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Present:

The Acting President of Tynwald (Mr R W Henderson)

The Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man (The Rt Rev. P A Eagles),
The Attorney General (Mr J L M Quinn QC),
Miss T M August-Hanson, Mr P A Greenhill,
Mrs M M Maska, Mr R J Mercer, and Mrs K Sharpe
with Ms J Corkish, Clerk of the Council.

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Legislative Council

The Council met at 9.30 a.m.

The Clerk: Good morning, everyone, please be seated.

Election of Acting President of the Council – Mr Henderson elected

The Clerk: We first need to elect an Acting President. Could I have a nomination, please.

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Miss August-Hanson: Thank you.
I would like to nominate Mr Bill Henderson.

The Clerk: Do we have a seconder?

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Mrs Maska: I would be delighted to second Mr Henderson.

The Clerk: Thank you. There will be no more nominations.
Mr Henderson, would you like to move to the President's seat?
Thank you.

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The Acting President (Mr Henderson): Thank you, Clerk.

[MR HENDERSON *took the Chair*]

Order of the Day

1. Swearing-in of new Members

**Welcome to
His Honour the First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls, and the Chief Registrar**

The Acting President: Good morning, Hon. Members, members of the public, and a warm
welcome and thank you to our First Deemster, Mr Corlett, and our Chief Registrar, Mr Quayle for
joining us this morning for this very important ceremony, which involves the swearing-in of two
new Members to the Legislative Council.

The order of proceedings will be that the two new Members will be presented to the Legislative
Council table in front of me and the First Deemster, assisted by the Registrar, will perform the
swearing-in ceremony. After which, both Members will be required to sign the Declaration by
Members of Tynwald under the Standards of Conduct and Code of Conduct, and I will present
them with their Standing Orders for the Legislative Council and their Election Certificates.

So without further ado, Hon. Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, I will hand over to our First Deemster, Mr Corlett, to commence proceedings.

The First Deemster (His Honour A T K Corlett): Thank you, Mr Acting President.

**Swearing-in of newly elected Member of the Legislative Council,
Mr Paul Craine**

The Clerk conducted Mr Craine before the Deemster.

The First Deemster: If I could invite Mr Craine to come forward to take the Oath of Allegiance, please.

Mr Craine took the Oath of Allegiance.

I, Paul Herbert Craine, do swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors. So help me, God.

The First Deemster: Thank you, Mr Craine.

I will now administer the Oath to elected Members of the Legislative Council.

You shall well and truly serve as a Member of the Legislative Council of this Isle, according to the statute in that case made and provided. You shall use your best endeavours to maintain the laws and customs of this Isle, and shall justly and truly deliver your opinion and do right in all matters which shall be put unto you, without favour or affection, affinity or consanguinity, love or fear, reward or gain or for any hope thereof, but in all things you shall deal uprightly and justly and do wrong to no man. So help you, God.

I now invite you, Mr Craine, to sign the extract from the *Liber Juramentorum*. If you could sign there, please. I will witness your signature.

Mr Craine signed the Liber Juramentorum.

Thank you very much.

This says:

At Douglas, on 30th November 2021. On this day, the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of elected Member of the Legislative Council was taken by and administered to Paul Herbert Craine, sworn into office as a Member of the Legislative Council by virtue of Warrant of Election dated 23rd November 2021.

I hand to you, Mr Acting President, the Warrant of Certification of Election in respect of Mr Craine and confirm that all the formalities have now been duly completed.

The Acting President: Thank you, First Deemster.

It gives me great pleasure, Mr Craine, to present you with your Election Certificate and Standing Orders of the Legislative Council; and all that remains for you to do and for me to oversee is that you sign the Standards of Conduct of Tynwald.

Mr Craine signed the Standards of Conduct of Tynwald.

Thank you very much, sir. If you can leave the Good Book with us.

Mr Craine: That is mine. *(Laughter)*

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The Acting President: Oh, it is yours!

With that, I will present you with the Standing Orders and your Certificate of Election.
Very well done. Congratulations.

The Clerk conducted Mr Craine to his seat.

**Swearing-in of newly elected Member of the Legislative Council,
Mrs Diane Kelsey**

The Clerk conducted Mrs Kelsey before the Deemster.

The First Deemster: Good morning, Mrs Kelsey.

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Can I invite you, please, to take the Oath of Allegiance.

Mrs Kelsey took the Oath of Allegiance.

I, Diane Kelsey, do swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors. So help me, God.

The First Deemster: Thank you.

I will now administer to you the Oath to elected Members of the Legislative Council.

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You shall well and truly serve as a Member of the Legislative Council of this Isle according
to the statute in that case made and provided.

You shall use your best endeavours to maintain the laws and customs of this Isle, and shall
justly and truly deliver your opinion and do right in all matters which shall be put unto you,
without favour or affection, affinity or consanguinity, love or fear, reward or gain or for any
hope thereof, but in all things you shall deal uprightly and justly, and do wrong to no man.

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So help you, God.

Thank you very much,

If I can now invite you, please, to sign the *Liber Juramentorum*.

If you could just sign there, please, Mrs Kelsey.

Mrs Kelsey signed the Liber Juramentorum.

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The First Deemster: Thank you.

I will witness your signature.

This states that:

At Douglas, on 30th November 2021. On this day, the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of elected Member of the
Legislative Council was taken by and administered to Diane Kelsey, sworn into office as a Member of the Legislative
Council by virtue of Warrant of Election dated 23rd November 2021.

This is your Warrant of Certification of Election to the Legislative Council and I will now hand
this to the Acting President and confirm that all the formalities have now been completed

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The Acting President: Thank you very much, First Deemster.

All that remains now is for you, Mrs Kelsey, to sign the Declaration of Tynwald Members' Standards of Conduct sheet.

Mrs Kelsey signed the Standards of Conduct of Tynwald.

Thank you very much.

I can present you with your Certificate of Election to the Legislative Council and the Legislative Council Standing Orders.

Congratulations and very well done, indeed.

Mrs Kelsey: Thank you, Mr Acting President.

The Clerk conducted Mrs Kelsey to her seat.

**Thanks to His Honour the First Deemster;
congratulations to new Members**

The Acting President: Hon. Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, First Deemster, Chief Registrar, that concludes the ceremony and procedures for the swearing-in of our two new Members of the Legislative Council. I wish to extend my thanks to His Honour for attending this morning and assisting with this very important process, and indeed to our Chief Registrar, Mr Quayle, for assisting as well; and to our Legislative Council Clerk, Ms Corkish for helping in the background, which has proved invaluable.

Hon. Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, I would just like to record for the purposes of *Hansard* that indeed we are in the strangest of times currently and indeed it has had an effect on our ceremony this morning. However, I just wish it to be known and recorded that, even though we are in unusual times at the minute, this does not detract in any way from the importance of today's ceremony and the swearing-in of two new Members to our Legislative Council. And, by virtue, gives them membership to Tynwald Court, the highest Court in the Isle of Man and the oldest continuous parliament in the world. That is significant and hugely important.

So albeit our ceremony this morning is slightly toned down, the significance and importance of what has just taken place cannot be understated. Again, I congratulate you both on your election to the Legislative Council by our popularly elected Branch, the House of Keys, whose remit and public remit is to do just that.

Very well done, and congratulations.

Members: Hear, hear.

The Acting President: We will now adjourn the Legislative Council to a date to be yet determined. In so doing, I would also invite our two new Members, Mrs Kelsey and Mr Craine, and their families, if they so wish to take some pictures in front of the Legislative Council bench and/or with others, please feel free to do so.

Thank you very much, Hon. Members, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The Council adjourned at 9.42 a.m.