

# KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

A Meeting of the Knowsley Town Council was held on Thursday 18 September 2025, in Room One, Community Pavilion, Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

### *PRESENT*

**Councillors:** - D J Baum (Mayor of the Town Council), M Burke, B Donnelly, N Joseph, L O’Keeffe, I Smith, B Thompson.

**Also in Present:** - Jane Thomas (Clerk of the Council)

### *APOLOGIES*

**Councillors:** - V Boateng, J Donnelly, K Gregory, L Tomlinson (Deputy Mayor of the Town Council) F Wynn.

#### **72. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

*No questions were received from members of the public.*

#### **73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were received from the following members:

Cllr D J Baum, Cllr M Burke, Cllr I Smith - Agenda Item 8 Planning Notifications.

#### **74. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 17 July 2025 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

#### **75. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

There was no reports from Members.

#### **76. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor thanked everyone who attended this year’s Beating of the Bound.

#### **77. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

There were no announcements from the Clerk of the Town Council

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

In the absence of the Mayor Cllr D Baum, and Deputy Mayor Cllr L Tomlinson, Cllr B Donnelly, took the chair for the following item.

**78. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered by members:

*25/00429/COU, 25/00283/FUL, 25/00432/COU, 25/00403/FUL,  
25/00438/CLD, 25/00193/FUL, 25/00197/FUL.*

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

Members expressed concern regarding the increasing number of applications for residential children's care homes being submitted within the Township on a monthly basis.

**79. FINANCIAL MATTERS (APRIL TO JUNE 2025)**

Members reviewed the payments, income and budget report for the period April to June 2025, as presented by the Clerk of the Council. After thorough discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the income, payments, and budget report for this period be approved.

**80. RISK ASSESSMENT 2025/26**

Following consideration of the risk assessment as presented by the Clerk of the Council, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to:

- a) Approve the assessment undertaken during 2025/26 to identify the risks involved in achieving the Town Council's objectives.
- b) Approve the review undertaken during 2025/26 in the adequacy of control measures to manage those risks.

**81. A REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEMS OF INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS**

The Accounts and Audit Regulations (2015) (Section 6) requires smaller authorities, each financial year, to undertake a review of the effectiveness of their systems of internal financial controls and to prepare an annual governance statement in accordance with proper practices in relation to the Town Council's accounts.

Following consideration of a written report submitted by the Clerk of the Council, it was

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**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** the review undertaken of the effectiveness of its systems of internal financial controls for the year 2025/2026.

**The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.**

**Date: 18 September 2025**

**Signed.....**

**Cllr D Baum  
Mayor of the Town Council**