



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

12th May, 2021

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of MAY, 2021, 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

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mrs R. Chatel

Mr D.W. Christian, MBE, JP

Mrs C.E. Crawley

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr A.J. Bentley

Mr S. Hamer

Mr D. Watson

Mr F. Horning

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Mr J.E. Skinner

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Ms J. Thommeny

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, MBE and Councillor Ms K. Angela.

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

1. **Minutes – 14th April, 2021**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 14th April, 2021, were approved and signed.

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

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

With regard to the Bottleneck Car Park, to date, since the lifting of the latest Covid-19 restrictions how many days have both the card and cash payment machines been operational, how many days have the barriers entry / exit barriers been inoperative and when is it anticipated that the car park will be fully operational again?

Response by the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

Payment machine No 1 which only takes card payments has not been operational since the latest Covid restrictions were lifted. It has a long term fault where the Council working remotely with the supplier, has exhausted all possible solutions. It needs the attendance of the engineer's supplier to resolve and they have been unable to attend the Island since March 2020 due to border restrictions and the ongoing Covid situation in the UK. Payment machine No 2 takes cards and cash and has a long term fault on the card payment facility, similar to the issue on payment machine No 1, and now needs the attendance of the supplier's engineer. The cash facility had been functional until late in the afternoon of the 4th May where it suffered a mechanical failure which required a spare we did not have in stock, and also suffered a touch screen failure. The spare units are due for delivery on Wednesday 12th May and will be changed by our own personnel.

The barriers are fully functional but have been lifted temporarily while the touch screen and cash machine were inoperable.

The system was due a service in March 2020 but has not received one due to the inability of the supplier to come to the island and the ongoing Covid situation in the UK. Given the easing of restrictions in the UK, the supplier is now making an application through IoM Government to travel to the island. It has, therefore, been 2 years since the system received an in depth service and maintenance by the supplier engineers. A timeframe for the system to be fully operational cannot be given until approval is granted for the engineer to attend.

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

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

The new Pulrose Golf Club Cycle Path is to be "adopted" in order for it to be maintained in the future at public expense. Will the future maintenance be at the expense of the rate or tax payer?

Response by the Leader of the Council:

The cycle path will be adopted as highway and maintained at tax payer expense through the Department of Infrastructure. The lighting on the cycle path will be adopted by the Council as the statutory lighting authority for the area and will be maintained by the Council at rate payer's expense.

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

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

Which public toilets are accessible with the use of a "Radar" key and who is responsible for ensuring access to public toilets is maintained by the use of "Radar" keys?

Response by the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

All public toilet sites have radar key accessible toilets with the exception of the 1930s toilets in Noble's Park and the Bowling Green toilets. Radar key issues are rare. The existing ten year old doors were due to be replaced under the new contract as they were developing faults through water ingress and vandalism. The replacement has inevitably been delayed due to the border restrictions and ongoing Covid situation in the UK. Now that the situation is easing, the contractor is preparing a programme for delivery and installation.

The disabled toilets at the former Boating Pool were out of commission during the March 2021 lockdown as the Promenade contractor had cut off the water supply and the water supply was not reinstated until the contractor could return to work once the lockdown restrictions were eased. The disabled toilets at the Jubilee Clock kiosk suffered a fault on the door which was initially repaired by taking spares from the Strathallan toilets. Once the new parts arrived, the fault was remedied.

Waste Services within the Department of Environment and Regeneration is responsible for all public toilets.

5. **Executive Committee – 30th April, 2021**

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 Friday, 30th April, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

6. **Housing and Property Committee – 21st April, 2021**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Crawley, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 21st April, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

7. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 20th April, 2021**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, 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, 20th April, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

8. **Environmental Services Committee – 19th April, 2021 – Clause A8**

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

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 A8 of report of meeting held on Monday, 19th April, 2021, 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 April, 2021 – Clauses A1 to A7 and A9 to A11**

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 to A7 and A9 to A11 inclusive of report of meeting held on Monday, 19th April, 2021, be received by the Council.”

Further Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Mr Councillor S. Hamer, “That the Council resolve into Committee to consider Clause A6 of the report.”

Question put on Motion to move to Committee; a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mrs H. Callow, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Crawley, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr S. Hamer, Mr D. Watson, Mr F. Horning, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny – **12**

Against, Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, the Mayor – **4**

Motion carried.

Further Motion moved by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, “That proceedings resume in Council.”

Question put on Motion to move back into Council, a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was carried unanimously.

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

10. **Adjournment and Resumption**

The meeting adjourned at 4.30pm and resumed at 4.45pm with the same Members and Officers present.

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11. **Executive Committee – 30th April, 2021**

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 Friday, 30th April, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

12. Housing and Property Committee – 21st April, 2021

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Crawley, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 21st April, 2021, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Mrs H. Callow, Mr S.R. Pitts, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Crawley, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr S. Hamer, Mr D. Watson, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **15**

Against: Councillor Miss N.A. Byron – **1**

13. Regeneration and Community Committee – 30th April, 2021

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Mrs H. Callow, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of special private meeting held on Friday, 30th April, 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 5.05pm.



For the Town Clerk & Chief Executive