



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

4th August, 2021

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 10.30 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of AUGUST, 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

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mr J.E. Skinner

Mr A.J. Bentley

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr F. Horning

Ms J. Thommeny

Mr P.J. Washington

Mr S.R. Crellin

Mr F. Schuengel

Mrs C.L. Wells

Apologies for absence were submitted by the Chief Executive and the Mayor's Chaplain.

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

1. Return of Councillors elected at the elections in July 2021

The Acting Chief Executive reported that at the election of Councillors in July 2021, the following Members were elected;

In Douglas Central, contested;

Natalie Anne BYRON of 13, Hillside Terrace, Douglas;

Stephen Robert PITTS of 10, Westminster Drive, Douglas; and

John Edward SKINNER of 6, Berkeley Street, Douglas.

In Douglas East, contested;

Andrew John BENTLEY of 8, Raven's Wharf, Douglas;

Ian John Gelling CLAGUE of 8, Laureston Close, Douglas; and

Devon Robert WATSON of 39, Spectrum Apartments, Douglas.

In Douglas South, without a contest;

Steven Robert CRELLIN, of 33, Cedar Grove, Pulrose, Douglas;

Frank SCHUENGEL, of Stella Maris, Summer Hill, Douglas; and

Claire Louise WELLS, of 26, Meadow Crescent, Douglas.

In Douglas North, contested;

Falk HORNING of Flat 4, 11 Woodville Terrace, Douglas;

Janet THOMMENY of 23, Berrywoods Avenue, Douglas; and

Peter John WASHINGTON of 67, Keppel Road, Douglas.

2. Confirmation of Selection of Mayor

Nomination proposed, "That the selection of Mrs R. Chatel to be confirmed Mayor of the Borough of Douglas for forthcoming municipal term 2021/22."

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

Mr Councillor P.J. Washington was not present for the vote.

3. Election of Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for a Member to serve as Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.

Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells was nominated by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague.

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson was nominated by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel.

A ballot took place in which the votes were cast as follows;

Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells 7

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson 5

The Mayor declared Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be elected as Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.

4. Election of Chair of the Housing and Property Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for a Member to serve as Chair of the Housing and Property Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.

Councillor Ms J. Thommeny was nominated by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague.

Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley was nominated by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning.

A ballot took place in which the votes were cast as follows;

Councillor Ms J. Thommeny 7

Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley 5

The Mayor declared Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be elected as Chair of the Housing and Property Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.

5. Election of Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts be elected as Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.”

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

6. Election of Chair of the Environmental Services Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for a Member to serve as Chair of the Environmental Services Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.

Mr Councillor F. Horning was nominated by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, seconded by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley.

Councillor Miss N.A. Byron was nominated by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin.

A ballot took place in which the votes were cast as follows;

Mr Councillor F. Horning 7

Miss Councillor N.A. Byron 5

The Mayor declared Mr Councillor F. Horning, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be elected as Chair of the Environmental Services Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.

7. Appointment of a Member to the Executive Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for a Member to serve on the Executive Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.

Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague was nominated by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner.

Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley was nominated by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington.

A ballot took place in which the votes were cast as follows;

Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague 9

Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley 3

The Mayor declared that Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be appointed to serve as a member on the Executive Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.

8. Election of Chair of the Pensions Committee

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, “That Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner be elected as Chair of the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.”

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

9. Adjournment and Resumption of Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 11.05am and resumed at 11.25am with the same twelve Members present.

10. Appointment of Members to the Housing and Property, Regeneration and Community and Environmental Services Committees

The Acting Chief Executive reported that during the adjournment the Executive Committee had met and appointed Members to each of the Committees as follows;

Housing and Property Committee

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner

Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin

Mr Councillor P.J. Washington

Regeneration and Community Committee

Councillor Miss N.A. Byron

Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley

Mr Councillor F. Schuengel

Environmental Services Committee

Councillor Miss N.A. Byron

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson

11. Appointment of Pensions Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for three Members to serve on the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.

Motion moved by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, "That Mr Councillor F. Horning be elected a Member of the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023."

Motion moved by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, "That Mr S.R. Crellin be elected a Member of the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023."

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, "That Councillor Ms J. Thommeny be elected a Member of the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023."

Question put on the three nominations; a vote was taken electronically, and the nominations were carried unanimously.

12. Appointment of Independent Member to the Pensions Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor J.E Skinner, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, that Mr Andrew Thomas be appointed to serve as Independent Member to the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023, in order to bring the dates into line with the other Committee Memberships, subject to his acceptance."

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, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Mr J.E Skinner, Ms J. Thommeny, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr F. Schuengel - **9**

Against, Councillors: Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson – **2**

Mr Councillor P.J. Washington was not present for the vote.

Motion Carried.

13. Appointment of Allotments Committee

Resolved unanimously "That the Regeneration and Community Committee be appointed as the Allotments Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023."

14. Appointment of two allotment holder representatives to the Allotments Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, "That Mrs Hilary Cleverly be appointed to sit as allotment holder representative on the Allotments Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023 and that the other vacancy be advertised."

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

15. Appointment of a Member to the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, "That Councillor Miss N.A. Byron be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023."

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

16. Appointment of two Members to the Isle of Man Municipal Association

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, "That Mr Councillor F. Schuengel be appointed to serve as the Council's representative to the Isle of Man Municipal Association."

Motion moved by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That Mr Councillor P.J. Washington be appointed to serve as the Council’s representative to the Isle of Man Municipal Association.”

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

17. Election of Member to the Douglas Town Band Committee

Motion moved by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That Mr Councillor P.J. Washington be appointed to serve as the Council’s representative on the Douglas Town Band Committee for the municipal term 2021 to 2023.”

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

18. Approval of issuing Press Statement

Resolved unanimously, “That the Acting Chief Executive be authorised to issue a press statement detailing the memberships and Chairs of Committees and representatives on outside bodies as soon as practicable, and to publish them on the Council’s website.”

The Council rose at 11.52am.



For the Town Clerk & Chief Executive