

Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

7th July, 2023

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of JUNE, 2023, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

COUNCILLOR MRS NATALIE BYRON-TEARE, JP MAYOR

Councillors

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mr S.R. Crellin

Mr J.E. Skinner

Mr F. Schuengel

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr F. Horning

Mr A.J. Bentley

Mr P.J. Washington

Mr D.R. Watson

Ms J. Thommeny

Mrs C.L. Wells

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

1. **Minutes – 3rd May, 2023**

The minutes of the special Council meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd May 2023, were approved and signed.

2. **Minutes – 10th May, 2023**

The minutes of the annual Council meeting held on Wednesday, 10th May, 2023, were approved and signed.

3. Executive Committee – 25th May, 2023 – Clauses A1 to A21

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 A21 inclusive of report of meeting held on Thursday, 25th May, 2023, be received by the Council."

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

4. Executive Committee – 25th May, 2023 – Clause C22

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 C22 of report of meeting held on Thursday, 25th May, 2023, be received, approved and adopted by the Council, subject to an amendment of resolution (ii) that the prohibition of vehicular traffic be adopted from the 1st April to 2nd October annually."

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr I.J.G Clague, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr F. Horning, Mr P.J. Washington, Mr J. Thommeny – **10**

Against: Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, the Mayor -2

Motion carried.

5. Executive Committee – 25th May, 2023 – Clause C23

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 C23 of report of meeting held on Thursday, 25th May, 2023, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

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

6. Housing and Property Committee – 17th May, 2023

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 17th May, 2023, be received by the Council."

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

7. Pensions Committee – 24th May, 2023

Motion moved by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 24th May, 2023, be received by the Council."

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

8. Chair of Meeting

As the Mayor was the Council's representative on the Eastern District Civic Amenity Joint Committee in April 2023, and as the Representative position was currently vacant, the Mayor invited nominations for a Member to take the Chair for the next item in order for the Mayor to move the minutes of the meeting.

Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin was nominated by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, and seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington.

Question put on nomination, a vote was taken electronically, and Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin was unanimously elected to take the Chair.

9. Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 19th April, 2023

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare, 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 Wednesday, 19th April, 2023, be received by the Council."

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

The Mayor resumed her seat for the remainder of the meeting.

10. Regeneration and Community Committee – 22nd May, 2023 – Clauses A1 to A10

Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Scheungel, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A10 inclusive of report of meeting held on Monday, 22nd May, 2023, be received by the Council."

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

11. Regeneration and Community Committee – 22nd May, 2023 – Clause B/C11

Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Scheungel, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in Clause B/C11 of report of meeting held on Monday, 22^{nd} May, 2023, be received, approved and adopted by the Council, subject to an amendment of resolution (i) that the prohibition of vehicular traffic be adopted from the 1^{st} April to 2^{nd} October annually."

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion Councillors: Mr I.J.G Clague, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr F. Horning, Mr P.J. Washington, Mr J. Thommeny – **9**

Against: Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, the Mayor – 3

Motion carried.

12. Environmental Services Committee – 15th May, 2023

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Monday, 15th May, 2023, be received by the Council.

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr J.E. Skinner, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr F. Horning, Mr P.J. Washington, Mr J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **11**

Against: Mr Councillor I.J.G Clague - 1

Motion carried.

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

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, "That Councillor Ms J. Thommeny be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee for the remainder of the municipal term 2023 to 2025."

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

14. Adjournment and Resumption

The meeting adjourned at 3.30pm and resumed at 3.45pm with the same Members and officers present.

IN PRIVATE

15. Article 10.4(b) of the Constitution – Standing Order 16(1)(g)

The Council's external advocate, Mr J. Callin joined the meeting for discussion of the item.

Members considered a report prepared by the Chief Executive under Article 10.4(b) of the Constitution in line with Standing Order 16(1)(g).

Motion moved by Mr S.R. Pitts, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel, "That the Council consider the report in Committee".

Question put on Motion to move into Committee, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

Further Motion moved by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, "That proceedings resume in Council."

Question put on Motion to move back into Council, a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was carried unanimously.

Question put on recommendation of the report, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the recommendation, Councillors: Mr J.E. Skinner, Mr I.J.G Clague, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mrs C.L. Wells -4

Against, Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr F. Horning, Mr P.J. Washington, Mr J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **8**

Recommendation fell.

16. Executive Committee – 25th May, 2023

Motion moved by Councillor C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr I.J.G. Clague, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Thursday, 25th May, 2023, be received by the Council."

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

17. Housing and Property Committee – 17th May, 2023

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 17th May, 2023, be received by the Council."

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

18. Pensions Committee – 24th May, 2023

Motion moved by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 24th May, 2023, be received by the Council."

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

Town Clerk & Chief Executive