

KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

A Meeting of the Knowsley Town Council was held on Thursday 20 October 2022, in Room One, Community Pavilion, Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors:- L O'Keeffe (Mayor of the Town Council), D J Baum (Deputy Mayor of the Town Council), V Boateng, B Donnelly, J Donnelly, K Gregory, N Joseph, C Milne, I Smith, B Thompson, L Tomlinson.

Officers: Heather Weightman (Clerk of the Council)
Jane Thomas (Deputy Clerk of the Council)

APOLOGIES

Councillors: J Gregory.

Prior to the start of the meeting, a minutes silence was held in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Olivia Pratt-Korbel, Ashley Dale and Karen Dempsey.

75. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No questions were received from members of the public.

76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received from the following members:

Cllr D J Baum - Agenda Item 10 - Planning Notifications and
Agenda Item 15 - Dilapidations - Knowsley Village Hall
Cllr J Donnelly - Agenda Item 10 - Planning Notifications and
Agenda Item 15 - Dilapidations - Knowsley Village Hall
Cllr L O'Keeffe - Agenda Item 15 - Dilapidations - Knowsley Village Hall
Cllr I Smith - Agenda Item 10 - Planning Applications and
Agenda Item 15 - Dilapidations - Knowsley Village Hall
Cllr K Gregory - Agenda Item 15 - Dilapidations - Knowsley Village Hall
Cllr L Tomlinson - Agenda Item 15 - Dilapidations - Knowsley Village Hall

77. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 21 July 2022, be agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

78. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

A member informed colleagues that he had volunteered to take part in Knowsley MBC's Borough of Culture 5 day event.

The event highlighted Huyton's mining origins, focusing on the working class struggles and the delivery of the event was fantastic.

A Cllr Joseph stated that he had recently taken part in interview on Radio Merseyside relating to the community orchard. The interview lasted five minutes and he was able promote the Town Council amongst other great achievements.

A newly formed local action committee had been successful in securing £75k funding for the remodelling of the play park in the central area of Stockbridge Village.

Members congratulated the Mayor for a very successful Mayoral Celebration Event which had been held on Friday 14 October 2022. A great night was had by all.

79. UPDATES FOR INCLUSION ON TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

The schedule of items included on the site as presented by the Deputy Clerk of the Council were noted.

The Mayor requested that in order to promote openness and transparency, details of the her Charities and how much had been donated should be Included on the Town Council's website.

80. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending the Mayoral Celebration and stated that £162 was donated on the night to her chosen charities plus a further donation of £200 from Silcox Fairs.

During the annual Beating of the Bounds, it was discovered that one of the footpaths had been blocked off by a landowner. Knowsley MBC would be investigating the matter.

81. 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 J Donnelly 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) Cllr D J Baum, declared an interest in the item, left the room and did not vote thereon.

82. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications as received from Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council:

22/00380	ADV	22/00465	FUL	22/00334	FUL
22/00421	FUL	20/00617	NMA	22/00412	FUL
22/00348	FUL	22/00332	FUL	22/00489	FUL
22/00418	FUL	22/0379	FUL	22/00400	FUL
22/00532	FUL	22/00533	FUL	22/00557	CLD
22/00492	FUL				

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

The Clerk of the Council informed members that the planning consent relating to the container sited in the car park at the Community Pavilion required renewal. She had sent off the application in June 2022, however, she had forwarded the details again as Knowsley MBC stated that it had not received the original application.

83. FINANCIAL MATTERS (APRIL TO JUNE/ JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2022)

Members were presented with details outlining the receipts and payments and the budget report from the periods April to June and July to September 2022.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the receipts and payments and the budget report for the periods April to June and July to September 2022 be approved.

84. EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Members considered the report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022. Members noted that there were no issues raised by the External Auditor and it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 be noted and approved.

Members thanked the Clerk of the Council and the Deputy Clerk of the Council for their work in preparing the accounts for audit.

85. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES

Members received details of the Remembrance Sunday Services to be held within the Township.

Following consideration, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Deputy May would choose which services to attend.

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL

(Under Section 1.10.1 of the Council's Standing Orders, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED 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.

86. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** (by members of the Committee) that the Minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on Wednesday 3 August 2022 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

(Cllr N Joseph left the meeting at 7.35 p.m.)

(NOTE: that in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct, Cllr D J Baum, Cllr J Donnelly, Cllr I I O'Keeffe, Cllr I Smith, Cllr K Gregory and Cllr L Tomlinson declared an interest in the next item, left the room and did not vote thereon.)

(Cllr B Donnelly stated that he would not be taking part in the next item and left the room.)

87. DILAPIDATIONS - KNOWSLEY VILLAGE HALL

Due to the meeting being declared inquorate, this item could not be discussed and will be deferred to the next meeting of the Town Council.

**The meeting closed
at 7.45 pm**

Dated: 20 October 2022

Signed
Cllr L O’Keeffe
Mayor of the Town Council