



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

30th January, 2019

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 10.00 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of JANUARY, 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

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

Mr C.L.H. Cain

Miss D.A.M. Pitts, JP

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Mr J.E. Skinner

Ms K. Angela

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Ms J. Thommeny

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts and Mr Councillor F. Horning.

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

1. **Papers before the Council**

Members had before them:

- (1) Minutes of Executive Committee meeting as contained in Clause C1 of report of meeting held on Friday, 25th January, 2019 in relation to amendment of Standing Order 46.
- (2) Minutes of Pensions Committee meeting as contained in Clause C1 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 28th November, 2018 in relation to revenue estimates for 2019/20.
- (3) Minutes of Housing Committee meeting as contained in Clause C1 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 16th January, 2019 in relation to the minor works capital scheme.
- (4) Minutes of Housing Committee meeting as contained in Clauses C1 and C2 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 17th October, 2018 in relation to fees and charges for 2019/20 and the draft capital programme for 2019/20 and minutes of Housing Committee meeting as contained in Clause C1 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 19th December, 2018.
- (5) Minutes of special Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday, 17th January, 2019.
- (6) The Director of Finance's Budget Report and estimates of expenditure for the year commencing 1st April, 2019 incorporating amendments made by the respective Committees.

2. **Executive Committee – 25th January, 2019 – Clause C1**

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 C1 of report of meeting held on Friday, 25th January, 2019, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

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

*As a consequence of the Motion being carried, the **Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part V – Duration of Speeches – Standing Order 46** was amended to read:*

"A member shall direct his speech to the matter under discussion or to a personal explanation or to a point of order. No speech shall exceed ten minutes except by prior consent of the Council. Any extension of time shall not exceed five minutes without the further consent of the Council, indicated by a vote if necessary.

This Standing Order shall not apply to the presentation of the annual budget by the Leader of the Council, nor to the Chairs of the Pensions Committee or Housing Committee in presenting their respective budgets to the Council, nor to the Leader or any Committee Chair in replying to debate."

3. **Pensions Committee – 28th November, 2018 – Clause C1**

Motion moved by Councillor Ms K. Angela, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in Clause C1 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 28th November, 2018, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

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

4. **Housing Committee – 16th January, 2019 – Clause C1**

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 Clause C1 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 16th January, 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. **Housing Committee – 17th October, 2018 – Clauses C1 and C2 and 19th December, 2018 – Clause C1**

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 Clauses C1 and C2 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 17th October, 2018 and the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in Clause C1 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 19th December, 2018, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

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

6. **Executive Committee – 17th January, 2019**

Borough Rate 2019/2020

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 report of special meeting held on Thursday, 17th January, 2019 and containing the recommendation;

*“That in accordance with Section 11 of the Local Government Act 2006, a Borough Rate of **FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY THREE PENCE** in the pound, a 3.3 percent increase on the net annual value of all rateable property in the Borough by levied for the year ending 31st March 2020.”*

together with the associated Budget Report and Estimates be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Further Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, “That the Council consider the Motion in Committee.”

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

Further Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, “That the Council resume proceedings in Council.”

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

On resumption of proceedings in Council:

Amendment moved by Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, “That the proposed £2.00 charge for all day parking on a Sunday in Shaw’s Brow, Bottleneck and Chester Street car parks be deleted.”

Question put on amendment; a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the amendment, Councillors: Mrs R. Chatel and Mrs E.C. Quirk – 2

Against – Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mrs H. Callow, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr C.L.H. Cain, Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Ms K. Angela, Ms J. Thommeny, the Mayor – 14

Motion fell.

Amendment moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor C.L.H. Cain, “That the energy for waste gate fee costs incurred by the Council be listed separately on the Rates Demand.”


Following response by the Leader of the Council and consent of the Mayor the amendment was withdrawn.

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

7. **Borough Rate 2019/2020 – Press Statement**

The Council unanimously authorised the issue of the usual press statement in relation to the fixing of the Borough Rate by the Chief Executive.

The Council rose at 12.13pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive