

KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of Knowsley Town Council's
Finance and General Purposes Committee
was held on Thursday, 18th June 2026 in the Community Pavilion,
Committee Room, Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: M Burke, J Donnelly (Chair), N Joseph (Vice-Chair)
L Tomlinson.

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors: D Baum, B Donnelly, L O'Keeffe.

The meeting was scheduled to commence at 7.30 p.m. However, due to preceding Full Council meeting overrunning, the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting commenced at 7.40 p.m.

36. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/2027

Nominations were called for the position of Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/2027. There was only one nomination as follows:

Proposed: Cllr J Donnelly
Proposer: Cllr N Joseph
Seconder: Cllr L Tomlinson

There being no further nominations, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr J Donnelly be duly elected to serve as Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/2027. Cllr J Donnelly accepted the position and duly signed the Declaration of Office.

37. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/2025

Nominations were called for the position of Vice-Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/2027. There was only one nomination as follows:

Proposed: Cllr N Joseph
Proposer: Cllr J Donnelly
Seconder: Cllr L Tomlinson

There being no further nominations, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr N Joseph be duly elected to serve as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/2027.

38. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received from members.

40. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

There were no announcements from the Chair.

41. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

There were no announcements from the Clerk.

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).

42. 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 AFC Knowsley.

Members discussed the application and agreed that further information was required from AFC Knowsley before a final decision could be made. It was therefore proposed that consideration of the application be deferred pending clarification from the applicant.

Following receipt of the requested clarification, and subject to the Committee's delegated authority, it was agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee be authorised to review the additional information and make the final decision on the grant application.

Cllr M Burke requested that a recorded vote be taken.

The recorded vote was as follows:

For deferral of the application, with final determination delegated to the Chair and Vice-Chair following receipt of clarification:

Cllr J Donnelly, Cllr L Tomlinson, Cllr N Joseph.

Against deferral / in favour of awarding the grant at the meeting:

Cllr M Burke.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the grant application from AFC Knowsley be deferred pending receipt of further clarification from the applicant, and that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee be authorised to make the final decision once the requested clarification has been received.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Date: 18 June 2026

Signed.....

**Cllr J Donnelly
Chair of the Committee**