

Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

12th July, 2017

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of JULY, 2017, 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

Miss N.A. Byron

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mrs R. Chatel

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr J. Joughin

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr F. Horning

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Mr J.E. Skinner, JP

Ms K. Angela

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Ms J. Thommeny

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Mrs H. Callow, Councillor Ms C.E. Malarkey, Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain and Mr Councillor F. Pabellan. Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, MBE, JP and the Director of Finance were away on Council business.

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

1. **Minutes – 14th June, 2017**

The minutes of the monthly Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th June, 2017, were approved and signed.

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

1) Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Chair of the Housing Committee:

- 1) In the light of recent tragic events in London particularly the fire in Grenfell Tower can the Chair confirm that all flats owned and managed by this Council comply with standards as laid out in the Fire Precautions Act 1975 and the Fire Precautions (Flats) Regulations 1996?
- 2) Can the Chair confirm that there is no cladding attached to the exterior of any Council owned flats that would enhance the spread of flame in the event of a fire breaking out of such a property?
- 3) Are the Council's flats inspected in accordance with the Fire Precautions Act 1975 and the Fire Precautions (Flats) Regulations 1996 and if so who carries out such inspections?
- 4) Will the Chair confirm that this Council will press for the installation of a sprinkler system within the proposed new sheltered accommodation development in Willaston?

Reply by the Chair of the Housing Committee:

- 1) Yes. All Council-owned social housing flat buildings comply with the Fire Precautions Act 1975 and the Fire Precautions (Flats) Regulations 1996.
 - 2) The only Council-owned flats building with external cladding is Hanover House. The material used there is Eternit Lamina solid grade high pressure laminate board with a surface fire rating of Class O.
 - 3) Yes. All Council-owned flats and communal areas are inspected by the Council's Housing and Electrical Services Officers, and on a periodic basis by the Isle of Man Fire & Rescue Service. All testing and inspecting of systems is also compliant with current British Standards.
 - 4) Yes. The latest Building Regulations state that 'reasonable provision must be made for the installation of sprinklers to the building appropriate for its use' and sheltered accommodation is cited as an appropriate use. As Chair of the Council's Housing Committee I consider a sprinkler system to be an essential element of the new development at Willaston and will press for its installation as part of the Housing Committee's consideration of the brief for the scheme.
- 2) Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Leader of the Council:

When will the successful Tenderer for the Bottleneck Car Park for the TT period 2018/2022 be announced?

Reply by the Leader of the Council:

It would not be normal policy for the Council to make an announcement of the award of a contract, but a report on the tenders will be considered by the Environmental Services Committee on Monday, 17th July. If a tender is accepted, the successful tenderer will then be notified. The outcome will be reported to the Council meeting on Wednesday, 9th August although the details of commercial information will remain in private.

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

Can the Leader confirm that members of the public are invited to attend to the laying of the wreath by The Worshipful the Mayor at the Summerland Memorial on the morning of August 2nd that it is not restricted to Council Members and Staff and could this be advertised?

Reply by the Leader of the Council:

The laying of a wreath on behalf of the Council at the Summerland Memorial will take place on Wednesday 2nd August. It will be at 7.00 p.m., rather than in the morning as in previous years.

As usual, it will be a simple mark of respect, rather than a major ceremony, and as such it is not appropriate to invite public attendance. Any members of the public who may be there at the time will be welcome to view it but it is not to be publicised as a public event.

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

Is information which U.K. Local Authorities are reportedly being advised of via the U.K. Government regarding flammability testing etc. of building materials from the Grenfell Tower block and other flats being passed on to Douglas Borough Council and if so from what source?

Reply by the Leader of the Council:

The Council has not yet received any detailed official information from any source on the outcome of fire testing of materials. However, officers of the various sections concerned – Housing, Properties and Building Control – do keep abreast of best practice and are proactively seeking information. The Housing Section is also in liaison with the Isle of Man Fire & Rescue Service.

3. **Executive Committee – 30th June, 2017**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Friday, 30th June, 2017, be received by the Council.”

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

4. **Housing Committee – 21st June, 2017**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 21st June, 2017, be received by the Council.”

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

5. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 20th June, 2017**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 20th June, 2017, be received by the Council.”

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

6. **Environmental Services Committee – 19th June, 2017**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Monday, 19th June, 2017, be received by the Council.”

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

7. **Adjournment and Resumption**

The meeting adjourned at 3.25pm and resumed at 3.40pm with the same Members and officers present.

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8. **Executive Committee – 30th June, 2017 – Clause A1**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause A1 of private report of meeting held on Friday, 30th June, 2017, 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, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr J. Joughin, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Ms K. Angela, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **12**

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

Motion carried.

9. **Executive Committee – 30th June, 2017 – Clause B2**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause B2 of private report of meeting held on Friday, 30th June, 2017, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Further Motion moved by Councillor Ms K. Angela, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That the item be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.”

During the discussion Councillor Ms K. Angela withdrew her Motion.

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr J. Joughin, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **10**

Against, Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Ms K. Angela, Ms J. Thommeny – **3**

Motion carried.

10. Regeneration and Community Committee – 20th June, 2017

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Tuesday, 20th June, 2017, be received by the Council.”

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

11. Environmental Services Committee – 19th June, 2017 – Clauses A1 and A2

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 and A2 of private report of meeting held on Monday, 19th June, 2017, be received by the Council.”

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

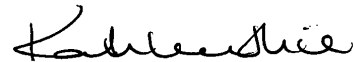
12. Environmental Services Committee – 19th June, 2017 – Clause B3

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in Clause B3 of private report of meeting held on Monday, 19th June, 2017, 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, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr J. Joughin, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Ms K. Angela, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **12**

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

The Council rose at 4.15pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive