

# Knutsford Town Council

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## Minutes of a meeting of the **Community Committee** held 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 in the Lower Council Chamber

### **C25/032      PRESENT**

Councillors McCulloch, Coan, Dalzell, Hartley and Watson.

A Keppel-Green (*Town Clerk*).

### **C25/033      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Forrest (health).

### **C25/034      DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

No member declared an interest in any item under discussion.

### **C25/035      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A representative of Friends of the Moor spoke in relation to the proposal for CCTV on the Moor, outlining that the group has been campaigning for CCTV coverage for almost a decade, noting a number of instances where CCTV would have been beneficial and noting the results of a survey of residents which indicated support for CCTV. In a personal capacity they further spoke in relation to the proposed reduction in PCSO numbers outlining their experience of the value of PCSOs.

The Police Sergeant for Knutsford spoke in relation to CCTV on the Moor, reporting the number of crime reports in the last two years, noting that a number were closed without evidence which CCTV may have provided and expressing general support for CCTV to support police work.

### **C25/036      CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> October, subject to typographical corrections to C25/024 and C25/030.

### **C25/037      REVIEW OF YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

The income and expenditure year to date was noted. The Town Clerk explained the overspend for Town Awards was the redesign of event materials.

**C25/038 MOOR CCTV CAMERA**

It was **RESOLVED** that the committee wishes to see adequate CCTV coverage on the Moor.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that it funds CCTV coverage on the Moor with costs of up to £5,200 upfront and £1,360 per year.

**C25/039 CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY REDUCTION IN PCSOS**

It was **RESOLVED** to write to the Police and Crime Commission and Chief Constable outlining the council's opposition to the proposed reduction in PCSO numbers recognising the value placed on the service they provide to the local community.

**C25/040 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the revised policy.

**C25/041 PROMOTION OF 2027 ELECTIONS**

The committee discussed the relative value of a number of methods of promoting election candidacy, expressing some uncertainty as to the value of engagement through the schools and the level of involvement members would be willing to give to for associated publicity.

The meeting was adjourned for a short recess.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the promotion plan as outlined, starting as soon as practicable and subject to adequate budget and personnel.

**C25/042 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Progress against delivery of strategic plan actions was noted. The Town Clerk confirmed that the departure of the Community Engagement Officer would have some effect on delivery and that this would be reviewed once a new officer was in post.

**C25/043 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS AND PROJECT UPDATES REPORT**

The outstanding actions and project updates report was noted.

**C25/044 COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

The committee workplan was noted and it was noted that leads needed assigning to some items.

**C25/045 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk responded to a question advising that signage could be installed at the accessible

toilet at the council offices and to a further question in relation to the condition of Northwich Road advising reports should firstly be made via the traCE system and then to CEC ward memebtrs.

**C25/046      DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting would be held on 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm.

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