



City of Douglas

City Hall,
Douglas,
12th March, 2025

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the CITY OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of MARCH, 2025, 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 J.E. Skinner

Mr S.R. Crellin

Mr A.J. Bentley

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr I.J.G. Clague. MBE

Mr F. Horning

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr P.J. Washington

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

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel and Councillor Ms J. Thommeny.

1. **Minutes – 12th February, 2025**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 12th February, 2025, were approved and signed.

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

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

Given that the TT Scoreboards are unlikely to be replaced in their original form, when will the wooden protection on top of the Borough Cemetery railings be removed and the railings repainted?

Reply by the Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

At present, the Government has not provided any guidance on potential new scoreboard designs or an expected timeline for their introduction. Currently, the wooden boards offer some protection should someone fall against them. We hope to engage painters by the end of April, and these railings will be included in the programme of works. However, due to other higher-priority painting projects, it is unlikely that these railings will be painted before 2026.

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

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

In the event of the Courts granting a Possession Order in favour of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough is an "Eviction Order" then served on the tenant on their behalf by Council Officers to remove them from the premises?

Reply by the Chair of the Housing and Property Committee:

If the tenant has not vacated the property by the date required as per the Court Possession Order, the Coroner is responsible for attending the property, serving notice, and carrying out the eviction.

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

Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts asked the Leader of the Council:

What steps will the DoI and their contractors take to protect the Douglas War Memorial and its stability during construction of the new sea wall. Additionally, will they provide readings and data in respect of any movement surrounding its stability both before and after construction?

Reply by the Leader of the Council:

Council officers have met with the Department of Infrastructure (DoI) and the contractor for the sea defence. The wreaths and planters have been removed by the Parks Service to be safely stored away. The contractor will survey the War Memorial and take detailed photographs of the name plinths and stonework prior to their works commencing. This will include their continued monitoring of any movement of the Memorial. They will be shrouding the War Memorial in a green netting on all four sides, up to eight metres in height, using the base step as the support. This netting will remain in place whilst these works are being undertaken and the area around the memorial will be inaccessible to the public. They anticipate the sea defence around the Memorial will be completed by the end of April at the latest at which point they will remove the netting and document the full condition of the War Memorial once again.

The outstanding lighting works for the Promenade have just begun this week. The Head of Electrical Services is therefore liaising closely each day with our appointed contractor on site. He will also inspect, where possible, the Sea Defence works and the War Memorial on the same visit.

Although access around the War Memorial will be restricted, we will continue to monitor as best we can and continue our open channels with the two main DoI Officers involved in this project. All parties involved are very aware of the precious nature of this area. The Assistant Chief Officer (Environment) has received assurance from the DoI that regular position measurements showing any signs of movement will be taken and forwarded to the Assistant Chief Officer (Environment).

5. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts**

Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts asked the Chair of the Housing and Property:

The rent of £233,344.18 that would have been collected had each property in Marathon Drive been occupied what amount would have been available for housing repairs?

Reply by the Chair of the Housing and Property Committee:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Maintenance Allowance</i>
17-18	43.89
18-19	2,152.24
19-20	4,834.42
20-21	7,338.11
21-22	9,518.63
22-23	10,191.35
23-24	13,008.74
24-25	16,619.56
Total	63,706.94

6. **Executive Committee – 27th February, 2025 – Clauses A1 to A13**

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 A13 inclusive of report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th February, 2025, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr F. Horning, Mr P.J. Washington, the Mayor – **8**

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

Motion carried.

7. **Executive Committee – 27th February, 2025 – Clause C14**

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 C14 of report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th February, 2025, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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 D.R. Watson, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr F. Horning, Mr P.J. Washington, the Mayor – **8**

Against: Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague – **1**

Motion carried.

8. **Executive Committee – 27th February, 2025 – Clause C15**

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 C15 of report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th February, 2025, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

9. **Housing and Property Committee – 19th February, 2025 – Clauses A1 to A11**

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 Clauses A1 to A11 inclusive of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 19th February, 2025, be received by the Council.”

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

10. **Housing and Property Committee – 19th February, 2025 – Clause C13**

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 Clause C13 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 19th February, 2025, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

11. **Pensions Committee – 26th February, 2025**

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, 26th February, 2025, be received by the Council.”

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

12. Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 18th February, 2025

In the absence of the Council's representative, Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, the minutes were deferred for consideration at the April 2025 Council meeting.

13. Regeneration and Community Committee – 18th February, 2025 – Clauses A1 to B10

Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to B10 inclusive of report of meeting held on Tuesday, 18th February, 2025, 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 – 18th February, 2025 – Clauses C11 and C12

Clauses C11 and C12 were deferred for consideration by the Housing and Property Committee.

15. Environmental Services Committee – 17th February, 2025

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Monday, 17th February, 2025, be received by the Council."

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

16. Adjournment and Resumption

The meeting adjourned at 3.42pm and resumed at 3.55pm with the same Members and officers present.

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17. Executive Committee – 27th February, 2025 – Clause A3

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 A3 of private report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th February, 2025, be received by the Council."

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

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

18. Executive Committee – 27th February, 2025 – Clauses A1, A2 and A4

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, A2 and A4 of private report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th February, 2025, be received by the Council."

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

19. Executive Committee – 27th February, 2025 – Clause C5

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 C5 of private report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th February, 2025, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

During discussion the meeting was adjourned at 4.50pm and resumed at 5.05pm with the same Members and officers present.

An Amendment was moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague.

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

Motion moved by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, "That under Standing order 105, Standing Order 86 be suspended to not appoint a Member to the Regeneration and Community Committee."

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

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

20. **Executive Committee – 27th February, 2025 – Clause C6**

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 C6 of private report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th February, 2025, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

21. **Housing and Property Committee – 19th February, 2025**

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, 19th February, 2025, be received by the Council.”

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

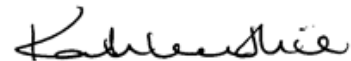
22. **Pensions Committee – 26th February, 2025**

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 private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 26th February, 2025, be received by the Council.”

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

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

The Council rose at 5.20pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive