



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

9th June, 2021

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 JUNE, 2021, 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. Crawley

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr A.J. Bentley

Mr S. Hamer

Mr D. Watson

Mr F. Horning

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Mr J.E. Skinner

Ms K. Angela

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Ms J. Thommeny

No apologies for absence were received.

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

1. **Minutes – 12th May, 2021**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 12th May, 2021, were approved and signed.

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

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

How far behind schedule is the Boiler Maintenance Programme within Council properties given that service engineers were unable to enter residential properties during the last two Covid lockdowns?

Response by the Chair of the Housing & Property Committee:

Because of the statutory nature of the programme, and the danger to life if boilers are not properly maintained, engineers were legally able to enter properties during the restrictions, subject to consent of the tenant and to the appropriate protective measures being in place. There were some exceptions, for example where people were isolating or where tenants declined to give consent. In those cases, an audit trail of the reasons was created, and the engineers moved on to other properties in order to progress the schedule, which has therefore been largely unaffected and is up to date.

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

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

In 1996 Queen's Park received a facelift, some children's play equipment installed and renamed Centenary Gardens as a part the Douglas Borough Council's Centenary celebrations. Since that time there has been very little maintenance and upkeep resulting in the park looking decidedly rundown. Some years ago members of the community were stopped from painting the perimeter wall whilst trying to enhance the aesthetics of the park. When can the residents of the area expect to see action to tidy and paint the walls and railings to improve the facilities and appearance of the park?

Response by the Chair of the Regeneration & Community Committee:

The walls and railings were last painted in 2014 by a contractor. A condition report on all town squares and parks external railings has been obtained and will be subject of a funding bid in the forthcoming budget round.

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

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

How often is play equipment in Council playgrounds inspected and is there a maintenance programme in place for all playground equipment or is it just repaired when broken or damaged?

Response by the Chair of the Regeneration & Community Committee:

All playgrounds and playground equipment are inspected weekly with any issues assigned a task. Dangerous issues are dealt with immediately and other works are scheduled accordingly.

5. **Executive Committee – 28th May, 2021**

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, 28th May, 2021, be received by the Council."

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

6. **Pensions Committee – 26th May, 2021**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs K. Angela, seconded by Councillor Mr F. Horning, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 26th May, 2021, 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 I.J.G. Clague, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Crawley, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E Skinner, Ms K. Angela, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor - **16**

Against, Councillors: Mr S. Hamer, Mr D. Watson – **2**

Motion Carried.

7. **Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 10th May, 2021**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Mr 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, 10th May, 2021, be received by the Council."

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

8. Housing and Property Committee – 19th May, 2021

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Crawley, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday 19th May, 2021, 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 I.J.G. Clague, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Crawley, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Ms K. Angela, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **16**

Against: Councillors: Mr S. Hamer, Mr D. Watson - **2**

Motion carried.

9. Regeneration and Community Committee – 18th May, 2021

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Mrs H. Callow, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 18th May, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

10. Environmental Services Committee – 17th May, 2021 – Clause A10

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985 Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner and the Director of Environment and Regeneration declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

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 Clause A10 of report of meeting held on Monday, 17th May, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

11. Environmental Services Committee – 17th May, 2021 – Clause A12

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

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 Clause A12 of report of meeting held on Monday, 17th May, 2021, 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. Crawley, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr D. Watson, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Ms K. Angela, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **15**

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

Motion carried.

12. Environmental Services Committee – 17th May, 2021 – Clauses A1 to A9, A11 and A13 to A15

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 Clauses A1 to A9, A11 and A13 to A15 inclusive of report of meeting held on Monday, 17th May, 2021, be received by the Council.”

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

13. Standing Order 30 – Notice of Motion – Councillor Miss N.A. Byron

Councillor Miss N.A. Byron moved the following Motion, notice of which had been given:

“That the Council, through the Regeneration and Community Committee, develop and implement an annual community award scheme to recognise residents of the Borough who, individually or as a group, have made significant voluntary contributions of time, effort, and work to their own local community, the wider community of Douglas residents, or to charity. All residents of the Borough to be eligible to make nominations or to be nominated, and voting to be conducted online.”

Councillor Ms J. Thommeny seconded the Motion.

Under the provisions of Standing Order 30, the matter was referred to the Regeneration and Community Committee for consideration and report back to Council by 8th September, 2021.

14. **Adjournment and Resumption**

The meeting adjourned at 5.07pm and resumed at 5.25pm with the same Members and Officers present.

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15. **Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 10th May, 2021**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Mr F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Monday, 10th May, 2021, be received by the Council.”

During discussion, and before the Council moved to a vote on the motion, Councillor Mrs C.E. Crawley submitted her apologies for the remainder of the meeting.

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

The Council rose at 5.45pm.



For the Town Clerk & Chief Executive