



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

8th September, 2021

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 SEPTEMBER, 2021, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

MRS RAINA CHATEL, JP

Councillors

Miss N.A. Byron

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mr J.E. Skinner

Mr A.J. Bentley

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr F. Horning

Ms J. Thommeny

Mr P.J. Washington

Mr S.R. Crellin

Mr F. Schuengel

Mrs C.L. Wells

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

1. **Minutes – 4th August, 2021**

The minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Wednesday, 4th August, 2021, were approved and signed.

2. **Minutes – 11th August, 2021**

The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11th August, 2021, were approved and signed.

3. **Standing Order 39 – Written Question – Mr Councillor F. Scheungel**

Mr Councillor F. Scheungel asked the Chair of the Housing and Property Committee:

When can residents of Spring Valley expect a timeline with regards to renovation and developments on their estate?

Response by the Chair of the Housing and Property Committee:

Residents will be given a construction timeline when we get petition concurrence / approval from DOI and Treasury. Only at this time will the project be at a point where we can be confident it will continue.

There are a number of stages to go through before we can get to this point. These are;

- *BC - Business case stage;*
- *DI – Design;*
- *I1 – Design Development;*
- *I2 - Technical Design;*
- *I3 – Tender Stage.*

We are currently at the first stage, BC - business case development.

The different stages can take from a few weeks to several months, the completion of each stage is dependent on a multitude of factors, including final sign-off from the Department of Infrastructure. It is therefore very difficult to give an accurate timeline of events.

Stakeholder engagement will be an incredibly important process during the life cycle of this project, this will include continued consultation with existing tenants and possible future tenants.

A regular communication stream with our tenants will keep them fully informed of progress and any possible set-ups, therefore clearly managing expectations.

In the next 2 weeks we will be issuing a formal communication to the tenants in the form of 'a friendly and accessible' leaflet. This will be followed up by some initial tenant surveys, enabling us to build up a picture of our customer requirements for the new estate. We will endeavour to engage as many stakeholders as possible during the process.

4. **Standing Order 38 – Private Business**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clauses A1, A5 and A6 of private report of meeting held on Thursday, 19th August, 2021; the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration & Community Committee as contained in Clauses B1 and B2 of private report of meeting held on Tuesday, 17th August, 2021; and the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in Clause B1 of private report of meeting held on Monday, 16th August, 2021; be considered in public."

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously, having achieved the two-thirds majority required under Standing Order 38.

5. **Standing Order 38 – Private Business**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause A2 of private report of meeting held on Thursday, 19th August, 2021 and the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th August, 2021 be considered in public."

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr F. Scheungel, Mr P.J. Washington – **6**

Against, Councillors: Mr J.E. Skinner, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr F. Horning, Mrs J. Thommeny – **6**

Motion fell as the two-thirds majority required under Standing Order 38 had not been achieved.

Copies were distributed to all present of the business moved into public.

6. **Executive Committee – 19th August, 2021 – Clause A18**

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985 Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner and the Director of Environment and Regeneration declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

Motion moved by Mr Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause A18 of report of meeting held on Thursday, 19th August, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

7. **Executive Committee – 19th August, 2021 – Clauses A1 to A17 and A1, A5 and A6 of private report**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A17 inclusive of report and Clauses A1, A5 and A6 formerly of private report of meeting held on Thursday, 19th August, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

8. **Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 19th July, 2021**

Motion moved by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Monday, 19th July, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

9. **Housing and Property Committee – 18th August, 2021**

Motion moved by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Mr Councillor S. Crellin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th August, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

10. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 17th August, 2021 and Clauses B1 and B2 of private report**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor Mr S.R. Pitts, seconded by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting, and in Clauses B1 and B2 formerly of private report of meeting held on Tuesday, 17th August, 2021 be received by the Council.”

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

11. **Environmental Services Committee – 16th August, 2021 – Clause A11**

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985 Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner and the Director of Environment and Regeneration declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in Clause A11 of report of meeting held on Monday, 16th August, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

12. **Environmental Services Committee – 14th June, 2021 – Clauses A1 to A10, A12 and A13 and B1 of private report**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A10, A12 and A13 and in Clause B1 formerly of private report of meeting held on Monday, 16th August, 2021, 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, Mr J.E. Skinner, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr F. Schuengel, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Ms J. Thommeny, Mr P.J. Washington – **10**

Against: Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts and Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague – **2**

Motion carried.

13. **Standing Order 30 – Notice of Motion – Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner**

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner moved the following Motion, notice of which had been given:

“That the Council approve that a short inter denominational service of remembrance and dedication take place to include the renaming of the Kaye Garden at the bottom of Summerhill as ‘the Summerland Memorial Garden’ on 2nd August 2023 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Summerland fire which occurred on 2nd August 1973 with the loss of 52 lives.”

Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague seconded the Motion.

Under the provisions of Standing Order 30, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report back to Council by 8th December, 2021.

14. Adjournment and Resumption.

The meeting adjourned at 4.11pm and resumed at 4.28pm with the same Members and Officers present.

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15. Standing Order 39 – Written Question – Mr Councillor D.R. Watson

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson submitted a question for response by the Leader of the Council. The question and response were noted on the minutes.

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson submitted a supplementary question for response by the Leader of the Council. The supplementary question and response were noted on the minutes.

16. Executive Committee – 19th August, 2021 – Clauses A2, A3 and A4

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clauses A2, A3 and A4 of private report of meeting held on Thursday, 19th August, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

17. Housing and Property Committee – 18th August, 2021

Motion moved by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Mr Councillor S. Crellin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th August, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

The Council rose at 5.13pm.



For the Town Clerk & Chief Executive