



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

8th March, 2023

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 MARCH, 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 J.E. Skinner

Mr A.J. Bentley

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr F. Schuengel

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr F. Horning

Mr P.J. Washington

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

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague and Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin.

1. **One Minute Silence**

The Council stood to observe a one minute silence for former Councillors Karen Angela and Robert Noble, who both had sadly passed away since the last meeting.

2. **Minutes – 8th February, 2023**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 8th February, 2023, 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:

Further to question in Council on 14th December 2022, if Council Meetings are recorded how long are the recordings retained for and are such recordings of the Council a matter of public record?

Response by the Leader of the Council:

The recordings of Council Meetings are retained indefinitely. The Council hold recordings from 2003 onwards. The recordings are considered a matter of public record but only after 25 years will their transfer to the Public Records Office be considered. The recordings are not in a format that is easily accessible to the public. The records are generally used to transcript meetings, to clarify matters discussed and occasionally for research purposes.

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

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

Further to question in Council on 14th December 2022, following the removal of litter bins from the streets of Douglas, how many were actually removed and how many have been returned to their original location and if not, what plans are there for their return?

Response by the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

Four bins were removed out of over 400 litter bins. Two of the four have now been reinstated with one other due to be reinstated shortly. The fourth bin may not be reinstated as another litter bin is sited less than 10 metres away and is not currently being abused or over-used.

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

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

How many incidents of dog fouling have been reported in the Anagh Coar play area in each of the last three years and has there ever been any reported incidents of dogs attacking or biting anyone or children in this area?

Response by the Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

There have been no formal reports of dog fouling or dog attacks although Parks staff have received anecdotal accounts. The playground is the only one in Douglas not currently fenced which makes enforcement under the Dog Control Byelaws difficult without a defined boundary, hence the recent request to use Section 13 monies to erect a perimeter fence.

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

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

As Planning Approval has now been granted in respect of the Pulrose Changing Rooms (Member's Bulletin page 4 - 1.2 has any application for funding yet been submitted to the Football Foundation?

Response by the Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

Grant funding cannot be submitted until tenders have been returned. The tender is due to go out at the end of April.

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

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Chair of the Housing and Property Committee:

How many properties situated in Marathon Drive and owned by the Council are uninhabitable because of issues with dry rot?

Response by the Chair of the Housing and Property Committee:

There are eight properties on Marathon Drive owned by the Council that are uninhabitable due to damp and dry rot.

8. **Executive Committee – 26th January, 2023 – Clause C1**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause C1 report of meeting held on Thursday, 26th January, 2023, be withdrawn.”

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

9. **Executive Committee – 23rd February, 2023 – Clauses A1 to A10 inclusive**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A10 inclusive of report of meeting held on Thursday, 23rd February, 2023, 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 A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr P.J. Washington, the Mayor – **8**

Against: Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner – **1**

Motion carried.

10. **Executive Committee – 23rd February, 2023 – Clause C11**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause C11 of report of meeting held on Thursday, 23rd February, 2023, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

11. **Executive Committee – 23rd February, 2023 – Clause C12**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause C12 of report of meeting held on Thursday, 23rd February, 2023, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

12. **Housing and Property Committee – 15th February, 2023**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 15th February, 2023, be received by the Council.”

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

13. **Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 14th February, 2023**

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, 14th February, 2023, be received by the Council.”

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

14. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 14th February, 2023**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 14th February, 2023, be received by the Council.”

Further Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That Clause A7 be withdrawn for further consideration by the Committee.”

Question put on further Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion: Councillors, Miss N.A. Byron, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr P.J. Washington, the Mayor – **7**

Against: Councillors, Mr F. Horning, Mr J.E. Skinner – **2**

Further Motion carried.

Question put on original Motion as amended, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr P.J. Washington, the Mayor – **8**

Against: Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner – **1**

Amended Motion carried.

15. Environmental Services Committee – 14th February, 2023

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 report of meeting held on Monday, 14th February, 2023, be received by the Council.”

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

16. Standing Order 30 – Notice of Motion – Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson moved the following Motion, notice of which had been given:

“That the council amend its procedures to allow Councillors who are not members of a committee to attend committees in a non-participatory manner.”

Mr Councillor P.J. Washington seconded the Motion.

Under the provisions of Standing Order 30, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report to the Council by 12th July, 2023.

17. Adjournment and Resumption

The meeting adjourned at 3.45pm and resumed at 4.00pm with the same Members and officers present.

IN PRIVATE

18. Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner submitted a written question for response by the Leader of the Council. The question and response were circulated and noted on the minutes.

19. Executive Committee – 24th February, 2023

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Thursday, 24th February, 2023, be received by the Council.”

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

20. Housing and Property Committee – 15th February, 2023

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 15th February, 2023, be received by the Council.”

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

21. Regeneration and Community Committee – 14th February, 2023

Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Tuesday, 14th February, 2023, be received by the Council.”

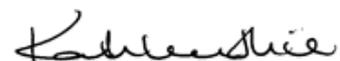
Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

22. Environmental Services Committee – 13th February, 2023

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 private report of meeting held on Monday, 13th February, 2023, be received by the Council.”

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

The Council rose at 4.20pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive