



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

11th December, 2019

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, 2019, 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. Malarkey

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr A.J. Bentley (from 3.18pm)

Mr F. Horning

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Mr J.E. Skinner

Ms K. Angela

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Ms J. Thommeny

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts and Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley for late attendance.

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

1. **Minutes – 13th November, 2019**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 13th November, 2019, were approved and signed.

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

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

“Rates could go up due to rise in gate fees at the incinerator” was broadcast by local media in the early hours of Saturday 30th November 2019. It was announced by the Department of Infrastructure that local authority rates will have to rise by nearly 2% due to an increase in ‘gate fees’ at the Energy from Waste Plant. Were Council officers and or the Environmental Services Committee consulted or made aware by the Department of the proposed increases prior to any announcement from the media?

Reply by the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

Local authorities were notified on 8th November of the increase, and it will be taken into account by Council officers in preparing estimates for the 2020/21 revenue budget. I am not aware of the Department of Infrastructure making a statement as to the effect of the increase on local authority rates. What it actually said in the notification letter was that the gate fee for the Energy from Waste Plant would rise by 1.92%.

That is only one element of the costs of each local authority. How the increase is dealt with by each local authority, together with many other factors, will determine the rate levy.

Supplementary Question:

I would like to ask when the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee was first made aware of the changes and how was this conveyed?

Reply:

Although in my reply I say that local authorities were notified on the 8th of November I must underline those two words ‘local authorities’ not Members. The first time I was made aware of it was as a Member of the Eastern Civic Amenity site joint Committee and that was on the 28th November so that’s when I was first made aware of it because we had to discuss it because we had to dispose of a lot of our waste through them.

3. **Executive Committee – 29th November, 2019 – Clauses A1 to A18**

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 Clauses A1 to A18 inclusive of report of meeting held on Friday, 29th November, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

4. **Executive Committee – 29th November, 2019 – Clause C19**

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 Clause C19 of report of meeting held on Friday, 29th November, 2019, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

5. **Pensions Committee – 27th November, 2019**

Motion moved by Councillor Ms K. Angela, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 27th November, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

6. **Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 28th November, 2019**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, 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 Thursday, 28th November, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

7. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 19th November, 2019**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 19th November, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

8. **Environmental Services Committee – 18th November, 2019 – Clause A6**

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 A6 of report of meeting held on Monday, 18th November, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Councillor Ms J. Thommeny declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

9. **Attendance**

Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley joined the meeting during the following item.

10. **Environmental Services Committee – 18th November, 2019 – Clauses A1 to A5 and A7 to A16 inclusive**

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 A5 and A7 to A16 inclusive of report of meeting held on Monday, 18th November, 2019, 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. Malarkey, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Ms K. Angela, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **15**

Against, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk – 1

Motion carried.

11. **Adjournment and Resumption**

The meeting adjourned at 3.56pm and resumed at 4.13pm with the same Members and officers present.

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12. **Executive Committee – 29th November, 2019 – Clauses A1 to A5**

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 Clauses A1 to A5 inclusive of private report of meeting held on Friday, 29th November, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

13. **Executive Committee – 29th November, 2019 – Clause C6**

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 Clause C6 of private report of meeting held on Friday, 29th November, 2019, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That the Council move into Committee to consider the Motion.”

Question put on Motion to move into Committee, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mrs H. Callow, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr D.W. Christian, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning, Ms K. Angela, Ms J. Thommeny, Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **10**

Against, Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner – **6**

Motion carried.

On resumption of proceedings in Council a further Motion was moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, “That there be no further debate on the original Motion and the question be now put.”

Question put on further Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Mrs H. Callow, Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Ms K. Angela, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – **12**

Against, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning, Mrs E.C. Quirk – **4**

Motion carried, a vote on the original Motion was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mrs H. Callow, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning, Ms J. Thommeny - **9**

Against, Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms K. Angela, the Mayor – **7**

Original Motion carried.

14. Executive Committee – 29th November, 2019 – Clause C7

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 Clause C7 of private report of meeting held on Friday, 29th November, 2019, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, “That the Council move into Committee to consider the Motion.”

Question put on Motion to move into Committee, a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Ms K. Angela, Ms J. Thommeny, Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **13**

Against, Councillors: Mrs H. Callow, Mr S.R. Pitts, Mrs C.L. Wells - **3**

Motion carried.

On resumptions of proceedings in Council, a vote was taken electronically and there **For** the Motion, Councillors: Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr A.J. Bentley – **3**

Against, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mrs H. Callow, Mr S.R. Pitts, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, Ms K. Angela, the Mayor – **13**

Motion failed.

15. Standing Order 9 – Duration of Meeting

The Mayor drew attention to the provisions of Standing Order 9. Motion moved by Councillor Ms C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, “That the Council continue after 6.30pm to consider the outstanding business.”

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

16. Adjournment and Resumption

The Council adjourned at 6.32pm and resumed at 6.47pm. Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague submitted his apologies for the remainder of the meeting.

17. Pensions Committee – 27th November, 2019

Motion moved by Councillor Ms K. Angela, 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, 27th November, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

18. Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 28th November, 2019

Motion moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor F.H. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Thursday, 28th November, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

19. Housing Committee – 20th November, 2019

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 20th November, 2019, be withdrawn for further consideration.”

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

20. Attendance

Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells submitted her apologies for the remainder of the meeting.

21. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 19th November, 2019**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Tuesday, 19th November, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

22. **Environmental Services Committee – 18th November, 2019**

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 private report of meeting held on Monday, 18th November, 2019, be received by the Council.”

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

The Council rose at 7.04pm.



For Town Clerk & Chief Executive