



# Borough of Douglas

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Town Hall,

Douglas,

3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of MAY, 2023, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

**COUNCILLOR MS JANET THOMMENY, 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 S.R. Crellin

Mr F. Schuengel

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr F. Horning

Mr P.J. Washington

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

Apologies for absence were submitted by the Director of Housing and Property.

1. **One Minute Silence**

The Council stood to observe a one minute silence for former Head of Parks, Mr Dave Hewes, who had sadly passed away since the last meeting.

2. **Election of Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive Committee**

The Mayor invited nominations for a Member to serve as Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.

Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells was nominated by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning.

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson was nominated by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin.

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

Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells            6

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson            6

The Mayor exercised her casting vote in favour of Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells and declared that she be elected as Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.

3. **Election of Chair of the Housing and Property Committee**

The Mayor invited nominations for a Member to serve as Chair of the Housing and Property Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.

Councillor Ms J. Thommeny was nominated by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague.

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson was nominated by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel.

As the Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Ms J. Thommeny stood nominated as Chair of the Housing and Property Committee, she relinquished the Chair and the Chief Executive called for nominations for a Member to take the Chair in order for the ballot to take place.

Motion moved by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, "That Councillor Miss N.A. Byron be elected to Chair the meeting for the nomination of Chair of the Housing and Property Committee."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and Councillor Miss N.A. Byron was unanimously elected to Chair the meeting.

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

Councillor Ms J. Thommeny            5

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson            7

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Miss N.A. Byron declared Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be elected as Chair of the Housing and Property Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.

4. **Chair of Meeting**

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Ms J. Thommeny resumed Chair of the meeting.

5. **Election of Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, "That Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley be elected as Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors; Mr J.E. Skinner, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr F. Horning, Mr P.J. Washington, the Mayor – **10**

**Against**, Councillors; Miss N.A. Byron, Mr S.R. Pitts – **2**

6. **Election of Chair of the Environmental Services Committee**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, "That Mr Councillor F. Horning be elected Chair of the Environmental Services Committee for the municipal years 2023 to 2025."

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

**7. Appointment of a Member to the Executive Committee**

The Mayor invited nominations for a Member to serve on the Executive Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.

Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague was nominated by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin.

Mr Councillor P.J. Washington was nominated by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel, seconded by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson.

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

Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague            7

Mr Councillor P.J. Washington       5

The Mayor declared that Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be appointed to serve as a member on the Executive Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.

**8. Election of Chair of the Pensions Committee**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor I.J.G Clague, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner be elected as Chair of the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

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

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

Motion moved by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel, “That Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin be elected as Chair of the Standards Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

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

**10. Adjournment and Resumption of Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 2.50pm and resumed at 3.15pm with the same twelve Members present.

**11. Appointment of Members to the Housing and Property, Regeneration and Community and Environmental Services Committees**

The Chief Executive reported that during the adjournment the Executive Committee had met and appointed Members to each of the Committees as follows;

Housing and Property Committee

Mr Councillor F. Schuengel

Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin

Mr Councillor P.J. Washington

Regeneration and Community Committee

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner

Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin

Mr Councillor F. Schuengel

Environmental Services Committee

Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts

Councillor Ms J. Thommeny

Mr Councillor P.J. Washington

**12. Appointment of Pensions Committee**

The Mayor invited nominations for three Members to serve on the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, be elected a Member of the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, “That Mr S.R. Crellin be elected a Member of the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel, “That Mr Councillor F. Horning be elected a Member of the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

Question put on the three nominations; a vote was taken electronically, and the nominations were carried unanimously.

**13. Appointment of Independent Member to the Pensions Committee**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor J.E Skinner, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, that the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, recommending that Mr Andrew Thomas be appointed to serve as independent Member to the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

**14. Appointment of Allotments Committee**

Resolved unanimously “That the Regeneration and Community Committee be appointed as the Allotments Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

**15. Appointment of two allotment holder representatives to the Allotments Committee**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R Crellin, “That Mr P. Glover and Mrs M. Tuman be appointed to sit as allotment holder representatives on the Allotments Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

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

**16. Appointment of a Member to the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That Mr Councillor F. Horning be appointed to serve as the Council’s representative on the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

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

**17. Appointment of two Members to the Isle of Man Municipal Association**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That Mr Councillor P.J. Washington be appointed to serve as the Council’s representative to the Isle of Man Municipal Association for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That Mr Councillor F. Schuengel be appointed to serve as the Council’s representative to the Isle of Man Municipal Association for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

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

**19. Election of Member to the Douglas Town Band Committee**

The Mayor invited nominations for two Members to be appointed as the Council’s representatives on the Douglas Town Band Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.

Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, “That Mr Councillor P.J. Washington be appointed to serve as the Council’s representative on the Douglas Town Band Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

Motion moved by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts be appointed to serve as the Council’s representative on the Douglas Town Band Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, “That Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin be appointed to serve as the Council’s representative on the Douglas Town Band Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.”

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

Mr Councillor P.J. Washington	7
Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin	10
Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts	5

The Chief Executive declared the first ballot void due to some Members not utilising both votes. A second ballot took place.

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

Mr Councillor P.J. Washington	9
Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin	9
Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts	6

The Mayor declared Mr Councillor P.J. Washington and Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the Douglas Town Band Committee for the municipal term 2023 to 2025.

The Council rose at 3.40pm.



For the Town Clerk & Chief Executive