



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

13th July, 2022

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of JULY, 2022, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

COUNCILLOR MS J. THOMMENY, JP

Councillors

Miss N.A. Byron

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr S.R. Crellin

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr F. Horning

Mr P.J. Washington

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

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, Mr Councillor F. Schuengel, the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance and the Director of Environment and Regeneration.

1. **Minutes – 8th June, 2022**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 8th June, 2022, were approved and signed.

2. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin**

Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin asked the Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

2.1 *How much noise monitoring was carried out at the grandstand during TT & practice week?*

2.2 *If no monitoring was carried out how will we assess the impact of noise on residents in the area as the licence will be up for renewal soon?*

Reply by the Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

2.1 *No noise monitoring was carried out by the Council in Noble's Park during TT 2022 as it is not normal practice to do so. However, the Department of Enterprise was advised that if several complaints are received in 2022 it would be proposed for noise measurement to be undertaken in future, in order to try to quantify any impact on nearby residents so that it can be ameliorated.*

2.2 *Both the current licence that expires this year and the draft licence currently being prepared for use from 2023 place an obligation on the licensee (the Department for Enterprise) not to cause, suffer or permit to suffer any nuisance or disturbance on the Licensed Area. It would only be necessary and practicable to monitor noise levels if the Council had a concern that the Department was in breach of its obligations. The planning consent for the Trackside Bar limits amplified music to the hours of 1000hrs and 2300hrs and background music to 0000hrs in the interests of residential amenity of local residents.*

3. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin**

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

3.1 *How many of the residents are still to move from Lord Street flats?*

3.2 *How many flats remain empty in the new Peel Road flats and when will these be allocated?*

Reply by the Chair of the Housing and Property Committee:

3.1 *Thirty-two tenants are still to move to the Thomas Keig Apartment building. There is a delay on the move due to an issue with the fire management systems within the Thomas Keig Apartment building. The supplier is visiting the Island to do an inspection and do the necessary adjustments. It is envisaged that the issues will be resolved soon and tenants can start the relocation. Tenants are being kept up to date.*

The Mary Halsall Apartment building is now fully allocated and tenants have moved in.

3.2 *Nineteen flats remain available for allocation within the Thomas Keig Apartment building. They will be allocated as per the standard allocation process once the building is available for allocation.*

4. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin**

Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin asked the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

4.1 *Are the EV chargers fully operational in Shaws Brow?*

4.2 *Have the Council been monitoring the ratio of use between EV and Disabled?*

Reply by the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

4.1 *Yes, all the vehicle chargers in Shaw's Brow Car Park are fully operational.*

4.2 *Monitoring has been undertaken by the Community & Enforcement Team since the charging points were installed. Typically the spaces are used by 3 to 4 EVs over the course of most days and by one disabled driver every other day.*

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

Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin asked the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

When are the street lighting columns going to be operational on the cycleway between Anagh Coar and Spring Valley?

Reply by the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

The Department of Infrastructure has instructed a contractor in relation to some outstanding ducting works and once those works are complete the Council's Electrical Services will require approximately a week to finish the installation.

6. **Executive Committee – 23rd June, 2022 – Clauses A1 to A14**

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 A14 inclusive of report of meeting held on Thursday, 23rd June, 2022, be received by the Council.”

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

7. **Executive Committee – 23rd June, 2022 – 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, 23rd June, 2022, be received, approved, and adopted by the Council, subject to an amendment in resolution (ii) “That it be resolved that the ‘Welcome to the City of Douglas’ signage be progressed, but that erection of the new signs can only take place once the signage to advise of the repair of the walls at the Marine Gardens on Douglas Promenade has been installed.”

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

8. **Housing and Property Committee – 15th June, 2022**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 15th June, 2022, be received by the Council.”

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

9. **Housing and Property Committee – 28th June, 2022**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in report of special meeting held on Tuesday, 28th June, 2022, 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 S.R. Pitts, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, the Mayor – **8**

Against – Mr Councillor P.J. Washington – **1**

Motion carried.

10. **Pensions Committee – 22nd June, 2022**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of special meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd June, 2022, be received by the Council.”

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

11. **Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 28th June, 2022**

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, 28th June, 2022, be received by the Council.”

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

12. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 14th June, 2022**

Motion moved by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 14th June, 2022, be received by the Council.”

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

13. **Environmental Services Committee – 13th June, 2022**

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, 13th June, 2022, be received by the Council.”

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

14. **Vote of Thanks to the Assistant Town Clerk – Mr P.E. Cowin**

Motion moved by the Worshipful the Mayor, “That a vote of thanks be accorded to the Assistant Town Clerk, Mr Paul Cowin, for his outstanding service of 49 years to Douglas Borough Council.”

The Leader seconded the vote of thanks, and in doing so acknowledged Mr Cowin's long and devoted career, and thanked him for dedicating his entire working life to the Council.

15. **Adjournment and Resumption**

The meeting adjourned at 3.20pm and resumed at 3.35pm with the same Members and officers present.

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16. **Housing and Property Committee – 15th June, 2022**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 15th June, 2022, 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 I.J.G. Clague, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Mr P.J. Washington, the Mayor – **8**

Against — Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts – **1**

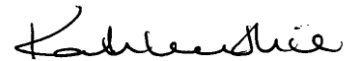
Motion carried.

17. **Environmental Services Committee – 13th June, 2022**

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 private report of meeting held on Monday, 13th June, 2022, be received by the Council."

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

The Council rose at 3.45pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive