



City of Douglas

City Hall,
Douglas,
10th July, 2024

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the CITY OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of JULY, 2024, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the CITY HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

COUNCILLOR MRS NATALIE BYRON-TEARE, JP

Councillors

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mr J.E. Skinner

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr S.R. Crellin

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr F. Horning

Mr F. Schuengel

Ms J. Thommeny

Mr P.J. Washington

The Director of Environment and Regeneration (as acting Chief Executive), Director of Housing and Property and the Assistant Chief Officer (Income) were in attendance.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley and the Chief Executive.

1. **One Minute Silence**

The Council stood to observe a one-minute silence for former Member of the Council, Mr Eddie Joyce who had sadly passed away since the last meeting.

2. **Minutes – 12th June, 2024**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 12th June, 2024, were approved and signed.

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

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

How many times in each of the last five Financial Years has the football pitch in Nobles Park been hired out to football clubs or other bodies, and what income has been derived from this in each of these years?

Reply by the Vice-Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

<i>Oct 17-Jun 18</i>	<i>10 times</i>	<i>£1,532</i>
<i>Sep 18-May 19</i>	<i>10 times</i>	<i>£1,619</i>
<i>Oct 19-Apr 20</i>	<i>7 times</i>	<i>£1,110</i>
<i>Sep 20-Aug 21</i>	<i>10 times</i>	<i>£1,583</i>
<i>Sep 21-Jun 22</i>	<i>3 times</i>	<i>£195</i>
<i>Feb 24-Jun 24</i>	<i>5 times</i>	<i>£1,004</i>

Figures reflect the football seasons rather than financial years.

Some seasons were disrupted by Covid. One season (22/23) was disrupted due to the TT temporary roadway exiting the church over the pitch (since written out of the TT licence). In 2023/24, Governors Athletic moved temporarily to Nobles Park Pitch after Christmas (only half a season).

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

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

On how many occasions (dates and times) during the 2024 TT period did Council Officers attend Nobles Park to ensure that conditions of the Licence issued to the Department of Enterprise and the TT Organisers were being complied with?

Reply by the Vice-Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

Parks Management attended two formal meetings at the beginning and end of the official handover of the TT areas on 6th May (10am) and 25th June (2pm). Between then, on site staff monitored and would alert management as necessary. This year, as no issues were identified relating to the Department for Enterprise, no further meetings were required.

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

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

Given the current high numbers of domestic abuse incidents reported to the Police over the last twelve months, what is the Council doing to help and assist the victims of these crimes?

Reply by the Leader of the Council:

There are no further comments that can be added to the response given to the private written question in January 2024. The views of other authorities have been sought and feedback will be given to Members in due Course.

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

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

In the interest of openness and transparency, are the Minutes of Local Authority CEO / Clerks meetings (Clerk's Forums) available for the elected members and the public to view and if so, where can these be found?

Reply by Leader of the Council:

The Department of Infrastructure oversees and records the notes of the Clerk's forum which includes officers from various Local Authorities. It is not normal practice to publish officer level meeting notes and they are therefore not available for public inspection.

7. **Executive Committee – 27th June 2024 – Clauses A1 to A11**

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 to A11 inclusive of report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th June, 2024, be received by the Council.”

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

8. **Executive Committee – 27th June, 2024 – Clause C12**

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 Clause C12 of report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th June, 2024, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

9. **Executive Committee – 27th June, 2024 – Clause C13**

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 Clause C13 of report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th June, 2024, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

A Motion was moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny to amend resolution (ii) to read, “That we do not apply for a Twinning agreement at the moment but we have further discussions with the people concerned.”

The Motion was ruled out of order under Standing Order 48 as the Motion would negate the original Motion put before the Council.

Amendment moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.G.J. Clague, “that the words ‘twinning agreement’ be deleted from Clause (ii) and replaced with relationship.”

Question put on Amendment, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Amendment, Councillors: Mr I.J.G Clague, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Mr F. Schuengel, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – 7

Against, Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr J.E. Skinner, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr P.J. Washington – 4

Amendment carried.

Question put on Motion as amended, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Mr I.J.G Clague, Mr D.R. Watson, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr P.J. Washington, the Mayor – 7

Against, Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Ms J. Thommeny, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr J.E. Skinner – 4

Motion carried.

10. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 18th June, 2024**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 18th June, 2024, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Mr J.E. Skinner, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr F. Horning, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr P.J. Washington, the Mayor – 7

Against, Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr I.J.G Clague, Mrs C.L. Wells, Ms J. Thommeny – 4

Motion carried.

11. **Environmental Services Committee – 17th June, 2024**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Monday, 17th June, 2024, be received by the Council, subject to correction of Clause A6 to amend the percentage to 0.4%.”

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

12. **Adjournment and Resumption**

The meeting adjourned at 4.00pm and resumed at 4.20pm with the same Members and officers present.

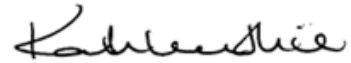
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13. Executive Committee – 27th June, 2024

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 private report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th June, 2024, be received by the Council.”

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

The Council rose at 4.30pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive