

KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

A Meeting of the Knowsley Town Council was held on Thursday 20 February 2025, in Room One, Community Pavilion, Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Officers: Jane Thomas (Clerk of the Council)

APOLOGIES

Councillors: B Thompson.

140. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No questions were received from members of the public.

141. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received from the following members:

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

All members present at the meeting had signed a dispensation relating to Item 11 on the agenda – Town Council Budget and Precept 2025/26.

142. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 January 2025 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

143. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** (by members of the committee) that the Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee Meetings held on Thursday 6 February 2025 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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144. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

There were no reports from Members.

145. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Cllr Lynn O’Keeffe updated members on the local community group, Safari Kids Club, which had been honoured with the prestigious King’s Award for Voluntary Service. Cllr O’Keeffe proposed that the Town Council donate £200 towards memory books for the ten full-time volunteers at Safari Kids Club, with the Mayor presenting the books. The memory books will include photographs and speeches from the day's event, serving as a keepsake for the volunteers. Members unanimously agreed to approve the donation, recognising it as a thoughtful and appropriate gesture.

146. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

There were no announcements from the Clerk of the Council.

(NOTE: That in accordance with the Town Council’s Code of Conduct, 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)

147. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications as received from Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council: 25/00034/PDS

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

148. FINANCIAL MATTERS (OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024)

Members reviewed the payments, income, and the third quarterly budget report for the period October to December 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 approved.

149. KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT AND BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026

Members were presented with a written report outlining the precept and budget requirements of the Town Council for the financial year 2025/2026.

Cllr I Smith stated his full support for the proposed budget but requested that it be formally recorded that the Liberal Democrat group, as individuals, do not support the allowances and will not be accepting them.

Following consideration and discussion of the written report and the detailed budget requirements

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for the financial year 2025/2026, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that:

- the gross revenue budget (2025/26) be set at £358,495
- the precept demand for (2025/26) be set at £337,545, which represents a standstill of 0%
- the precept for all households be set at £118.52 at Band “D” equivalent
- Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council be notified accordingly.

**The meeting closed
at 7.45 pm**

Dated: 20 February 2025

Signed

**Cllr L Tomlinson
Mayor of the Town Council**

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