

# KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

A Meeting of the Knowsley Town Council was held on Thursday 15 January 2026, 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, J Donnelly, K Gregory, N Joseph, L O’Keeffe, I Smith, B Thompson.

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

### *APOLOGIES*

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

#### **114. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

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

#### **115. 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.

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

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 20 November 2025 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

#### **117. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr Neil Joseph extended his appreciation to the Clerk for her efforts in arranging the Staff and Members’ Christmas meal, which was both well attended and warmly received.

#### **118. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor extended best wishes for the New Year to all members and staff.

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**119. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

The Clerk informed members that, in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.5 and following consultation with the Mayor, a payment of £131 was authorised under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. This expenditure enabled the purchase of two meat vouchers and selection boxes, which were raffled and distributed to residents of Jacksons Gardens as part of their Christmas celebrations. The initiative aimed to support community wellbeing during the festive period, particularly benefiting residents who may have been isolated from family. The decision was taken on the grounds of community benefit and urgency.

Members were advised that the Trust Grant submitted by the Friends of Knowsley Recreation & Green Spaces for new play equipment at Knowsley Recreation Ground has now been formally lodged. The outcome of the application is expected in early March 2026.

Additionally, the Clerk reported that Phil Hurst (Knowsley MBC) had contacted her to confirm that Veolia Environmental Trust now requires Knowsley Town Council to be named as the lead applicant on the Trust Grant fund. Members requested that the Chair and Vice-Chair liaise directly with Mr. Hurst to clarify the reasoning behind this change in lead applicant status.

*(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, Cllr J Donnelly, took the chair for the following item.

**120. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered by members:

25/00540/FUL, 25/00612/CLD, 25/00532/FUL., 25/00613/FUL, 25/00614/FUL, 25/00610/FUL

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

Member's requested further clarification regarding planning applications 25/00613/FUL and 25/00614/FUL, seeking additional detail to better understand the scope and implications of the proposed developments.

**121. REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT**

**RESOLVED:** That the review of the effectiveness of internal audit be deferred pending further discussion and clarification.

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**122. TERRORISM (PROTECTION OF PREMISES) ACT 2025 – MARTYN’S LAW**

The Clerk presented a report on Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, commonly known as Martyn’s Law, which introduces new statutory duties on certain organisations to assess and mitigate the risk of terrorism at publicly accessible premises and events. The report summarises key information from an SLCC seminar and considers any potential implications for the Council.

Following consideration, it was **RESOLVED** that the report on the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 (Martyn’s Law) be noted and that, upon publication of the statutory guidance, appropriate risk assessments be undertaken and proportionate mitigation measures implemented where applicable.

**The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.**

**Date: 15 January 2026**

**Signed.....**

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