



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

11th April, 2018

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of APRIL, 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

Ms N.A. Byron

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mrs R. Chatel

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr J. Joughin

Mr D.W. Christian, MBE, JP

Mrs C.L. Wells

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 Mrs H. Callow, Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey 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 – 14th March, 2018**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 14th March, 2018 were approved and signed.

2. **Minutes – 29th March, 2018**

The minutes of the special private Council meeting held on Thursday, 29th March, 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 Regeneration and Community Committee:

- (a) To date how many burials have there been in both The Borough and Lawn Cemetery in each of the last five years?
- (b) How many graves have been opened for second or third burials in each of the last five years?
- (c) Will consideration be given to the Crematorium operating on additional days particularly in view of the high number of deaths this winter and the disruption to services caused by the TT Races, Festival of Motorcycling, Manx Grand Prix and losing a day at Easter which has caused families to have to wait up to three weeks for a Crematorium Service?
- (d) What have been the fees for ‘opening and closing earth grave (first interment)’ and ‘opening and closing earth grave (subsequent interments)’ in each of the last five years?
- (e) What is the reason for the sudden and dramatic rise in fees for ‘subsequent interment, same grave adult’ from £284.80 to £440.00 a rise of £155.20 and to date how many have there been in each of the last five years?
- (f) How many cremations have there been to date in each of the last five years?

Reply by the Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

(a)

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Borough	28	39	25	43	31
Lawn	16	16	15	14	13

(b)

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Borough	20	28	20	34	28
Lawn	1	2	4	5	3

- (c) Yes, consideration is always given to offering extra days if required throughout the year not just during TT/FoM. Additional days are already planned for both events if required this year.

In the instances of families having to wait three weeks for a service, alternatives are always offered to Funeral Directors to try to accommodate their needs, but on some occasions these alternatives are not taken up because a specific time and day have been requested at times when there is no availability.

(d)

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
First	£376.40	£385.81	£395.50	£411.30	£440.00
Subsequent	£260.60	£267.12	£273.80	£284.80	£440.00

The fee for the subsequent interment for 2018/19 is a mistake and should have been reported as £304.73 which was a 7% (£19.94) increase in line with the first interment fee. A report will be submitted to the next Regeneration and Community Committee to seek Committee approval for this amendment.

(e)

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
£5.10 (2%)	£6.52 (2.5%)	£6.68 (2.5%)	+£11.00 (4%)	+£155.20 (54.6%)

The fee for the subsequent interment for 2018/19 is a mistake and should have been reported at £292.96 which was a 7% increase in line with the first interment fee. A report will be submitted to the next Regeneration and Community Committee to seek Committee approval for this amendment.

(f)

04/2013 to 03/2014	04/2014 to 03/2015	04/2015 to 03/2016	04/2016 to 03/2017	04/2017 to 03/2018
545	573	585	624	644

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

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

- (a) How many Wardens are employed within the Borough?
- (b) In view of the retirement of the Borough Warden Manager and the retirement of the ‘Senior’ Borough Warden why as at the 3rd April, 2018 is there no-one available in the Wardens Department to retrieve CCTV footage and evidence following complaints and why are all Wardens currently not trained in this area?

Reply by the Leader of the Council:

- (a) There are three Borough Wardens and a Senior Borough Warden. The Senior Borough Warden post is currently vacant with interviews scheduled for Wednesday, 11th April.
- (b) The Borough Warden Manager previously undertook CCTV evidence retrieval for cases in which there was no police involvement. In cases where crimes are involved the Police have been trained to retrieve the footage themselves. The Borough Warden Manager retired at the end of March 2018. Since then CCTV evidence retrieval has been carried out by the ICT team. The Borough Warden Manager’s successor, the Community and Enforcement Manager, commenced in his post on Tuesday, 3rd April, 2018 and participated in in-house training session with the Council’s specialist trainer on 1st May, along with one of the Borough Wardens. The other two Borough Wardens will participate in this training along with the Senior Borough Warden when they are appointed. At this point the whole team will have been trained.

Supplementary Question

- (a) Is the Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) trained in the retrieval of images from the CCTV cameras around the Borough?

Reply

- (a) The Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) is not trained to retrieve CCTV footage. The need for this training has not been identified when there are other staff who are able to undertake this function, including staff from ICT and Isle of Man Constabulary as and when required.

5. **Executive Committee – 29th March, 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 Thursday, 29th March, 2018, be received by the Council.”

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

6. **Pensions Committee – 28th March, 2018**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain, seconded by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 28th March, 2018, be received by the Council.”

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

7. **Standards Committee – 12th March, 2018**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, seconded by Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Standards Committee, as contained in report of meeting held Monday, 12th March, 2018 be received by the Council.”

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

8. **Housing Committee – 21st March, 2018**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 21st March, 2018, be received by the Council.”

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

9. **Environmental Services Committee – 19th March, 2018**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Monday, 19th March, 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 4.40pm and resumed at 4.55pm with the same Members present and officers in attendance.

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10. **Executive Committee – 29th March, 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 private report of meeting held on Thursday, 29th March, 2018, be received by the Council.”

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

11. **Pensions Committee – 28th March, 2018**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain, seconded by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 28th March, 2018, be received by the Council.”

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

12. **Housing Committee – 21st March, 2018**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 21st March, 2018, be received by the Council.”

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


13. **Environmental Services Committee – 19th March, 2018**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Monday 19th March, 2018, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mr S.R. Pitts, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr J. Joughin, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr C.L.H. Cain, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Ms K. Angela, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **14**

Against: Mr Councillor F. Horning - **1**

The Council rose at 4.26pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive