

KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

A Meeting of the Knowsley Town Council was held on Thursday 16 June 2022, in Room One, Community Pavilion, Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors: V Boateng, K Gregory, B Thompson

33. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

The Town Council received the following question from Knowsley Lane Bungalows Committee:

“As residents of Knowsley Village, we would like to know what the schedule is for the repair of the Christmas Tree Lights on Knowsley Lane”

The Mayor thanked the Committee for the question and informed them that the question would be deferred to the next meeting of the Events Committee for consideration.

A reply to the question would be forwarded in writing as soon as possible.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received from the following members:

Cllr D J Baum - Agenda Item 9 - Planning Notifications
Cllr J Donnelly - Agenda Item 9 - Planning Notifications
Cllr I Smith - Agenda Item 9 - Planning Notifications

35. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 19 May 2022 be agreed as a true and correct record:

36. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

A member informed the Council that as a community volunteer he had taken part in the Kings and Queens Parade in Knowsley Village to celebrate the Queens Jubilee and the Knowsley Borough of Culture. He stated that it was “smashed out of the park” and that he extended his thanks to everyone who had organised the event and those who had taken part.

A member stated that he was Covid Community Vaccine Champion and hoped that the Town Council would offer its support to the programme.

37. UPDATES FOR INCLUSION ON TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

There were no updates for inclusion on the Town Council website and the schedule of items included on the site as presented by the Deputy Clerk of the Council were noted.

38. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor stated that it was not true that she had attended a meeting to discuss the Christmas Tree Lights on Knowsley Lane and she had not stated that she was the Clerk of the Halewood Town Council.

39. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Members were informed that MAGS Junior Football Club had now signed the Service Level Agreement for the use of Pool Hey Playing Fields. However, the club could not start until the container was in place in the car park of the Community Pavilion.

The Clerk informed members that following the meeting with MAGS, she noted that the Planning Application relating to the Town Councils container on the same site was due for renewal and that she had already begun the process of applying for retention.

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

40. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

A member thanked the Clerk of the Council and Mark Quinn for the quick response to the enquiry regarding a recent planning application. However he felt that historically, there was a lack of response to the Town Council relating to planning applications that are within the Town Council area. There was no equitable partnership between Knowsley Town Council and the Officers in the Planning Department. It was stated that there was not a properly co-ordinated response by the Officers and a discussion should take place between Knowsley Town Council and Knowsley MBC’s Planning Department to find the best way for the Town Council to respond with Officers.

Members considered planning application number 22/00260/TCA and requested that further information be sent relating to type and health of the trees outlined in the planning notification.

41. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (2021/22)

The draft minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Thursday 19 May 2022, were **NOTED** by members..

42. CO-OPTION - CASUAL VACANCY - KNOWSLEY PARK WARD

A Casual Vacancy had occurred in the Knowsley Park Ward due to the resignation of an elected member. As no by-election was called, the vacancy should now be filled by co-option.

Nominations were called for candidates to be co-opted onto the Town Council.

The following persons were nominated to fill the vacancy:

Proposed:	Mark Burke	Proposed:	Jackie Gregory
Proposer:	Cllr I Smith	Proposer:	Cllr B Donnelly
Seconder:	Cllr C Milne	Seconder:	Cllr N Joseph

As there were two candidates, a vote was called for, the results as follows:

Mark Burke

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Jackie Gregory

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As Jackie Gregory received the most votes, it was **RESOLVED** that she be co-opted to serve as a member of the Town Council for the Knowsley Park Ward.

**The meeting closed
at 7.40 pm**

Dated: 16 June 2022

Signed

**Cllr L O’Keeffe
Mayor of the Town Council**