



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

8th January, 2020

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of JANUARY, 2020, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

MR COUNCILLOR JONATHAN JOUGHIN, JP

Councillors

Miss N.A. Byron

Mrs H. Callow

Mrs R. Chatel

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr D.W. Christian, MBE, JP

Mrs C.E. Crawley

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr A.J. Bentley

Miss D.A.M. Pitts

Mr F. Horning

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Mr J.E. Skinner

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, Councillor Ms K. Angela and Councillor Ms J. Thommeny.

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

1. **Minutes – 11th December, 2019**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11th December, 2019, were approved and signed.

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

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

At a Private Meeting of Council held on 13th November 2019, it was the intention of a Member to seek Suspension of Standing Orders to enable the Independent Member of the Standards Committee to be present during the proceedings relating to the Standards Committee. The Member was informed that it would not be necessary as the Chief Executive had powers to enable this to happen. Under what Regulations / Legislation does the Chief Executive have such powers?

Reply by the Leader of the Council:

The question relates to the consideration by the Council, in private, of a report of a Standards Committee meeting.

Apart from the ability to take part in the Council meeting itself, the Independent Member is treated as a Council Member (Standing Order 77 refers) and is not excluded from attending the private session in relation to their particular Committee. Where the Standards Committee minutes are to be considered in private, it would be inappropriate to require the Independent Member to leave the Chamber. The Standards Committee report was therefore promoted to the first item of business in the private agenda through the Chief Executive's discretion under Standing Order 16(1), so that the Independent Member could remain in attendance for that item only.

A similar situation arose in relation to the Pensions Committee at the Special Private Council meeting on 12th December when the Independent Member of the Pensions Committee was in attendance.

The question asked of the Chief Executive at the November meeting related to the suspension of Standing Orders to change the order of the agenda. The advice given was that suspension was unnecessary because of Standing Order 16(1).

3. **Executive Committee – 18th December, 2019**

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 Wednesday, 18th December, 2019, be received by the Council."

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors; Miss N.A. Byron, Mrs H. Callow, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr I.J.G Clague, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Crawley, Mrs C.L. Wells, Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **12**

Against, Councillors: Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr J.E. Skinner – **2**

Motion carried.

4. **Housing Committee – 18th November, 2019 – Clauses A1 to A7**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded Councillor Mrs C.E. Crawley, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A7 inclusive of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th December, 2019, be received by the Council."

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

5. **Housing Committee – 18th November, 2019 – Clause C8**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded Councillor Mrs C.E. Crawley, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in Clause C8 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th December, 2019, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

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

6. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 17th December, 2019**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, seconded by Councillor Mrs H. Callow, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 17th December, 2019, be received by the Council, subject to correction of Clause A5 that the fireworks tender was 2019 and not 2017 as stated."

During discussion of the item the Council adjourned at 4.12pm to 4.25pm, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts submitted her apologies for the remainder of the meeting.

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

7. **Joint Regeneration and Community Committee and Environmental Services Committee – 5th December, 2019**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the joint Regeneration and Community Committee and Environmental Services Committee, as contained in report of special meeting held on Thursday, 5th December, 2019, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors; Miss N.A. Byron, Mrs H. Callow, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr I.J.G Clague, Mrs C.E. Crawley, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **9**

Against, Councillors: Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr J.E. Skinner – **4**

Motion carried.

8. **Environmental Services Committee – 16th December, 2019**

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, 16th December, 2019, be received by the Council.”

During discussion Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl agreed, subject to consent of the Council to withdraw Clause A6 and refer back to the Committee for further consideration.

A vote on consent to withdraw Clause A6 was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors; Miss N.A. Byron, Mrs H. Callow, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr I.J.G Clague, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Crawley, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **12**

Against, Councillor Mr A.J. Bentley – **1**

Motion carried.

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

9. **Environmental Services Committee – 20th December, 2019**

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 Friday, 20th December, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

10. **Adjournment and Resumption**

The meeting adjourned at 5.25pm and resumed at 5.39pm with the same Members and officers present.

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11. **Executive Committee – 18th December, 2019**

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 Wednesday, 18th December, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

12. **Housing Committee – 18th December, 2019**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Crawley, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th December, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

13. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 17th December, 2019**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, seconded by Councillor Mrs H. Callow, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Tuesday, 17th December, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

14. **Environmental Services Committee – 16th December, 2019 – Clause A2**

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 Clause A2 of private report of meeting held on Monday, 16th December, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

Under the provisions of the Local government Act 1985 Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

15. **Environmental Services Committee – 16th December, 2019 – Clauses A1, A3 and A4**

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 Clauses A1, A3 and A4 inclusive of private report of meeting held on Monday, 16th December, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

16. **Environmental Services Committee – 20th December, 2019**

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 Friday, 20th December, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

The Council rose at 6.08pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive