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Many of our customers are now giving a sigh of relief because they joined the Christmas Savings Account last year.

Saving for Christmas really eases the strain of the most expensive time of year.

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YOUR SAY - RESPONSES

What Events should Bridlington stage?
Radio Roadshow

- 40% Must Have, 27% Perhaps, 33% No Way

Sandcastles & Sculptures

- 53% Must Have, 47% Good Idea

Volleyball/Football

- 40% Must Have, 20% Good Idea, 27% Perhaps

Windsurfing Festival

- 66% Must Have, 7% Good Idea, 27% Perhaps

Sand Yachting Festival

- 66% Must Have, 7% Good Idea, 27% Perhaps

Airshow

- 46% Must Have, 27% Good Idea, 27% No Way.

Other suggestions - Beach Barbecues, Designer Kite Flying Competition, Children's summer play area (indoor). These results have been forwarded to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's tourism and regeneration officers.

What are your views on Offshore Wind Turbine Farms?

- Should be considered 71% against 29%,

Hazard to shipping

- 50% not hazardous depends on location 50%

Affects on view & amenity

- 33% may not affect - depends on location 67%

WHAT DOES THE TOWN COUNCIL DO?

The Town council responds to consultation papers from central and local government bodies highlighting local issues, such as:- Primary Care Trust questionnaires; housing density, Area Action Plan (the 10 year development plan), transport and parking policy, derelict buildings plus the Planning & Environment Committee reviews all proposed developments and makes recommendations to approve or refuse to the planning authority (East Riding of Yorkshire Council), which 99.5% of the time agrees with the Town Council's views. In addition to putting forward the local view the Council also funds the following services:-

Public Conveniences:- Old Town (all year); Sewerby Cricket Pavilion (summer only);

Bus shelters (those that serve the town services exclusively) - the Council has responsibility for four located on Station Avenue, Burstall Hill, Matson Road and Bessingby Gate;

A Small Grants budget to assist events and voluntary organisations in Bridlington;

The Civic Office coordinates the duties of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor;

Gasworx Skatepark & CCTV system (this has provided first-time employment opportunities as well as providing a much needed facility for Bridlington's young residents and our visitors too);

Christmas lighting; Seafront flags; Footway lighting;

Bessingby Gate children's playground (maintenance and insurance);

Statutory allotments (Ducky Dyke is leased to the Marton Road Allotment Society);

The Council's quarterly newsletter distributed to over 16,500 homes; The recent by-elections to fill three vacancies were 100% funded by the Council;

Two part-time officers (the Clerk and Administrative Assistant) staff the Council's office;



COMPARE THE AMOUNTS LEVIED IN THE COUNCIL TAX BY OTHER TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

(AMOUNTS APPLY TO 'D' BAND PROPERTIES IN 2008/09) :-

BEVERLEY - £38.47 DRIFFIELD - £60.94 FLAMBOROUGH - £38.13 GOOLE - £149.72 HORNSEA - £71.33 BRIDLINGTON - £15.12

We can only do more if you, the Council Taxpayer, are willing to fund the services. Are there any additional services you would like your local council to provide?

1. Are there any footpaths in your area that need a) lighting b) resurfacing or c) clearing?
2. This newsletter is to inform you. What do you want to see in it? Let us know what you like or dislike about it.
3. Do you have long queues at your bus stop for a Town Centre Service? Is a bus shelter needed?

Please reply to the Editor - Cllr Pam Austin via office or e-mail cllr.p.austin@bridlington.gov.uk

GRANTS DELAYED

Due to the unknown cost of funding three by-elections, the Council has held over the consideration of a number of grant applications. It is hoped that the applications can be considered in the near future.

WALKING FOR CHARITY

Andrew Monk is walking 5,000 around the United Kingdom to raise funds for research into Multiple Sclerosis. Details of how to donate are on my website - www.walkamile.co.uk - the link at the bottom says 'Click here to sponsor me online', and that takes you to a page with an online donation button, and also lists the addresses of the two charities I am raising funds for in case anybody wants to send their donation directly to them.

Here are the addresses:-

MSRI Fund, 36 Ashdene Crescent, Harwood, Bolton, Lancs BL2 3LW

The British Trust For The Myelin Project, 139 Hulme Hall Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 6LQ



Picture courtesy of Bridlington Free Press

Andrew Monk welcomed by Cllr Liam Dealtry and members of the Town Council, on Bridlington harbour

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON - 5th DECEMBER

The Council wishes to formally thank the following for making the Christmas Lights switch-on event happen:- Phil White and colleagues at Radio Humberside, Stuart Hicken of East Coast Experience, Wayne Morris of In-house Sound and Light, the Original English Blues Brothers, Natalie Anderson, Bridlington Choir, Andy Hire (for the loan of a generator), Advanced Scaffolding, Roary the Tiger, Leon the Lion, Phil Darby and the Community Warden Service, Lesley Salisbury at E.Y.E.S., the Mayor's charities collectors.

INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS ON THE TOWN COUNCIL

At present we only have 12 councillors, this means you have a much lower democratic representation than other Town and Parish councils. e.g. Flamborough has 16 Parish Council members for a much smaller population. So when you use the telephone numbers on the back of this newsletter you will not always get your councillor in one go. This is unacceptable in comparison with other local Town/Parish Councils. Also it decreases the services we can provide.

Under section 80 of the 2007 Parish Reviews are devolved to the Principal Authority so if we send a petition to The East Riding of Yorkshire Council this can be changed to up to 21 councillors at the next elections in 2011. Time is needed to organise a petition.

LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD HELP WITH OR SIGN A PETITION

Remember this will only cost extra calling notices and document preparation for meetings as **Your Town/Parish councillors do not receive any wages or expenses.** Expenses are only paid to the Mayor or Deputy Mayor for civic duties. Article source Cllr. Bob Owen

MULTI USE GAMES AREA

A report is due to be considered by the December meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on the construction and marketing of a multi-use games area (MUGA) to be sited alongside the Gasworx skatepark. This facility would provide a significant additional income stream and thereby help to reduce the Council's subsidy of the managed service.




At A.Thompsons this Christmas we have great prices on D.I.Y and gardening things. So don't miss out come and see for yourself.
A.thompsons 176 Quay Rd
Phone number: 01262 674273



BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Would like to wish all Bridlington Residents a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year

Please remember to use your local shops when Christmas Shopping - they need your support

