

# KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

A meeting of Knowsley Town Council's General Purposes and Community Grants Committee was held on Wednesday 15 February 2023 in the Committee Room, the Community Pavilion, Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

### PRESENT

**Councillors:** D J Baum (Chair of the Committee),  
V Boateng, B Donnelly, L O'Keeffe,  
N Joseph

Cllr N Joseph left the meeting at 6.10 pm

**Officers:** Jane Thomas ( Deputy Clerk of the Council)

**Also in Present:** 2 members of the public , Cllr Collette Milne

### APOLOGIES

Cllr J Donnelly ( Vice-Chair of the Committee)  
Cllr L Tomlinson

There were no apologies received from members

### **134. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received from members.

### **135. UPDATE - UNAUTHORISED ACCESS - SANCTUARY WOODLANDS**

It was brought to the attention of the town Council that a contractor employed by the homeowner of "suncot " ,in Shannons Lane , Knowsley Village had gain unauthorised vehicular access to Sanctuary woodlands. This has resulted in some of the vegetation and the ground being chained up in the process. The Clerk of the Council and Steve Jones (KMBC) on 20 January 2023 hand deliver ed a letter to the homeowner of the property from the Town Council requesting the homeowner to instruct the contractor to stop the unauthorised access to Sanctuary woodlands.

Two local residents attended the meeting to update members of the situation within Sanctuary woodlands . Members where informed that a 10ft metal paling fence has been erected in place of the original metal paling fence that was erected by the Bourgh Council had been cut up and taken away by a scarp metal merchant from St Helens.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the

a . secure existing gate or obtain new gate fitted with secure lock

*b signage to be erected advising "No Unauthorised Vehicular Access"*

- c. contact Mersey Forest and the Wildlife Trust for photographs of Sanctuary Woodlands
- d. contact KMBC planning department requesting an investigation into the 10ft metal fencing business is being run from the property

**136. UPDATE - PUBLICRIGHT OF WAY/PUBLIC FOOTPATH - GELLINGS FARM,KNOWSLEY VILLAGE**

During the Annual Beating of the Bounds held September 2022, members were approached by the owner of Gellings Farm, Knowsley Village and Informed that the footpath they were using was private land and that they were trespassing. Following consideration, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that more information be sourced including old maps of the area with Public Right of Way/Public Footpath and to inform KMBC of our findings and if need be reinstate the Public Right of Way/Public Footpath through Gellings Farm

**137. OPENING/CLOSING GATES AT LONGBOROUGH ROAD PUBLIC OPEN SPACE.**

Following the verbal report from the Chair of the Committee, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Longborough Road, Public open space gates remain open at all times.

**EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL**

**(Under Section 1.10.1 of the Council’s Standing Orders, it was RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public were temporarily excluded from the meeting for the following items)**

**138. SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION - KNOWSLEY FLOWER SHOW**

Members considered a sponsorship application from Knowsley Flower Show.

Following discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the sum of £750 sponsorship be awarded to Knowsley Flower Show towards the classes, provision of a free shuttle bus and an advertisement in the show programme.

**139. GRANT APPLICATION**

Under delegated powers, the General Purposes and Community Grants Committee had the authority to consider all grant applications.

Members considered a grant application from the Millennium Morris Dancers.

Following consideration, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the sum of £500 be awarded to the Millennium Morris Dancers for the municipal year 2022/23 towards the purchase of group hoodies and trophies.

**The meeting closed at 6.45p.m.**

**Dated: 15 February 2023**

**Signed .....**

**Cllr D J Baum  
Chairman of the Committee**