

# **Borough of Douglas**

Town Hall,

Douglas,

2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of MAY, 2018, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

# The Mayor

# MISS DEBRA ANNE MARIE PITTS, JP

# Councillors

Ms N.A. Byron	Mrs C.L. Wells
Mrs H. Callow	Mr F. Horning
Mr S.R. Pitts	Mr R.H. McNicholl
Mrs R. Chatel	Mr J.E. Skinner, JP
Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE	Ms K. Angela
Mr J. Joughin	Mrs E.C. Quirk
Mr D.W. Christian, MBE, JP	Ms J. Thommeny

Ms C.E. Malarkey

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain and Mr Councillor F. Pabellan.

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

#### 1. Election of Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Executive Committee

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, "That Mr Councillor D.W. Christian be elected Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020."

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

### 2. Election of Chair of the Housing Committee

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, "That Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells be elected Chair of the Housing Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020."

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

#### 3. Election of Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, seconded by Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk "That Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts be elected Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020."

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

#### 4. Election of Chair of the Environmental Services Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, "That Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl be elected Chair of the Environmental Services Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020."

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

#### 5. Election of a Member to the Executive Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, "That Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague be elected a Member of the Executive Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020."

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

#### 6. Election of Chair of Pensions Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for one Member to serve as Chair of the Pensions Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020.

Councillor Ms K. Angela was nominated by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny.

Mr Councillor F. Horning was nominated by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl.

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

Councillor Ms K. Angela 8

Mr Councillor F. Horning 8

As the vote was tied, the Mayor had a casting vote, which she cast for Councillor Ms K. Angela. The Mayor declared that Councillor Ms K. Angela, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, was therefore elected Chair of the Pensions Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020.

#### 7. Election of Chair of Standards Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for one Member to serve as Chair of the Standards Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020.

Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey was nominated by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk.

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner was nominated by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Ms K. Angela.

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

Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey 11

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner 5

The Mayor declared that Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, was therefore elected Chair of the Standards Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020.

#### 8. Adjournment and Resumption of Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 2.55pm and resumed at 3.20pm with the same sixteen Members present.

# 9. Appointment of Members to the Housing, Regeneration and Community and Environmental Services Committees

The Chief Executive reported that during the adjournment the Executive Committee had met and appointed Members to serve on each of the following Committees for the municipal years 2018 to 2020:

#### **Housing Committee**

Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey

Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner

Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk

Regeneration and Community Committee

Councillor Mrs H. Callow

Councillor Mrs R. Chatel

Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts

Councillor Ms K. Angela

**Environmental Services Committee** 

Councillor Miss N.A. Byron

Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts

Mr Councillor F. Horning

Councillor Ms J. Thommeny

#### 10. **Appointment of Pensions Committee**

The Mayor invited nominations for four Members to serve on the Pensions Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020.

Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain was nominated by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian.

Mr Councillor F. Horning was nominated by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey.

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner was nominated by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian.

Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey was nominated by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl.

There being an equal number of nominations to the number of vacancies to be filled, all four nominations were considered simultaneously.

A vote was taken electronically, and it was resolved unanimously; "That Councillors Ms C.E. Malarkey, Mr C.L.H. Cain, Mr F. Horning, and Mr J.E. Skinner be appointed to serve on the Pensions Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020."

#### 11. Appointment of an Independent Member to the Pensions Committee

Motion moved by Councillor Ms K. Angela, seconded by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, "That Mr A. Thomas be appointed to serve as Independent Member of the Pensions Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020."

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

## 12. Appointment of Standards Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for three Members to serve on the Standards Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020.

Councillor Mrs H. Callow was nominated by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Mr Councillor J. Joughin.

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

Councillor Miss N.A. Byron was nominated by Councillor Mrs H. Callow, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitte

Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk was nominated by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey.

Councillor Mrs R. Chatel was nominated by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian.

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

Councillor Mrs H. Callow 7
Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner 9
Councillor Miss N.A. Byron 9
Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk 7
Councillor Mrs R. Chatel 11

The Mayor declared that Councillors Mrs R. Chatel, Mr J.E. Skinner and Miss N.A. Byron, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be appointed to serve on the Standards Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020.

#### 13. Appointment of Independent Member to the Standards Committee

Motion moved by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, "That Mr D. Booth be appointed to serve as Independent Member of the Standards Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020."

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

## 14. Appointment of Independent Member to the Housing Committee

The Mayor advised that pending completion of the recruitment process, appointment of an Independent Member to serve on the Housing Committee will stand deferred to a future meeting of the Council.

## 15. Appointment of an Allotments Committee

Resolved unanimously, "That the entire Regeneration and Community Committee be appointed to also serve as the Allotments Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020."

#### 16. Appointment of two allotment holder representatives to the Allotments Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Ms K. Angela, "That Mrs H. Cleverly be appointed to sit as allotment holder representative on the Allotments Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020; and that the appointment of a second allotment holder representative be deferred to a future meeting of the Council."

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

# 17. Appointment of a Member to the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for one Member to serve as Council representative on the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020.

Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl was nominated by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian.

Councillor Miss N.A. Byron was nominated by Councillor Mrs H. Callow, seconded by Councillor Ms K. Angela.

A ballot was taken in which the votes were cast as follows:

Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl 9
Councillor Miss N.A. Byron 7

The Mayor declared that Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020.

# 18. Appointment of a Member to the Richmond Hill (Incinerator) Consultative Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for one Member to serve as Council representative on the Richmond Hill (Incinerator) Consultative Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020.

Councillor Miss N.A. Byron was nominated by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel.

Mr Councillor F. Horning was nominated by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner.

A ballot was taken and the votes were cast as follows:

Councillor Miss N.A. Byron 10

Mr Councillor F. Horning 6

The Mayor declared that Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Richmond Hill (Incinerator) Consultative Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020.

# 19. Appointment of a Member to the Isle of Man Society for the Preservation of the Manx Countryside and Environment

The Mayor invited nominations for one Member to serve as the Council's representative to the Isle of Man Society for the Preservation of the Manx Countryside and Environment.

Mr Councillor F. Horning was nominated by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian and seconded by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells.

Councillor Ms J. Thommeny was nominated by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl and seconded by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey.

Mr Councillor F. Horning withdrew his nomination.

Motion moved, "That the sole remaining nominee, Councillor Ms J Thommeny, be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Isle of Man Society for the Preservation of the Manx Countryside and Environment for the municipal years 2018 to 2020."

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

### 20. Appointment of two Members to the Isle of Man Municipal Association

The Mayor invited nominations for two Members to serve as the Council's representatives to the Isle of Man Municipal Association.

Councillor Mrs R. Chatel was nominated by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl.

Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk was nominated by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts and seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl.

There being an equal number of nominations to the number of vacancies to be filled, both nominations were considered simultaneously.

A vote was taken electronically and it was unanimously resolved "That Councillors Mrs R. Chatel and Mrs E.C. Quirk be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives to the Isle of Man Municipal Association for the municipal years 2018 to 2020."

## 21. Appointment of two Members to the Douglas Town Band Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for two Members to serve as the Council's representatives on the Douglas Town Band Committee.

Councillor Miss N.A. Byron was nominated by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, and seconded by Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey.

Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk was nominated by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, and seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny.

Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey was nominated by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian and seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron.

Councillor Miss N.A. Byron withdrew her nomination.

There being an equal number of nominations to the number of vacancies to be filled, both nominations were considered simultaneously.

A vote was taken electronically, and it was unanimously resolved "That Councillors Mrs E.C. Quirk and Ms C.E. Malarkey be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the Douglas Town Band Committee for the municipal years 2018 to 2020."

## 22. Press Statement

Resolved unanimously, "That the Chief Executive be authorised to issue a press statement detailing the memberships and Chairs of Committees and representatives on outside bodies as soon as practicable, and to publish them on the Council's website."

The Council rose at 4.00pm.

Town Clerk & Chief Executive

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