



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

14th February, 2018

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of FEBRUARY, 2018, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

MISS DEBRA ANNE MARIE PITTS, JP

Councillors

Mrs H. Callow

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mrs R. Chatel

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr J. Joughin

Mr D.W. Christian, MBE, JP

Ms C.E. Malarkey

Mr C.L.H. Cain

Mr F. Horning

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Mr J.E. Skinner, JP

Ms K. Angela

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Ms J. Thommeny

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells and Mr Councillor F. Pabellan.

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

1. **Minutes – 10th January, 2018**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 10th January, 2018 were approved and signed.

2. **Minutes – 31st January, 2018**

The minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Wednesday, 31st January, 2018 were approved and signed.

3. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner**

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Chair of the Housing Committee:

Have any properties since their construction within the Lower Pulrose Redevelopment had asbestos surveys carried out prior to commencement of any works within, and if so, at what cost?

Reply by the Chair:

Since construction, none of the Lower Pulrose Redevelopment properties have had asbestos surveys carried out prior to the commencement of any works.

4. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner**

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Leader of the Council:

What action are Douglas Borough Council taking to reduce their consumption of single use plastic and, as a local authority promoting recycling, have any targets been set in this matter?

Reply by the Leader of the Council:

Officers from the Council are active participants in an Officer Waste Working Group which reports to a political Waste Working Group. The issue of single use plastics has not been discussed in the political Waste Working Group as yet. However, officers of the Council believe that a Council stance should be determined in this regard and officers have been tasked with deriving same over the course of the next few months. In addition, it has been suggested that as part of any future regeneration schemes, water fountains be provided to enable the public to refill their own permanent bottles.

In terms of promoting recycling, the Council participates in events to further the recycling message, runs educational sessions in schools, and welcomes the public into the recycling centre as part of the Heritage Open Days. During 2018, a number of campaigns are planned to continue to raise awareness and encourage more people to participate in recycling. The campaigns, in addition to attending specific events such as Tynwald Day and the Nobles Park Fun Day will include regular messages on social media and targeted campaigns in specific areas where it is believed recycling can be improved.

There are no specific targets within the current Service Plan for Waste Services but this is being considered for the 2019 – 2021 service plans. Our recycling performance, as a percentage of all municipal waste arising, is currently reported through the Members' Bulletin.

5. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner**

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

- 1) What was the cost of the damage caused by vandalism to the Musical Christmas tree in Regent Street during the Christmas / New Year period recently?
- 2) Was the CCTV "live" when the vandalism was carried out, and if so are the images of sufficiently good quality to identify the perpetrators?
- 3) What other action is being taken to identify the perpetrators?
- 4) Is any legal action being brought against the perpetrators who carried out the act of vandalism, to the Christmas Tree, and if not, why?

Reply by Chair:

- 1) There were two incidents of vandalism; one on the 24th December and the other on 30th December. The repairs were undertaken by in-house officers at an estimated cost of £110 and £66 respectively, which is the cost of the man-hours spent. Both were repaired on the day they were picked up.
- 2) The CCTV was live and stills of the CCTV footage have been passed to the police for both incidents for them to undertake their investigations. Some of the perpetrators were clearly visible in the still photographs.
- 3) Identification is the responsibility of the police as part of their enquiries.
- 4) Not currently. We await the police's investigation into the matter. However, at the last Executive Committee, officers were tasked with deriving a Council policy on how the Council should respond to

acts of vandalism on its property. This policy will be submitted to a future Executive Committee for consideration.

6. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner**

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

How many incidents of vandalism and “break-ins” within Nobles Park have been reported since 1st January, 2016?

Reply by the Chair:

Below is a list of notable acts of vandalism in the time period requested. There may have been some very minor isolated acts (such as pulling plants from planters) which the staff will have just dealt with and have not been noted.

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| 03/01/2018 | Café | Break in | Reported to the police by café tenant – no issues with building |
| 17/12/2017 | Bowling Green (No. 2) | Plastic roof panels damaged and glass bottle smashed | |
| | Police reference P101117005 for the 8 incidents below | | |
| 18/11/2017 | Bowling Green | Damage to the greens, surrounding bins & plants | |
| 16/11/2017 | Park entrance flower beds | Flowers pulled out | |
| 16/11/2017 | Toilets (Mens) Bowling Green | Window smashed & flower tub ripped off | |
| 11/11/2017 | Toilets (Mens) Bowling Green | Window smashed | |
| 09/11/2017 | Kiosk – Bowling Green | Window smashed | |
| 07/11/2017 | Toilets (Mens) – Bowling Green | Window smashed | |
| 06/11/2017 | Toilets – Art deco | Window smashed | |
| 23/10/2017 | Outside front of café | Damage to 2 bins and flower basket | Police no. CR18197 (café tenant has reported to the police) |
| 02/08/2017 | Open Space – opposite playground | 10ft Tree snapped | |

7. **Executive Committee – 26th January, 2018**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Friday, 26th January, 2018, be received by the Council.”

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

8. **Standards Committee – 22nd January, 2018**

Motion moved by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Standards Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Monday, 22nd January, 2018, be received by the Council.”

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

9. **Housing Committee – 17th January, 2018 – Clauses A1 – A9 inclusive**

Motion moved by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, seconded by Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A9 inclusive of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 17th January, 2018, be received by the Council.”

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

10. **Housing Committee – 17th January, 2018 – Clause C9**

Motion moved by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, seconded by Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in Clause C9 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 17th January, 2018, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

11. **Environmental Services Committee – 15th January, 2018**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Monday, 15th January, 2018, be received by the Council.”

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

Adjournment and Resumption

The meeting adjourned at 4.02pm and resumed at 4.18pm with the same Members present and officers in attendance.

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12. **Executive Committee – 26th January, 2018 – Clause A1**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause A1 of private report of meeting held on Friday, 26th January, 2018, be received by the Council.”

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

13. **Executive Committee – 26th January, 2018 – Clause B2**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause B2 of private report of meeting held on Friday, 26th January, 2018, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

14. **Housing Committee – 17th January, 2018**

Motion moved by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, seconded by Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 17th January, 2018, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

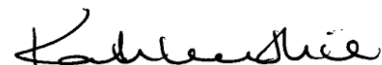
Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

15. **Environmental Services Committee – 15th January, 2018**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Monday, 15th January, 2018, be received by the Council.”

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

The Council rose at 4.45pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive