 2021.

74. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Joseph informed members that a new funding stream was available for community groups within the Huyton and Stockbridge areas. Any groups wishing to participate would have to register and then make a pitch to the funding committee. The event will take place in Lord Derby Academy on 16 October 2021.

Cllr Tomlinson stated that this years BBC Sports Personality of The Year will include an award for people who have been active within their community.

75. UPDATES FOR INCLUSION ON TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

There were no updates for inclusion on the website.

The Deputy Clerk was thanked for her hard work on bringing the website up to date.

76. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor informed members that Cllr Boateng had recently been shortlisted to receive the Positive Role Model Award for Race, Religion and Faith at this years National Diversity Awards.

Members joined the Mayor in congratulating Cllr Boateng on being nominated for the award in recognition of her work within the Stockbridge Village Community.

Members were informed that Cllr Berna Thompson was seriously ill at the present time. All members sent their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Cllr Thompson.

77. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

The Clerk informed members that a Thank You card had been received from the Jackson Gardens Events Committee for the recent grant award of £500.

(NOTE: That in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct, Cllr D J Baum (Mayor of the Town Council) declared an interest in the next item, left the room, did not take part in any discussion and did not vote thereon)

In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr J Donnelly, Deputy Mayor took the chair for the following item.

78. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered by members:

21/00478	FUL	21/00579	FUL	20/00099	NMA
21/00645	FUL	21/00403	FUL	21/00487	FUL
21/00583	FUL	21/00648	FUL	21/00631	FUL

Following discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that members had no objections to the above planning applications.

Members objected to planning application No 21/00675/TEL on the following grounds:

- The application was designated as AMBER and therefore the Code of Practice states that local Councillors and residents should be consulted. No local Councillors had been properly consulted on this application.
- The siting of the mast is considered inappropriate as it is within a 100 yards of the local primary school.
- Members would like the mast relocated to a more convenient site, either the nearby industrial estate, or on the adjacent side of Sugar Lane blended with mature trees or in the vicinity of the mast in Knowsley Lane.

The Mayor returned to the meeting and took the chair for the remaining items.

79. FINANCIAL MATTERS (APRIL TO JUNE 2021)

Members were presented with details outlining the receipts and payments and the budget report for the period April to June 2021.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the receipts and payments and the budget report for the period April to June 2021 be approved.

80. FLOODLIGHTING - MUGA - RECREATION GROUND, KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

Members considered a report (including costings) relating to the re-installation of floodlighting at the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), situated in the Recreation Ground, Knowsley Village.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that:

- a. the re-installation of floodlighting of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) situated in the Recreation Ground, Knowsley Village be approved.
- b. the cost of the floodlighting be taken from Town Council reserves.

81. DAMAGE - PARTITION DOORS - BOB WHILEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

During the renovation of the Bob Whiley Community Centre partition doors were installed to enable the main hall to be split into two rooms to allow additional usage of the building.

In November 2020, the partition doors were accidentally damaged and can no longer be opened or closed safely.

A detailed report was presented to members by the Clerk of the Council.

Following consideration of the report as presented by the Clerk of the Council, it was **RESOLVED** that:

- a. the partition doors in the Bob Whiley Community Centre be repaired as soon as possible.
- b. the quote for the installation and delivery of the new doors from the original installation company and manufacturers be accepted.
- c. the cost of the installation and delivery of the doors be taken from Town Council reserves.
- d. the Town Council does not enter into contracts for the servicing of the doors at the Bob Whiley Community Centre and the Community Pavilion.

82. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS AND RE-STATEMENT OF ASSET REGISTER

The Town Council Asset Register should be reviewed on a regular basis and any items that are considered obsolete, beyond economical repair or have been lost, stolen or vandalised should be removed from the register as soon as possible.

The Clerk of the Council presented Members with a written report requesting them to consider the disposal of items that were currently contained within the Asset Register that are now deemed obsolete, beyond economical repair or had been lost.

Following consideration of the report as presented by the Clerk of the Council, it was **RESOLVED** that the items contained within the Town Council Asset Register that are now considered obsolete, beyond economical repair or had been lost be disposed of and removed from the register.

Cllr Milne objected to the disposal of the assets.

83. INSTALLATION OF CCTV IN TOWN COUNCIL PREMISES

At a meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on 26 August 2021, Members considered a report relating to complaints from a user group regarding alleged vandalism and theft of its equipment. Following consideration, it was unanimously resolved that the Town Council be requested to consider the installation of CCTV in its premises.

Members considered the request for the installation of CCTV in its premises and it was **RESOLVED** that it be forwarded to the General Purposes and Community Grants Committee to allow further discussion.

**The meeting closed
at 8.40 p.m.**

Dated: 16 September 2021

Signed

**Cllr D J Baum
Mayor of the Town Council**