

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th May 2005 in the Council Chamber Bridlington Town Hall

Present: Councillors R Adamson, Mrs C Allerston, R Allerston, Mrs M Chadwick, M Charlesworth, Mrs D Clark, D Grange, R Harrap, C Marsburg, L Taylor, Mrs W Taylor, J Wilkinson and Mrs R Gray, the retiring Mayoress. C Smith, Clerk to the Council, recorded the minutes. Three representative of the media and three members of the public were also in attendance.

1. Formal opening of the meeting by the Mayor:

Councillor Harrap welcomed the members of the council, members of the public and members of the media.

2. Civic duties and the Mayor's departing speech:

April 16	Bridlington Bay Bowls Competition – Sewerby Hall Gardens
	Chairman of the East Ridings of Yorkshire Council's Civic Dinner – Manor Court, Carnaby
23	Old Town Guided Walk with guests of the Expanse Hotel
	Caledonian Society St. George's Day Dinner – Seacourt Hotel
24	St. George's Day Service – Priory Church
27	Karaoke competition judging – The Loop
30	Bridlington Town Council Civic Dinner
May 6	Radio Humberside Interview re: Europe Day
8	VE Day Commemoration – Bridlington War Memorial
9	Europe Day – Prime Minister of France's residence, Paris
10	East Riding of Yorkshire Chairman's Awards – Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Willerby

The Mayor made mention in particular of The Loop karaoke competition final, which he and the Mayoress had been invited to judge and was grateful to receive on behalf of his charity fund the entry fees and proceeds of the raffle which benefited the fund by the sum of £340. The Council's Civic Dinner was another highlight of the past month and the Mayor repeated his thanks for the support he had received with the raffle of the watercolour painting of Bridlington Harbour by Les Pearson, which raised £600. The winning ticket, drawn by the artist himself and closely scrutinised by the editor of the Bridlington Free Press, went to Councillor Raymond Allerston. The Mayor described the last but one event that he and the Mayoress had attended as one of the furthest afield. The event was Europe Day on 9th May held at the French Prime Minister's residence in Paris as guests of the French Government. Five hundred Mayors representing towns and cities twinned with their French counterparts attended from all over Europe, the significance of the date being that it was the 50th Anniversary of the first twinning link between a French and German town in 1955.

Councillor Harrap said that he was tempted to present a lengthy farewell speech if for no other reason to prolong the handover, as he was quite sad at the conclusion of his term of office. "I would like to thank my fellow members once again for having voted me into the office because the Mayoress and I have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege and honour of being the Mayor and Mayoress of Bridlington. It's been a very interesting experience, it's been an exciting experience and it's been a humbling experience because we have met so many different people, so many people working in the community that aren't in the Free Press every week with their photograph and we've learnt an awful lot about work that goes on behind the scenes in the town. Possibly the most exciting day for me was the 'Civic Day' at the Normandy Barracks in Leconfield. One of the most interesting evenings was the 'Hedon Civic Silver Show' and its associated history. I thank the members of the Council for putting me in the position and I thank you for the way you have supported us during the year. The two coffee mornings were very well supported and helped to raise funds for my chosen charities. We have not always seen eye to eye on all the subjects we have discussed but that is why we are here to put forward different points of view but we have never ended up shouting across the chamber and I thank you for the way in which you have taken part and conducted the business of the Council during the year. I would like to place on record my thanks to our staff, Chris and Jeni. Jeni was hoping to be here but had another engagement in her diary. It is only when you are in the position of Mayor that you actually see how much work goes on in the office. There have been several occasions when I've had an idea of something that has cropped up and said to Chris I think we should do such and such, and he's already done it or prepared it. Similarly, Jeni has kept us very well organised on civic duties, we've always turned up at the right time, at the right place, and wearing the right things which is quite important and more complicated

than it sounds so I would most sincerely like to thank Chris and Jeni for the support that they've given us during the year. I'd also like to thank Ros for her support for me as Mayoress. I've realised now why you have a Mayoress and that's because you can't put the robes on by yourself – it's absolutely impossible to dress yourself. It's been a real joy for us to attend events together and I do thank Ros very much for supporting me and being with me as much as possible. I would particularly like to thank Christine and Ray as Deputy Mayor and Consort because on the occasions when we have been unable to fulfil civic engagements they have stepped into the breach and there have been occasions when two engagements have clashed, on one occasion at very short notice, so I thank you most sincerely for your help. At the civic dinner I made a brief speech and I concluded that by looking to the future for Bridlington because there's no doubt we have the most wonderful town in the most wonderful situation in its setting within the bay and it's in our hands to help the future of the town. I think the best way that I can suggest we look to the future is to look a little to the past and to think of what has been the most successful thing for Bridlington, certainly in my view in the last twelve months, was the Britain in Bloom competition and our success in attaining a gold award and how did we attain that, we attained it by partnership, by people working together and working for a common aim and that's how I think we have to look for the future of Bridlington, to work together, the interested parties to get together, to sit and talk and look to the future as one, and that is what I hope we can do for Bridlington. I have a presentation to make to the Town Council – it's difficult to decide as to what to leave as a memento of one's year as Mayor. Ros suggested we wanted something that can be seen as opposed to something that is stored in a cupboard or showcase so we selected a picture, not an original Les Pearson, I can only afford one of those in a year. This is a limited edition print by the other local artist, John Cooper, of the George and Jane Walker, the former Bridlington Lifeboat being launched. I am sad to finish the year, I've thoroughly enjoyed it and will miss it."

Councillor Leslie Taylor said, "On behalf of the Council I would like to thank you for the way in which you have conducted your office during the past year. You've done an excellent job and I'm sure the Council and the town should be proud of you."

This met with unanimous support from the Council.

3. The election of the Mayor of Bridlington for the Council Year 2005-2006:

Councillor Richard Harrap requested the privilege of proposing Councillor Mrs Christine Allerston. Councillor John Wilkinson seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Resolved:

Councillor Mrs Christine Allerston is elected Mayor of Bridlington for the Council Year 2005-2006.

4. The signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

Councillor Mrs Christine Allerston read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed it in the presence of the Clerk, who countersigned it.

5. The Mayor's announcement of the Mayoress/Consort for the Council Year 2005-2006:

The Mayor announced that her Consort would be Councillor Raymond Allerston. The Mayor presented Councillor Harrap and Mrs Ros Gray with an engraved Coat of Arms wall plaque and an album of photographs from their civic year. Councillor Harrap thanked the Mayor for the kind presentation, which would be treasured as a memory of their year in office.

6. The election of the Deputy Mayor for the Council Year 2005-2006:

Councillor Michael Charlesworth proposed Councillor Cyril Marsburg. Councillor Leslie Taylor seconded the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Resolved:

Councillor Cyril Marsburg is elected Deputy Mayor of Bridlington for the Council Year 2005-2006.

7. The Deputy Mayor's announcement of the Deputy Mayoress for the Council Year 2005-2006:

Councillor Marsburg advised that he would be announcing his Deputy Mayoress at a later date.

8. Motion to suspend the meeting:

It was moved and seconded to suspend the meeting to allow photographs to be taken.

Resolved:

The meeting is temporarily suspended to allow photographs to be taken.

9. Motion to reconvene the meeting:

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be reconvened.

Resolved:

The meeting is reconvened.

10. The election of members to serve on the Finance & General Purposes Committee:

(Incumbents: R Adamson, Mrs C Allerston, Mrs M Chadwick, Mrs D Clark, D Grange, J Wilkinson, Mayor and Deputy Mayor)

Resolved:

Councillors R Adamson, Mrs M Chadwick, Mrs D Clark, D Grange, R Harrap, J Wilkinson, Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected to serve on the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

11. The election of members to serve on the Planning, Licensing & Environmental Committee:

(Incumbents: R Adamson, M Charlesworth, C Marsburg, L Taylor and Mrs W Taylor)

Resolved:

Councillors R Adamson, Mrs C Allerston, M Charlesworth, C Marsburg, L Taylor and Mrs W Taylor are elected to serve on the Planning, Licensing and Environmental Committee.

12. The election of members to serve on the Staffing Committee:

(Incumbents: M Charlesworth, Mrs D Clark, D Grange, C Marsburg, Mrs W Taylor, J Wilkinson, Mayor and Deputy Mayor)

Resolved:

M Charlesworth, Mrs D Clark, D Grange, R Harrap, Mrs W Taylor, J Wilkinson, Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected to serve on the Staffing Committee.

13. The election of members to serve on the Newsletter Committee:

(Incumbents: M Charlesworth, L Taylor, Mrs W Taylor, J Wilkinson, Mayor and Deputy Mayor)

Resolved:

M Charlesworth, L Taylor, Mrs W Taylor, J Wilkinson, Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected to serve on the Newsletter Committee.

14. The election of members to serve on the Festival Committee:

(Incumbents: M Charlesworth, R Harrap, C Marsburg and L Taylor)

Resolved:

M Charlesworth, R Harrap, L Taylor Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected to serve on the Festival Committee.

15. The election of members to represent the council on the following outside bodies:

<u>Outside Body</u>	<u>Incumbent(s)</u>
Bridlington Chamber of Trade:	The Mayor (Mrs C Allerston)
Brid'ton Regeneration Partnership - Built Environment Forum:	Mrs C Allerston
Bridlington Regeneration Partnership - Core Group:	J Wilkinson
Bridlington Crime Prevention Panel:	J Wilkinson
Bridlington in Bloom Committee:	C Marsburg
Bridlington Arts Festival Committee:	M Charlesworth
Bridwatch Executive Committee:	The Mayor (Mrs C Allerston)
East Yorkshire Citizens Advice Bureau:	Mrs W Taylor
ERYC Conservation Advisory Committee:	Mrs W Taylor (Old Town) R Adamson (Sewerby) D Grange (Bessingby)
Police Community Liaison Committee:	R Adamson
Sewerby Residents Association:	R Adamson M Charlesworth J Wilkinson
Skatepark Steering Group:	Mrs M Chadwick Mrs D Clark D Grange
Yorkshire Coast Community Rail Partnership:	L Taylor

Resolved:

The incumbents are re-elected *en-bloc to serve as the Council's representatives on the outside bodies.*

16. Public Participation:

There were no contributions from members of the public.

17. Code of Conduct declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

Councillors R Adamson, Mrs C Allerston, D Grange and J Wilkinson declared an interest in item 27.

18. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th April 2005:

Resolved:

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th April 2005 are approved as a true record.

19. Minutes of the Planning, Licensing & Environmental Committee held on 18th April 2005:

Resolved:

The minutes of the Planning, Licensing and Environmental Committee held on 18th April 2005 are received.

20. Minutes of the Festival Committee held on 27th April 2005:**Resolved:**

The minutes of the Festival Committee held on 27th April 2005 are approved.

21. Minutes of the Planning, Licensing & Environmental Committee held on 4th May 2005:

Councillor L Taylor requested that DC/05/02016 be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Resolved:

That subject to DC/05/02016 being referred back to the Committee the minutes of the Planning, Licensing and Environmental Committee held on 4th May 2005 are received.

22. Minutes of the Newsletter Committee held on 5th May 2004:**Resolved:**

The minutes of the Newsletter Committee held on 5th May 2005 are approved.

23. Correspondence:

Apr	1	Zurich Municipal – 8 th Annual Health & Safety Seminar (£60)
	4	ERYC – Officer and Elected Member Structures
	8	Yorkshire Coast Community Rail Partnership newsletter
		ERYC – the High Hedges Legislation (Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003) operates from 1 st June 2005
	11	ERYC – (Various Streets, Bridlington)(Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Provision of Parking Places and Revocation) Order 2005
	12	BT – confirmation that Flamborough Road and Sewerby Road payphones will remain in situ for the time being. Their usage will be monitored and reviewed at a later date.
	15	Brid' Regen' Partnership – Local Development Framework / Area Action Plan Workshop 22/04/05
	21	ERYC – Code of Conduct Seminar 11/05/05
	25	ERYC – Community Composting Seminar 27/05/05
	26	ERYC – e-government showcase Tuesday, 17 th May at County Hall, Beverley
	29	The Standards Board for England – acknowledgement of Council's response to the consultation

Resolved:

The correspondence is noted.

24. Minutes of the Bridlington Skatepark Steering Group held on 18th April 2005:**Resolved:**

The minutes of the Skatepark Steering Group held on 18th April 2005 are noted.

25. Minutes of the Bridlington Chamber of Trade meetings held 5th and 18th April 2005:**Resolved:**

The minutes of the Bridlington Chamber of Trade meetings held on 5th and 18th April 2005 are noted.

26. The changes to the Category C (Minor and Non-Serious 999 Calls) by the Tees, East & North Yorkshire Ambulance Service (TENYAS):**Resolved:**

The changes to the Category C (Minor and Non-Serious 999 Calls) by the Tees, East & North Yorkshire Ambulance Service are noted.

27. The draft response from the Local Government Organisation to the Draft Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2005:

Resolved:

The draft response from the Local Government Organisation to the Draft Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2005 are noted.

28. Statement of balances and accounts for payment:

The total balances at 5th May 2005 amounted to £112,170.83

Cheque No.	Payee	Description of Account	Amount
100883	C Smith	Travelling Expenses	22.80
100884	Inland Revenue	Quarterly Tax & NI	1,672.51
BACS	Personnel	April Salaries	1,457.48
BACS	ERYC	April Pensions	427.94
100885	S Morris	Flagpole Marketing	400.00
BACS	ERYC	Committee Refreshments	21.60
BACS	Bridlington Stationers	Stationery	5.64
BACS	Pineapple Joes	Youth Inclusion Project (Skatepark)	29.38
BACS	The Phone Co-op	March Telephone Call Charges	18.54
BACS	Xerox	Photocopy Hire and Copy Charge	265.30
BACS	Bridlington Community Partnership	Office Lease	131.96
100886	Pinkney Grunwells	Legal Services (St Johns Street Toilets)	161.50
100887	BT	Internet Service	105.71
100888	Cash	Petty Cash Imprest A/c	41.59

Resolved:

The accounts are approved for payment.

29. Notice of items for inclusion on the next agenda (8th June 2005):

- i) Signage for the East Riding crematorium

29. To resolve that the public and representatives of the media be excluded from the meeting under the powers of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to matters of a confidential nature:

Resolved:

Not to exclude the public and representatives of the media.

31. A report on Bridlington's feral pigeons:

Resolved:

To defer this item to the Finance & General Purposes Committee to be held on 25th May 2005.

Signed: *Christine Allerston*

Date: *8th June 2005*

Mayor of Bridlington