



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

6th May, 2016

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 10.00 a.m. on FRIDAY, the 6th day of MAY, 2016, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

COUNCILLOR MRS SARA DAWN ANDREA HACKMAN, JP

Councillor

Mrs C.A. Corlett

Mr S.R. Pitts

Ms C.R. Turner

Mr D.J. Ashford

Mrs R. Chatel

Mr D.W. Christian, MBE, JP

Ms C.E. Malarkey

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr C.L.H Cain

Mr F. Pabellan

Miss D.A.M. Pitts

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Mr J.E. Skinner

Ms K Angela

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Ms J. Thommeny

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor K. Oliphant-Smith.

The Chief Executive and Town Clerk, the Director of Finance, the Director of Housing and Property and the Director of Environment and Regeneration were in attendance.

1. Return of Councillors elected at the four-yearly elections in April, 2016

The Chief Executive reported that at the elections of Councillors in April 2016, the following Members were elected;

In St. George's Ward, without a contest:

Catherine Anne Corlett, of 30, Cronkbourne Road, Douglas;
Stephen Robert Pitts, of 35, Princes Street, Douglas; and
Catherine Rose Turner, of 16, Westminster Terrace, Douglas.

In Victoria Ward, contested:

David John Ashford, of 19 Berrywoods Avenue, Douglas;
Raina Chatel, of "The Blossoms", 4, The Esplanade, Douglas; and
Kevin Oliphant-Smith, of 9, Mona Drive, Douglas.

In Hills Ward, contested:

David William Christian, 3, Slieu ree, Main Road, Union Mills, Braddan;
Carol Elizabeth Malarkey, of 3, Richmond Court, Douglas; and
Claire Louise Wells, of 26, Meadow Crescent, Saddlestone Park, Douglas.

In Derby Ward, without a contest:

Colin Leendert Harold Cain, of Cavas House, Westmoreland road, Douglas
Ferdinand Pabellan, of 35, Derby Road, Douglas; and
Debra Anne Marie Pitts, of 12 Westmoreland Court, Douglas.

In Murrays Ward, without a contest:

Richard Henry McNicholl, of 1 Westminster Drive, Douglas; and
John Edward Skinner, of 6, Berkeley Street, Douglas.
One vacancy in Murrays Ward remains to be filled.

In Athol Ward, without a contest:

Karen Angela, of Balladane, 7, Castlemona Avenue, Douglas;
Elizabeth Caracher Quirk, of Eary Vane, Alexander Drive, Douglas; and
Janet Thommeny, of 23, Berrywoods Avenue.

The Chief Executive further reported that all those Members have made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and finally, the vacancy in Murrays Ward will be the subject of Public Notice and if more than one nomination is received a poll will be taken on Thursday, 16th June, 2016.

2. Confirmation of Selection of Mayor

Nomination proposed by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, "That the selection of Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner to be confirmed Mayor of the Borough of Douglas for the forthcoming municipal year 2016/2017."

Question put on Nomination: a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

3. Election of Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Executive Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Pabellan, "That Mr Councillor D.W. Christian be elected Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

4. Election of Chair of the Housing Committee

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs E.C Quirk, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, "That Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford be elected Chair of the Housing Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

5. Election of Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, “That Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts be elected Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

6. Election of Chair of the Environmental Services Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for a Member to serve as Chair of the Environmental Services Committee.

Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl was nominated by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts.

Councillor Mrs C.L Wells was nominated by Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, seconded by Councillor Ms K. Angela.

A ballot took place in which the votes were cast as follows;

Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl 10

Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells 7

The Mayor declared Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be elected Chair of the Environmental Services Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018.

7. Election of a Member to the Executive Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, “That Councillor Mrs C.A Corlett be elected a Member of the Executive Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018.

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

8. Election of Chair of Pensions Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for one Member to serve as Chair of the Pensions Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018.

Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford was nominated by Mr Councillor J. E. Skinner, seconded by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel.

Councillor Ms K. Angela was nominated by Councillor Mrs C.L Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.A Corlett.

A ballot took place in which the votes were cast as follows:

Mr Councillor D. J Ashford 9

Councillor Ms K. Angela 8

The Mayor declared Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, to be elected Chair of the Pensions Committee for the forthcoming municipal years 2016 to 2018.

9. Election of Chair of Standards Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, “That Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts be elected Chair of the Standards Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment and Resumption of Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 10.33am and resumed at 11.01am with the same sixteen Members present.

11. Appointment of Members to the Housing, Regeneration and Community and Environmental Services Committees

The Chief Executive and Town Clerk reported that during the adjournment the Executive Committee had met and appointed Members to each of the Committees as follows:

Housing Committee:

Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells

Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey

Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain

Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk

Regeneration and Community Committee:

Councillor Mrs R. Chatel

Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts

Councillor Ms J. Thommeny

Member to be elected for Murray's Ward

Environmental Services Committee:

Councillor Ms C.R. Turner

Councillor Ms K. Angela

Mr Councillor F. Pabellan

Mr Councillor K. Oliphant-Smith

12. Appointment of Pensions Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for four Members to serve on the Pensions Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018.

Councillor Mrs C.A. Corlett was nominated by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford.

Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts was nominated by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel.

Councillor Ms K. Angela was nominated by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, seconded by Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk.

Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain was nominated by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts

Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl was nominated by Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford.

A ballot took place in which the votes were cast as follows;

Councillor Mrs C.A. Corlett	15
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Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts	14
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Councillor Ms K. Angela	12
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Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain	15
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Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl	12
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The Mayor declared Councillor Mrs C.A. Corlett, Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts and Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the members present, to be appointed to serve on the Pensions Committee for the municipal year 2016 to 2018, and advised that as Councillor Ms K. Angela and Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl obtained the same number of votes a further ballot must take place.

A further ballot took place in which the votes were cast as follows;

Councillor Ms K. Angela	9
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Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl	7
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The Mayor declared Councillor Ms K. Angela, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, to be appointed as the fourth member to serve on the Pensions Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018

13. Appointment of an Independent Member to the Pensions Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, "That Mr A. Thomas be appointed to serve as Independent Member of the Pensions Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

14. Appointment of Standards Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for three Members to serve on the Standards Committee for the municipal years 2014 to 2016.

Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey was nominated by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian.

Councillor Mrs R. Chatel was nominated by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts.

Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk was nominated by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, seconded by Councillor Ms K. Angela.

Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl was nominated by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Councillor Ms K. Angela.

Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl indicated he did not wish to serve on the Standards Committee and Mr Councillor D.W. Christian subsequently withdrew his nomination.

Resolved unanimously, "That Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel and Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, be appointed to serve on the Standards Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

15. Appointment of Independent Member to the Standards Committee

Motion moved by Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, "That Mr D. Booth be appointed to serve as Independent Member of the Standards Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

16. Appointment of Independent Member to the Housing Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, "That Mrs J. Quaggan be appointed to serve as Independent Member of the Housing Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

17. Appointment of an Allotments Committee

Resolved unanimously, "That the Regeneration and Community Committee be appointed as the Allotments Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

18. Appointment of two allotment holder representatives to the Allotments Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, "That Mr L. Gerrard and Mrs H. Cleverly be appointed to sit as allotment holder representatives on the Allotments Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

19. Appointment of a Member to the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, "That Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

20. Appointment of a Member to the Richmond Hill (Incinerator) Consultative Committee

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, "That Councillor Ms C.R. Turner be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Richmond Hill (Incinerator) Consultative Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

21. Appointment of a Member to the Douglas Endowments Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Councillor Ms K. Angela, "That Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts be appointed to serve as the Council's representative to the Endowments Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

22. **Appointment of a Member to the Isle of Man Society for the Preservation of Manx Countryside and Environment**

The Mayor invited nominations for one Member to serve as the Council's representative to the Isle of Man Society for the Preservation of Manx Countryside and Environment.

Mr Councillor F. Pabellan was nominated by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian and seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford.

Councillor Ms K. Angela was nominated by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl and seconded by Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk.

A ballot took place in which the votes were cast as follows;

Mr Councillor F. Pabellan	9
Councillor Ms K. Angela	6

The Mayor declared that Mr Councillor F. Pabellan, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be appointed to serve as the Council's representative Isle of Man Society for the Preservation of Manx Countryside and Environment for the municipal years 2016 to 2018.

23. **Appointment of a Member to serve as President of the Isle of Man Municipal Association for the municipal year 2016/2017**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, "That Councillor Mrs R. Chatel be appointed to serve as the Council's representative (as host of the 2016 Isle of Man Municipal Association AGM) as President of the Association for the municipal year 2016/2017."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

24. **Appointment of two Members to the Isle of Man Municipal Association**

The Mayor invited nominations for two Members to serve as the Council's representatives to the Isle of Man Municipal Association.

Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk was nominated by Councillor Miss D.A.M Pitts and seconded by Councillor Ms K. Angela.

Councillor Mrs C.A. Corlett was nominated by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford and seconded by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel.

Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey was nominated by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford and seconded by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel.

A ballot took place in which the votes were cast as follows;

Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk	10
Councillor Mrs C.A. Corlett	11
Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey	9

The Mayor declared that Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk and Councillor Mrs C.A. Corlett, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives to the Isle of Man Municipal Association.

25. **Appointment of two Members to the Douglas Town Band Committee**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey; "That Councillor Ms J. Thommeny be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Douglas Town Band Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

Motion moved by Councillor Ms K. Angela, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, "That Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Douglas Town Band Committee for the municipal years 2016 to 2018."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

26. **Press Statement**

Resolved unanimously, "That the Town Clerk and Chief Executive be authorised to issue a press statement detailing the memberships and Chairs of Committees and representatives on outside bodies as soon as practicable, and to publish them on the Council's website.

The Council rose at 11.46am.


Town Clerk & Chief Executive