

KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

A Meeting of the Knowsley Town Council was held on Thursday 18 January 2024, in Room One, Community Pavilion, Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors:- B Donnelly (Mayor of the Town Council), L O’Keeffe (Deputy Mayor of the Town Council), D J Baum, M Burk (left 8.15 p.m.), J Donnelly, K Gregory, N Joseph, I Smith, L Tomlinson, F Wynn (arrived 7.35 p.m.)

Officers: Jane Thomas (Clerk of the Council)

Also Present: George Mackenzie (Consultant)

APOLOGIES

Councillors: V Boateng, B Thompson

136. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No questions were received from members of the public.

137. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received from the following members:

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

138. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 November 2023 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

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139. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** (by members of the Committee) that the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 be agreed as true record and signed by the Chairman.

140. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

There were no reports from Members

141. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor informed members that the Town Council had donated one hundred selection boxes to the Stockbridge Christmas Market (Childrens fund-raising event). Two hundred selection boxes to Hillside Neighbourhood Centre - Santa sleigh. Two food hampers to the residents of Jacksons Gardens and one hundred selection boxes to the local children's disability group.

142. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Members were informed that a new clocking-in system had been installed in the Community Pavilion.

Storage units that had been requested by members and the centres user groups have now been fitted at the Community Pavilion. The Clerk informed members that the user groups are pleased with the storage units. The Clerk was requested to purchase two more units.

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

143. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications as received from Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council:

23/02062/CLD 23/02825/TCA 23/02724/CLD 23/02706/FUL

23/02745/FUL 22/00163/NMA 23/02698/FUL 23/02759/FUL

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

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144. MAINTENANCE OF THE MUGA AT BOB WHILEY CENTRE

The Clerk updated Members on the outcome of the recent maintenance inspection.

Following discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that it be deferred to a future Finance and General Purpose meeting.

145. FINANCIAL MATTERS (NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2023)

Members were presented with details outlining the receipts and payments report from the period (November to December 2023)

It was **RESOLVED** that the receipts and payments report for the period (November to December 2023) be noted. .

146. 2023-2024 BUDGET – FORECAST OUT TURN

Members were presented with detailed analysis of the spending against the Town Council’s budget for 2023/24 including the calculation of the forecast out turn.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that 2023/24 budget forecast outturn be noted.

147. BUSINESS CALENDAR

Members considered the business calendar for the period January to December 2024 presented by the Clerk ensuring all legislative requirements are met and to aid transparency in the Town Council’s decision making

Following discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the business calendar be noted.

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 item)

148. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

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149. **STAFFING MATTER**

Exempt - Not for publication

**The meeting closed
at 8.30 pm**

Dated: 18 January 2024

Signed

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