



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

25th April, 2014

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 3.00pm on FRIDAY, the 25th day of APRIL, 2014, 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

Mrs S.D.A. Hackman

Mr D.J. Ashford, JP

Mrs R. Chatel

Mr J. Joughin

Mr D.W. Christian MBE, JP

Mr E.A. Joyce

Mr C.L.H. Cain

Mr G.J. Faragher

Miss D.A.M. Pitts

Mr W.M. Malarkey

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Mr J.E. Skinner

Mr S.C. Cain

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Apologies were submitted by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts and Councillor Ms K. Angela.

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

1. **Papers before the Council**

Members had before them:

- Copy of letter from Deputy Clerk of Tynwald seeking submissions to a Select Committee of Tynwald considering a petition to replace the domestic rating system; and
- Report by the Borough Treasurer with recommendations for submission.

2. **Domestic Rating Consultation Response**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, "That the report of the Borough Treasurer in relation to domestic rating, including the recommendations contained therein, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

The Council resolved unanimously into Committee to consider the Motion.

On the resumption of proceedings in Council the Mayor ruled that the question would be put separately in relation to each of the four recommendations in the report:

Amendment moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel: "That the motion be amended by deletion of Recommendation 1 of the report and the substitution therefor of the words *'This Council believes that a rating revaluation should be undertaken and that true fairness will not be achieved until the reform of local government is implemented.'*"

The Council adjourned at 4.25pm to enable the amendment to be typed and circulated to Members, and resumed at 4.30pm.

Question put on amendment. In division being challenged, there voted **For** the amendment: 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 R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, S.C. Cain, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor - **14**

Against: Messrs Councillors G.J. Faragher, W.M. Malarkey – **2**

Amendment carried.

Further amendment moved by Mr Councillor W.M. Malarkey, seconded by Mr Councillor G.J. Faragher, "That an additional recommendation be inserted after Recommendation 1 to the effect that *'this Council recommends to the Select Committee that the water rate and sewerage charge be incorporated into its review of the domestic rating system.'*"

Question put on further amendment. Carried unanimously.

Further amendment moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, in the light of the approval of the amendment to Recommendation 1, "that *Recommendation 3 of the report be deleted.*"

Question put on further amendment. Carried unanimously.

Question put on Recommendation 2 of the report. Carried unanimously.

Question put on Recommendation 4 of the report. Carried unanimously.

3. **Adjournment and Resumption of Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 4.58pm and resumed in private at 5.10pm, when the following Members were present: 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, C.L.H. Cain, G.J. Faragher, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Messrs Councillors W.M. Malarkey, R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, S.C. Cain, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor.

The Mayor advised that Mr Councillor E.A. Joyce had left the meeting having declared an interest in the sole item of business remaining.

4. **Environmental Services Committee – 27th January, 2014**

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 report on special meeting held on Monday, 27th January, 2014, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

The Council resolved unanimously into Committee to consider the Motion.

Councillor Mrs R. Chatel left the meeting at 5.20pm during discussion in Committee and with the consent of the Mayor.

On the resumption of proceedings in Council:

Question put. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council rose at 6.10pm.

Town Clerk & Chief Executive