



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

12th February, 2020

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 2020, 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.L. Wells

Mr A.J. Bentley

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 Mrs C.E. Crawley.

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

1. **Minute Silence**

The Council observed a one minute silence as a mark of respect for Councillor Miss. D.A.M. Pitts, who recently passed away.

2. **Minutes – 8th January, 2020**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 8th January, 2020, were approved and signed.

3. **Minutes – 29th January, 2020**

The minutes of the special Council meeting held on Wednesday, 29th January, 2020, were approved and signed.

4. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley**

Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley asked the Leader of the Council:

- 4.1 *The 2017 to 2021 Corporate Plan states that the Council will “increase the use of renewable energy throughout the Borough”. Since the plan was approved by the Council how much renewable energy capacity has been installed, planned or approved for installation?*
- 4.2 *What is the status of the 2017 to 2021 Corporate Plan when procuring new buildings?*
- 4.3 *The 2017 to 2021 Corporate Plan states that the Council will seek to “Improve energy performance”. Since the plan’s approval has the Council commissioned building works where the required thermal performance was higher than the minimum requirements of the building regulations?*

Reply by the Leader of the Council:

- 4.1 *None from the start of the Plan to date. Prior to 2017, solar panels were installed on the larger properties at Upper Pulrose and a biomass heating system was installed at Hazel Court. Solar panels were investigated for the Town Hall and are planned for the Ballacottier Service Centre and Ballaughton Nursery. The proposed Peel Road development will have heat recovery systems and will achieve a SAP 80 rating. Future Willaston Apartments will be constructed to AECB (Association for Environmentally Conscious Building) standards.*
- 4.2 *No new buildings have been procured in the period to date, however the Corporate Plan is considered, together with other statutory requirements and building standards, during the procurement process.*
- 4.3 *Yes, the new apartments at Willaston, and all new social housing buildings in the future, are being designed to comply with AECB standards. These standards work on the basis of better U-values, a high level of air tightness, sustainable energy solutions and energy performance standards.*

5. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Councillor Ms K. Angela**

Councillor Ms K. Angela asked the Chair of the Housing Committee:

- 5.1 *With reference to the response by the Chair of the Housing Committee on 9th October, 2019, to Mr. Councillor Skinner’s question in relation to the Willaston Refurbishment Scheme, can she confirm that there has been, or will be, consideration of the impacts, including financial and emotional, on tenants caused by internal renovations?*
- 5.2 *Has there been, or will there be, similar consideration if demolition and rebuilding are considered as alternatives to continuation of the Refurbishment scheme?*
- 5.3 *Will the Council seek feedback from tenants that have experienced the external refurbishment, some of which have been negative experiences, and use that feedback to inform future works and avoid any preventable issues?*

Reply by the Chair of the Housing Committee:

- 5.1 *The Willaston Refurbishment Scheme is external only. Internal work at Willaston may be carried out under the Kitchen Replacement scheme, under which tenants are encouraged to complete a feedback form and any responses, positive or negative, are fed back to the Contractor for review and improvement where necessary.*
- 5.2 *Yes, all impacts have been and will be considered for future phases of work.*
- 5.3 *Yes, the Council seeks feedback and all tenants receive customer satisfaction forms and return envelopes when they move back home after decant.*

6. Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr J.E. Skinner

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

- 6.1 *In respect of Planning Application 20/00038/B why has the Council made the application to erect a Big Top in Nobles Park during each of the next three years and will the fees incurred with this action be passed on to the circus operators?*
- 6.2 *When will the current pipe laying works being carried out in Nobles Park be completed and will the ground have recovered sufficiently in time for use during this year's TT Races?*
- 6.3 *Is the Head of Parks satisfied that the ground in Nobles Park in the area used during TT Races and Festival of Motorcycling periods for entertainment activities has fully recovered following the 2019 events?*
- 6.4 *How much has been drawn from the "Bond" deposited annually for recovery works following the TT Races and the Festival of Motorsport in each of the last five years?*

Reply by the Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee:

- 6.1 *The Council does not pay planning application fees but commercial event businesses are subject to them and the amount varies dependent on the capacity of the temporary structure. So as to encourage events in the Park, the Regeneration & Community Committee has resolved to adopt a pricing structure for events including ground hire, and a charge to the event organiser for officers' time in processing planning applications where required.*
- 6.2 *The window of opportunity for laying the pipe with minimal disruption to the T.T. and Festival of motorcycling was agreed and work commenced on site in August 2019. Works across the field will be completed by the end of February, 2020, subject to ground conditions. The areas will then be seeded and the Department for Enterprise is aware that the turf sward may not be fully established before T.T. 2020. The establishment of the sward is subject to weather conditions.*
- 6.3 *Due to the wet ground conditions over T.T. and Festival of Motorcycling 2019, reinstatement work could not commence immediately afterwards, however if any additional remedial work is needed it will be undertaken in March, 2020 and the costs charged to the Department for Enterprise.*
- 6.4 *Charges made to the Department for Enterprise have been:*
2015: £1,440.86;
2016: £1,375.00;
2017: £1,995.10;
2018: £1,815.88;
2019: Nil – DfE engaged private contractor

7. Executive Committee – 31st January, 2020 – Clauses A1 to A12

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 A12 inclusive of report of meeting held on Friday, 31st January, 2020, be received by the Council."

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

8. Executive Committee – 31st January, 2020 – Clause C13

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 C13 of report of meeting held on Friday, 31st January, 2020, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Amendment moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Councillor Mrs H. Callow, "That 'Councillor Mrs R. Chatel' be substituted for 'the Chief Executive' in resolution (ii) of the report."

Question put. There voted **For** the amendment, Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Mrs H. Callow, Miss N.A. Byron, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, Ms K. Angela, the Mayor – **9**

Against, Councillors: Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning, Mr J.E. Skinner – **6**

Amendment carried.

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

Substantive Motion carried.

9. Executive Committee – 31st January, 2020 – Clause C14

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 C14 of report of meeting held on Friday, 31st January, 2020, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

10. Executive Committee – 31st January, 2020 – Clause C15

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 C15 of report of meeting held on Friday, 31st January, 2020, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

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

11. Standards Committee – 20th January, 2020

Motion moved by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Standards Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Monday, 20th January, 2020, be received by the Council.”

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

12. Standards Committee – 27th January, 2020 – Clauses A1 to A5

Motion moved by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Standards Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A5 inclusive of report of meeting held on Monday, 27th January, 2020, be received by the Council.”

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

13. Standards Committee – 27th January, 2020 – Clause C6

Motion moved by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Standards Committee, as contained in Clause C6 of report of meeting held on Monday, 27th January, 2020, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

During discussion Councillor Miss N.A. Byron agreed, subject to the consent of the Council, to withdraw the item for further consideration by the Committee.

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

14. Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Coimmittee – 22nd January, 2020

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 Wednesday, 22nd January, 2020, be received by the Council.”

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

15. Housing Committee – 15th January, 2020

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 15th January, 2020, be received by the Council.”

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

16. Regeneration and Community Committee – 14th January, 2020

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Mrs H. Callow, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 14th January, 2020, be received by the Council.”

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

17. Environmental Services Committee – 13th January, 2020

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 report of meeting held on Monday, 13th January, 2020, be received by the Council.”

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

18. **Adjournment and Resumption**

The meeting adjourned at 3.42pm and resumed at 3.58pm with the same Members and officers present.

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19. **Executive Committee – 31st January, 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 private report of meeting held on Friday, 31st January, 2020, be received by the Council.”

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

20. **Standards Committee – 20th January, 2020**

Motion moved by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Standards Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Monday, 20th January, 2020, be received by the Council.”

During discussion Councillor Miss N.A. Byron agreed subject to the consent of the Council to withdraw the item for further consideration by the Committee.

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

21. **Housing Committee – 15th January, 2020**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 15th January, 2020, 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 Miss N.A. Byron declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

22. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 14th January, 2020**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Mrs H. Callow, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Tuesday, 14th January, 2020, 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, Mrs H. Callow, Miss N.A. Byron, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, Ms K. Angela, the Mayor – **14**

Against – Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner – **1**

Motion carried.

23. **Environmental Services Committee – 13th January, 2020**

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, 13th January, 2020, be received by the Council.”

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

The Council rose at 4.38pm.


Town Clerk & Chief Executive