



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

11th December, 2013

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of DECEMBER, 2013, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

COUNCILLOR MRS CAROL ELIZABETH MALARKEY, JP

Councillor

Mrs C.A. Corlett	Mr G.J. Faragher
Mrs S.D.A. Hackman	Miss D.A.M. Pitts
Mr S.R. Pitts	Mr W.M. Malarkey
Mr D.J. Ashford, JP	Mr R.H. McNicholl
Mrs R. Chatel	Mr J.E. Skinner
Mr J. Joughin	Ms K. Angela
Mr D.W. Christian MBE, JP	Mr S.C. Cain
Mr E.A. Joyce	Mrs E.C. Quirk
Mr C.L.H. Cain (from 2.35pm)	

The Assistant Town Clerk, Borough Treasurer and Assistant Borough Engineer were in attendance.

1. **Minutes – 13th November, 2013**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held Wednesday, 13th November, 2013 were approved and signed.

2. **Attendance**

Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain joined the meeting at 2.35pm.

3. **Standing Order 39 Question – Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford**

The following question addressed by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford to the Chairman of the Environmental Services Advisory Committee, and the Chairman's reply were noted:-

Question:

How much have been the total costs incurred, broken down by legal costs, officers' time and any other associated costs, of dealing with each of the following dilapidated properties over the last five years:

- i) 33 Princes Street;
- ii) Braddan Lodge.

Reply:

The cost of officers' time and associated costs for the Derelict Buildings Service (SW020) are not separately allocated to individual properties, but the following figures have been extracted from the records as the costs to the Council, with the amount of officers' time being estimated:

<u>33 Princes Street:</u>	Legal Costs	£4,887
	Officer time (est.)	£3,114
	Other costs	£518
	Total	£8,519

<u>Braddan Lodge:</u>	Legal Costs	£4,804
	Officer time (est.)	£1,812
	Total	£6,616

Supplementary Question:

Does the Chairman believe this expenditure has actually achieved anything in resolving or abating the dilapidation issues of these properties?

Reply:

I believe that in these cases, the expenditure has not been productive. However that is not to say that the cases should not have been pursued, it is simply that the Council's efforts have so far been frustrated by elusive and uncooperative owners.

4. **Standing Order 39 Question – Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford**

The following question addressed by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford to the Leader of the Council, and the Leader's reply were noted:-

Question:

What was the total claim amount on private vehicle mileage over each of the following financial years broken down by monetary amount and total number of miles claimed:

- i) 2013/14 (to end October);
- ii) 2012/13;
- iii) 2011/12;
- iv) 2010/11.

Reply:

The amounts and mileages claimed, by officers using their own vehicles for Council duties are:

- i) 2013/14 (to end October) - £6,065.41 for 9,613 miles;
- ii) 2012/13 - £9,935.23 for 15,744 miles;
- iii) 2011/12 - £10,332.11 for 16,375 miles;
- iv) 2010/11 - £15,422.67 for 24,434 miles.

Supplementary Question:

Will the Chairman ask the Officers to look at how this can be reduced further by the use of pooled vehicles?

Reply:

Yes, but bearing in mind that the annual costs would need to be balanced against the cost of provision of additional vehicles.

5. Standing Order 39 Question – Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford

The following question addressed by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford to the Chairman of the Standards, and the Leader's reply were noted:-

Question:

In relation to the answers given at Council on 13th November concerning item A2 of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 23rd October, 2013:

If the item was not formal training why was it listed as such on the agenda for that date's Committee, and was the 'training' circulated in written format or was the entire item presented verbally?

Reply:

The item was on the agenda as 'training' but it was an informal workshop session which did not involve any consultant or professional trainer; the Members were presented with a hypothetical scenario and worked through the various issues. It was conducted entirely informally and the only documentation was the scenario that had been prepared.

Supplementary Question:

Will the Chairman undertake to circulate to all members a copy of the scenario documentation?

Reply:

So far, no Member other than the Standards Committee has asked to see it, so rather than circulating it indiscriminately, I am happy that it be made available on request to the Assistant Town Clerk.

6. Executive Committee – 2nd December 2013 – Clause A7

Resolved unanimously, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause A7 of report of a meeting held on Monday, 2nd December, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Mr Councillor E.A. Joyce declared an interest in this item and retired whilst it was considered.

7. Executive Committee – 2nd December 2013 – A1 to A6 and A8 to A13 inclusive and Clause A2 of private report

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A6 and A8 to A13 inclusive of report of a meeting held on Monday, 2nd December, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Further Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor G.J. Faragher, "That under Standing Order 38, Clause A2 of the private minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee held on 2nd December 2013, be considered in conjunction with the public report."

Question put on further Motion. Motion carried. No division.

Question put in report of Clause A2 of the private report. On division being challenged, the vote was taken electronically and the Motion was approved unanimously.

Question put in report of Clauses A1 to A6 and A8 to A13 inclusive of public report. Motion carried. No division.

8. Pensions Committee – 12th November 2013

Resolved unanimously, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of a special meeting held on Tuesday, 12th November, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

9. **Pensions Committee – 27th November 2013**

Resolved unanimously, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of a meeting held on Wednesday, 27th November, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

10. **Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 25th November 2013**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor W.M. Malarkey, seconded by Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee, as contained in report of a meeting held Monday, 25th November, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Motion put. On division being challenged a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion: Councillors Mesdames C.A. Corlett, S.D.A. Hackman, Messrs Councillors S.R. Pitts, D.J. Ashford, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Messrs Councillors J. Joughin, D.W. Christian, E.A. Joyce, C.L.H. Cain, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Messrs Councillors W.M. Malarkey, R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Mr Councillor S.C. Cain, the Mayor – **16**

Against: Mr Councillor G.J. Faragher, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk – **2**

Motion carried.

11. **Housing and Property Advisory Committee – 20th November 2013 – Clause A3**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Advisory Committee, as contained in Clause A3 of report of a meeting held Wednesday, 20th November, 2013 be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Motion put. On division being challenged a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was approved unanimously.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Mr Councillor E.A. Joyce declared an interest in this item and retired whilst it was considered.

12. **Housing and Property Advisory Committee – 20th November 2013 – Clauses A1, A2 and A4 to C6 inclusive**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Advisory Committee, as contained in Clauses A1, A2 and A4 to C6 inclusive of report of a meeting held on Wednesday, 20th November, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Question put in respect of Clauses A1, A2, A4 and A5. Motion carried. No Division.

Question put in report of Clause C6. On division being challenged a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion: Councillors Mesdames C.A. Corlett, S.D.A. Hackman, Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Messrs Councillors J. Joughin, D.W. Christian, E.A. Joyce, C.L.H. Cain, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Messrs Councillors W.M. Malarkey, J.E. Skinner, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Mr Councillor S.C. Cain, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **15**

Against: Messrs Councillors S.R. Pitts, G.J. Faragher, R.H. McNicholl – **3**

Motion carried.

13. **Regeneration and Community Advisory Committee – 19th November 2013**

Resolved unanimously, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Advisory Committee as contained in report of a meeting held Tuesday, 19th November, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by Council.”

14. **Environmental Services Advisory Committee – 18th November 2013 – Clause A5**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.A. Corlett, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Advisory Committee as contained in Clause A5 of report of a meeting held on Monday, 18th November, 2013 be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

On division being challenged a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion: Messrs Councillors D.J. Ashford, D.W. Christian, E.A. Joyce, C.L.H. Cain, R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **8**

Against: Councillor Mrs C.A. Corlett, Messrs Councillors S.R. Pitts, J. Joughin, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Messrs G.J. Faragher, W.M. Malarkey, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Mr Councillor S.C. Cain – **9**

Motion fell.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Councillor Mrs S.D.A. Hackman declared an interest in this item and retired whilst it was considered.

15. Environmental Services Advisory Committee - 18th November 2013 – Clauses A1 to A4 and A6 to A15 inclusive

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Mrs S.D.A. Hackman, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Advisory Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A4 and A6 to A15 inclusive of report of a meeting held on Monday, 18th November, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

On division being challenged a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion: Councillors Mesdames C.A. Corlett, S.D.A. Hackman, Messrs Councillors S.R. Pitts, D.J. Ashford, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Messrs Councillors D.W. Christian, E.A. Joyce, C.L.H. Cain, G.J. Faragher, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Messrs Councillors W.M. Malarkey, R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Mr Councillor S.C. Cain, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **17**

Against: Mr Councillor J. Joughin – **1**

Motion carried.

16. Adjournment and Resumption of meeting

The meeting adjourned at 5.35pm and resumed at 5.51pm with all Members present.

IN PRIVATE

17. Executive Committee – 2nd December 2013 – Clause A10

Resolved unanimously, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause A10 of private report of a meeting held Monday, 2nd December, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Mr Councillor E.A. Joyce declared an interest in this item and retired whilst it was considered.

18. Executive Committee – 2nd December 2013 – Clauses A1 and A3 to A9 inclusive

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 and A3 to A9 inclusive of report of a meeting held on Monday, 2nd December, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Question put on Motion. On division being challenged, the vote was taken electronically and the Motion was approved unanimously.

19. Pensions Committee – 27th November 2013

Resolved unanimously, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in private report of a meeting held Wednesday, 27th November, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council subject to a clerical error in paragraph 5, line 4, the figure was £40,000 per annum, not £40.”

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

20. Standing Order 9 – Duration of Meeting

At 6.29pm the Mayor drew attention to the provisions of Standing Order 9 and the Council agreed unanimously to continue the meeting to complete the outstanding business on the agenda.

21. Housing and Property Advisory Committee – 20th November 2013

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Advisory Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 20th November, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Motion put. On division being challenged a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was carried unanimously.

22. Regeneration and Community Advisory Committee – 19th November 2013

Resolved unanimously, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Advisory Committee, as contained in private report of a meeting held on 19th November, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

23. **Environmental Services Advisory Committee – 18th November 2013**

Resolved unanimously, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Advisory Committee, as contained in a private report of a meeting held on 18th November, 2013, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

The Council rose at 7.11pm.

Town Clerk & Chief Executive