



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

13th October, 2021

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of OCTOBER, 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 A.J. Bentley

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

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

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner and the Mayor's Chaplain.

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

1. **Minute Silence**

The Council observed a one minute silence as a mark of respect for former Mayor of the Council, Mr M. Shimmin.

2. **Minutes – 8th September, 2021**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 8th September, 2021, were approved and signed.

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

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

For the House of Keys election which took place on 23rd September 2021:

1.1 *How many candidates sought permission to erect and display election material on Council property and lamp columns?*

1.2 *How many candidates were given permission to erect and display election material on Council property and lamp columns and if so what income was derived from this?*

Response by the Leader of the Council:

1.1 *Four candidates sought and were given permission to place material on Parks Department property, and four were granted permission to attach posters to lighting columns.*

1.2 *No income was derived from the exercise. In all cases the permission given was subject to conditions to protect the Council's property, and in respect of lighting columns a refundable deposit was taken to cover the expenses of removing the material if necessary.*

I would remind the Council that the policy in relation to making the display of election material on lighting columns free of charge, but subject to a refundable deposit, was set in June 2018, following a trial for the 2016 General Election to the House of Keys.

4. **Point of Order – Councillor Miss N.A. Byron**

Councillor Miss N.A. Byron raised a Point of Order, querying why the Motion she had submitted to Council on 9th June 2021, and which stood referred to the Regeneration and Community Committee for consideration and report back to the Council, had not been processed within the time limit set out in Standing Order 30.

The Chief Executive advised that delay had occurred because of the disruption due to the election process, but that a report would be considered by the Executive Committee, as more appropriate to the subject matter of the Motion, on 29th October, 2021.

5. **Executive Committee – 24th September, 2021**

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 report of meeting held on Friday, 24th September, 2021, be received by the Council."

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

6. **Pensions Committee – 9th September, 2021**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Thursday, 9th September, 2021, be received by the Council."

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

7. **Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 7th September, 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 Tuesday, 7th September, 2021, be received by the Council."

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

8. **Housing and Property Committee – 15th September, 2021**

Motion moved by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 15th September, 2021, be received by the Council."

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

9. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 14th September, 2021**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor 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 held on Tuesday, 14th September, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

10. **Environmental Services Committee – 13th September, 2021 – Clause A13**

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.

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 A13 of report of meeting held on Monday, 13th September, 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 S.R. Pitts, Mr I.J.G Clague, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr F. Schuengel, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Mr P.J. Washington - **9**

Against – Councillor Ms J. Thommeny – **1**

Motion carried.

11. **Environmental Services Committee – 13th September, 2021 – Clauses A1 to A12 and A14 to A17**

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 A1 to 12 and A14 to A17 inclusive of report of meeting held on Monday, 13th September, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

12. **Election of Chair of the Standards Committee**

The Mayor invited nominations for a Member to serve as Chair of Standards Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.

Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin was nominated by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny.

Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague was nominated by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor D.R. Watson.

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

Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin 5

Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague 6

The Mayor declared Councillor Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, to be elected as Chair of the Standards Committee.

13. **Appointment of a Member to fill vacancy for a representative on the Committee for Douglas Town Band**

Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin was nominated by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny.

There were no other nominations.

Resolved unanimously “That Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin be appointed as a representative on the Committee of Douglas Town Band.”

14. **Adjournment and Resumption.**

The meeting adjourned at 3.50pm and resumed at 4.05pm with the same Members and Officers present.

The Council rose at 4.20pm.



For the Town Clerk & Chief Executive