



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

9th October, 2019

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2019, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

MR COUNCILLOR JONATHAN JOUGHIN, JP

Councillors

Miss N.A. Byron

Mrs H. Callow

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mrs R. Chatel

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr D.W. Christian, MBE, JP

Mrs C.E. Malarkey

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr A.J. Bentley

Miss D.A.M. Pitts

Mr F. Horning

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Ms K. Angela

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Ms J. Thommeny

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain, Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, the Chief Executive and the Mayor's Chaplain.

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

1. **Minutes – 14th August, 2019**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 14th August, 2019, were approved and signed.

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

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

- 1.1 *Further to the TT and Festival of Motorcycling when will reparation works commence in the area where the VIP Hospitality Tent and “Trackside Bar” were situated; together with the land adjacent to and surrounding it in Nobles Park commence and what is the estimated cost for this work?*
- 1.2 *The central path through Nobles Park has been closed for four weeks, presumably, to effect ground repairs and resurface the path following the TT and the Festival of Motorcycling. Is the path being repaired, widened or both? When will this work be completed? What will the finished surface be and will the path be sufficiently wide enough for SUV type and larger vehicles such as vans during the TT and other events which utilises the park? Is this work being carried out by Council or Department of Infrastructure contractors and when is the path likely to be reopened?*

Reply by the Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

- 1.1 *The Department for Enterprise has engaged a Contractor to undertake the reinstatement works but ground and weather conditions have not been suitable. The Department has been given a deadline of 7th October for completion. If that is not met Parks Services will undertake the works and recover all costs from the Department under the terms of the legal agreement. There has been no estimate prepared of the cost as whatever work needs to be carried out will be recharged and no cost will fall on the Council.*
- 1.2 *The work is being paid for and managed by the Department for Enterprise and Manx Utilities. This is a consequence of the Regeneration and Community Committee agreeing to a replacement pipeline being installed across the park later this year and agreed alterations to the TT and MGP event layout. The costs for the replacement path are significant and have been negotiated with both parties over the past year which has resulted in no cost falling to the Council. During 2019 the Regeneration and Community Committee agreed to alternative traffic management arrangements for the entrance and exit of vehicles though the park during TT and Festival of Motorcycling and these arrangements do not include the use of the central pathway as a vehicular route therefore the path is not required to be constructed to roadway standards. The work includes new edging which was agreed with the Forestry board due to the close proximity of tree roots to the ground surface, levelling, and reconstruction of the base and surface dressings. The work on the pathway is set to be completed by Friday 25th October subject to weather conditions.*

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

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

The exterior renovations on the Willaston Estate are continuing with nearly 50% of the properties completed. In the foreseeable future work on Phase 20 onward will commence. With “framework” agreements now in place to carry out renewals of bathrooms, kitchens, fences and paths on the Willaston Estate will the Chair give an undertaking to carry out cost comparisons between these works together with exterior renovation against demolition and rebuilding from Phase 20 onwards?

Reply by the Chair of the Housing Committee:

Approval for the Willaston Refurbishment Contract was given by the Council in the expectation of it being spread over two five-year framework contracts. A petition for borrowing for the fees of the Design Team for the second of those contracts is currently awaiting Department of Infrastructure approval. The Design Team will prepare a Stage D1 Report, which will include verification of the viability of refurbishment and comparative costs of demolition and rebuild. Framework agreements are always subject to examination of the scheme’s viability whenever further phases are undertaken.

4. **Executive Committee – 27th September, 2019**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Friday, 27th September, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

5. **Pensions Committee – 11th September, 2019**

Motion moved by Councillor Ms K. Angela, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 11th September, 2019, be received by the Council, subject to correction of a clerical error in Clause A12 wherein it should be shown that the next scheduled meeting of the Pensions Committee is to be held on Wednesday 23rd October, 2019.”

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

6. **Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 16th September, 2019**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, 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 Monday, 16th September, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

7. **Housing Committee – 18th September, 2019 – Clauses A1 to A11**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A11 inclusive of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th September, 2019, be received by the Council, subject to correction of a clerical error in Clause A2 wherein this clause should not be shown.”

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

8. **Housing Committee – 18th September, 2019 – Clause C12**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in Clause C12 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th September, 2019, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

9. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 17th September, 2019**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 17th September, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

10. **Environmental Services Committee – 16th September, 2019**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Monday, 16th September, 2019, 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, Mrs H. Callow, Mr S.R. Pitts, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Mrs C.L. Wells, Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **14**

Against, Councillors: Mr I.J.G. Clague and Ms K. Angela – **2**

Motion carried.

11. **Adjournment and Resumption of meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 4.10pm and resumed at 4.25pm with the same Members and officers present.

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12. **Executive Committee – 27th September, 2019**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Friday, 27th September, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

13. **Housing Committee – 18th September, 2019**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th September, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

14. **Housing Committee – 3rd October, 2019**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in private report of special meeting held on Thursday, 3rd October, 2019, be received by the Council.”

During discussion of the item Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey submitted her apologies for the remainder of the meeting and left at 5.30pm.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985 Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk declared and interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

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 D.W. Christian, Mrs C.L. Wells, Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Ms K. Angela, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **9**

Against, Councillors: Mrs H. Callow, Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl – **5**

Motion carried.

15. **Attendance**

Councillor Mrs R. Chatel submitted her apologies for the remainder of the meeting and left at 5.55pm.

16. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 17th September, 2019**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Tuesday, 17th September, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

17. **Environmental Services Committee – 16th September, 2019**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Monday, 16th September, 2019, be received by the Council.”

During discussion of the item Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells submitted her apologies for the remainder of the meeting and left at 6.05pm.

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors; Miss N.A. Byron, Mrs H. Callow, Mr S.R. Pitts, Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Ms K. Angela, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **11**

Against, Councillors: Mr I.J.G. Clague and Mr D.W. Christian – **2**

Motion carried.

The Council rose at 6.15pm.



For Town Clerk & Chief Executive