

KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

A Meeting of the Knowsley Town Council was held on Thursday 21 September 2023, in Room One, Community Pavilion, Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Officers: Heather Weightman (Clerk of the Council)

APOLOGIES

Councillors: B Thompson, F Wynn

73. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No questions were received from members of the public.

74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received from the following member:

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

75. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 20 July 2023 (numbered 57 to 65) be agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Mayor.

76. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

There were no reports from members.

77. UPDATES FOR INCLUSION ON TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Schedule of items included on the Town Council’s website presented by the Deputy Clerk of the Council were noted. Members raised the following issues with the website. There were outdated committees and reports and one member stated that when signing on the website, Ukraine came up.

The Mayor stated that it is important that the website is kept updated as that it is the portal used by the majority of the electorate.

The Clerk of the Council informed members that she would discuss the matters raised with the Deputy Clerk of the Council and ensure that the website was updated as soon as possible.

78. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor informed members that due to the very rainy Summer, it had not been possible to organise the annual beating of the bounds. He stated that the event would be arranged during the Autumn.

Cllr Boateng gave members an update on events being held to celebrate Black History Month. She informed members that Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council had arranged for events to be held in all libraries in the country.

Members were asked to replicate what Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council were providing and asked Knowsley Town Council to arrange events in Town Council premises to help members and the community to celebrate the theme of Women Empowerment, as part of Black History month.

Cllr Boateng was requested to continue to keep the Town Council informed of any progress.

The Mayor informed members that he had arranged a meeting with the Leader and Chief Executive of Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council to be held on Monday 11 September 2023, to discuss and hopefully make significant progress relating to the dilapidations at Knowsley Village Hall.

Unfortunately, the meeting was cancelled at the last minute and therefore no progress was able to be made on the issue.

It was agreed that the dilapidations at Knowsley Village Hall be referred to the Town Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration and that professional advice and guidance be sought on the matter.

79. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Members were informed that correspondence had been received from Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council asking if the Bob Whiley Community Centre was still available as a potential centre where people affected by emergency can use/be evacuated to.

Members requested the Clerk of the Council to inform Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council that the building was still available and to provide them with up to date contact details as requested.

(NOTE: That in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct, Cllr D J Baum, Cllr M Burke 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)

80. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

The following planning applications were received from Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council:

23/01973 TEL 23/02486 TCA 23/02060 PDS
23/01731 CLD 23/01429 REM

Following consideration, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that no objections be raised for the above planning applications received from Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

81. FINANCIAL MATTERS (APRIL TO JUNE 2023)

Members considered the payments and receipts and quarterly budget report for the period April to June 2023, as presented by the Clerk of the Council.

Members requested clarification on the payments made for staffing, human resources support and water testing in the Town Council Premises.

It was requested that an explanation of the calculations relating to the three budget heads outlined above be emailed to all members.

Following discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that in future all financial details to be presented to the Town Council’s Finance and General Purposes Committee for its consideration prior to being presented to the Town Council.

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL

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

82. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Not for Publication

The meeting closed

at

7.45 pm

Dated: 21 September 2023

Signed

**Cllr B Donnelly
Mayor of the Town Council**