

KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of Knowsley Town Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee was held on Thursday 10 October 2024 in the Committee Room, the Community Pavilion, Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: J Donnelly (Vice-Chair), B Donnelly, N Josph, L O'Keeffe, L Tomlinson.

Officers: Jane Thomas - Clerk of the Council and Responsible Financial Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: D J Baum (Chair), M Burke.

81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received from members.

82. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes and Community Grants Committee Meeting held on Monday 16th July 2024, be noted.

83. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

There were no announcements from the Vice-Chair of the Committee.

84. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

There were no announcements from the Clerk of the Council.

85. FINANCIAL MATTERS (JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2024)

Members reviewed the payments, income, and the second quarterly budget report for the period July to September 2024, as presented by the Clerk of the Council. After thorough discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the income, payments, and the quarterly budget report for this period be noted.

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86. INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2024/25

Members considered the Investment Strategy Policy as presented by the Clerk of the Council. After careful deliberation, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that:

- **Note and Agree** the adoption of the Investment Strategy Policy for the financial year 2024/25.
- Recommend that Full Council formally approve the policy.

87. TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2024/25

Members considered the Treasury Management report as presented by the Clerk of the Council. Given the unrestricted interest rates available on a day-to-day basis, it was acknowledged that some flexibility in investment decisions may be required." Following careful deliberation, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that:

- Note report.
- Agree to invest the unrestricted reserves, with the exact sum to be determined at the time of investment.
- Recommend to the Full Council that this approach be formally approved.

88. FEES AND CHARGES FOR USE OF TOWN COUNCIL FACILITIES (2024/25)

Following discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Fees and Charges for the hire of Town Council facilities will remain unchanged for the financial year 2024/25

89. BLOCK BOOKING APPLICATIONS - USE OF TOWN COUNCIL FACILITIES WINTER PERIOD (1 OCTOBER 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025)

Members considered a schedule of applications for block booking of Town Council facilities from community organisations for the Winter period (1 October to 31 March 2025).

Following consideration, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the following Schedule of block booking applications from community organisations for the Winter period (1 October to 31 March 2025) be approved:

Bob Whiley Community Centre

- Knowsley Village Art Group
- Dance Works Knowsley
- Untangled Minds

- Knowsley Liberal Democrats
- B McDonald—Yoga Class
- N Billington—Dance Rehearsal

Community Pavilion

- Blooming Baby Classes (Central Liverpool)
- Christopher Linzie School of Dance
- Stockbridge Amateur Boxing Club
- Bit Of Everything
- Flourish & Succeed
- Flourish FE (KMBC)
- Citizens Advice Knowsley

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL

(Under Section 1.10.1 of the Council’s Standing Orders, 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).

90. GRANT APPLICATION

Under its delegated authority, the Finance and General Purposes Committee **is** authorised to review all grant applications.

The Committee considered a grant application submitted by the Millennium Morris Dancers.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £500 be awarded to the Millennium Morris Dancers to support their Award Night Celebrations, in recognition of the dancers' achievements over the year.

The grant is to be allocated as follows:

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The meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

Dated: 10 October 2024

Signed.....

Cllr J Donnelly

Vice-Chair of the Committee

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