

# BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005 in the Council Chamber Bridlington Town Hall

**Present:** Councillors R. Adamson, Mrs C Allerston (presided), R. Allerston, D. Grange, C. Marsburg, L. Taylor, Mrs. W. Taylor and J. Wilkinson (8).  
Christopher Smith, Clerk to the Council recorded the minutes.  
One representative of the media and four members of the public were also present.

**141. Welcome by the Mayor:**

Councillor Mrs Allerston welcomed the members, the media and the public to the meeting.

**142. Apologies for absence:**

**Resolved:**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors.M. Charlesworth, Mrs M. Chadwick, Mrs D. Clark and R. Harrap.  
Melanie Marin, Commuted Sums Officer, also tendered her apologies due to ill health.

**143. Civic duties:**

**Councillor Mrs. Christine Allerston, Mayor of Bridlington**

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| 31 <sup>st</sup> October  | Arts Festival - Bridlington North Library  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> November  | Down Memory Lane – Spa Theatre, Bridlington  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | Bridlington Lions Club Bonfire – Limekiln Lane, Bridlington  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> November  | Yorkshire Coast Radio “Secret Stars” Awards – Royal Hotel, Scarborough   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November  | Lifestyle Project Awards – Hull City Hall  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November  | WORLDSEXPO – Leisure World, Bridlington  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November | British Legion Remembrance Service – Cenotaph, Bridlington   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Hussars 60 <sup>th</sup> & Final Reunion – Expanse Hotel, Bridlington   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> November | High Sheriff of E.R. Showground Charity Event – Driffield  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> November | Nat West Bank Mayors Charity Collection – Bridlington  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> November | Children in Need – MacMillan Wolds Unit, Bridlington Hospital  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November | Victorian Market Opening – Bempton<br>Bridlington Christmas Lights Switch-on – Manor Street, Bridlington   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> November | Inner Wheel Coffee Morning – Expanse Hotel, Bridlington  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December  | Driffield Christmas Lights Switch-on – Driffield Market Place  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December  | Middleton Court Christmas Lunch – Bridlington<br>Alzheimer’s Society Carol Service – Priory Church, Bridlington                                      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> December  | Leisure World Craft, Art & Collector’s Fayre – Leisure World, Bridlington<br>St. Catherine’s Hospice “Light up a Life” – Bridlington Railway Station |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | Tony Warburton’s Charitable Trust Carol Service – Langtoft   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> December  | Yorkshire Regiment Cap-Badge Unveiling – Clifford’s Tower, York  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December  | Inner Wheel Club Luncheon – Bridlington  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December | Matson Court Christmas Fayre Opening – Bridlington<br>Old Town Revival Dickensian Festival – Bridlington Old Town                                    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December | Bridlington Lions Club Christmas Concert – Spa Royal Hall, Bridlington   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Sewerby Residents Assoc. Proclamation & Carol Service – Sewerby Village  |

**Councillor Cyril Marsburg, Deputy Mayor of Bridlington**

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| 27 <sup>th</sup> October  | Lord Lieutenant’s Cocktail Evening – Ferens Art Gallery, Hull          |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November  | Garden of Remembrance Re-Dedication – Cenotaph Bridlington             |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> November  | Opening of Bridlington’s Poppy Appeal – Promenades Centre, Bridlington |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November | British Legion Remembrance Service – Cenotaph, Bridlington             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December  | East Riding Youth Dance Platform – Spa Theatre, Bridlington            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> December  | Army Presentation Team Briefing – Cave Castle Hotel, South Cave        |

**144. Public Participation:**

Mr Felton stated that as it was the season of goodwill he wished the Council a Merry Christmas and urged the Council to adopt a New Year's resolution by using a little less of the precept on administration costs and spending a little more on the town.

Mr & Mrs Hillerby offered the Council the season's greetings. The Mayor returned the compliment on behalf of the Council.

Mr Charlesworth requested that copies of the 2006-2007 budget summary be made available to the public.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**146. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005:****Resolved:**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005 are approved and signed as a true record.

**147. Matters arising (for information only):**

Min 126 (e) Councillor L. Taylor referred to the making up of the footpath alongside the Moorfield Road car park toilets. The Clerk informed the Council of the principal authority's confirmation that a tarmac surface was to be applied.

**148. Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005:****Resolved:**

The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005 are received.

**149. Minutes of the Newsletter Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2005:**

Councillor Grange raised the matter of the non-delivery of the newsletter to certain addresses and pointed out that the word "brainstorming" used in the minutes was not politically correct. The Clerk apologised and stressed that no offence was intended.

**Resolved:**

The approval of the minutes of the Newsletter Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2005 is deferred to a special meeting of the Newsletter Committee, open to all members to attend, to be held at 7 p.m. 25<sup>th</sup> January 2006 prior to the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**150. Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2005:**

The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2005 are received.

**151. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005:**

Councillor Grange declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. 4 (Draft Skatepark Management Committee) as a Council-nominated member of the steering group.

**Resolved:**

1. An extraordinary meeting of the Council is to be held at 10 a.m. December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005 to consider the financial implications for the Council in its role as the lead body, in the build and operation of the Bridlington Skate Park;
2. With the exception of minute no. 4, the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005 are approved.

**152. Correspondence:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct Mr Engel – opposed to action against herring gulls;  
 21<sup>st</sup> Oct Mrs Speight – support for action against gulls and pigeons;  
 27<sup>th</sup> Oct South Cave Parish Council – developers’ contributions to open space/play space;  
 28<sup>th</sup> Oct ERYC – Dog Warden Service;  
 31<sup>st</sup> Oct Mrs Wardill – request for a bus shelter at the top end of Market Place;

**Resolved:**

The Clerk is requested to submit a further report to the F&GP Committee on potential bus shelter locations including the location of the doctors’ surgery on Station Avenue.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nov ERNLLCA – Quality Status Seminars (an invitation to non-member councils);  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov NHS Appointments Commission – Re-appointment of Chairman of Scarborough & North East Yorkshire NHS Trust;  
 Humberside Police Authority – Neighbourhood Panel 28/09/05 Minutes and 07/12/05 Agenda;  
 11<sup>th</sup> Nov ERYC Conservative Group – potential reorganisation of TENYAS;  
 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Ms H Jewitt – anti-social behaviour (referred on to ERYC & Ward members copied);  
 Humberside Police Authority – Police Force Structures;  
 17<sup>th</sup> Nov Yorkshire Coast Community Rail Partnership – Extraordinary Annual General Meeting agenda  
 21<sup>st</sup> Nov ERYC – Criteria for the use of H-Bar road markings;  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov ERYC – Pandemic Flu Contingency Planning (burial authorities only);  
 ERYC – Chairman’s Awards;  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Humberside Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan Year 3 Draft Action Plan 2006/07;  
 25<sup>th</sup> Nov ERYC – Temporary Road Closure of the The Spa / South Marine Promenade;  
 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Humber Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust – consultation on becoming a Foundation Trust;

**Resolved:**

To support the Humber Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust becoming a Foundation Trust.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec ERYC – East Riding & Hull Waste Strategy – Energy from Waste Plant preferred site;  
 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Humberside Police Authority – Police Force Structures;  
 Waste Recycling Group – waste management and recycling proposals;  
 Newsletters: ERVAS; CAB; Bridlington Regeneration Partnership; Humbrella, Humberside Learning Consortium;  
 Humber Playing Fields Association; Pensioner Benefit Help Team (ERYC)

**153. Nomination of a member to serve on the Bridlington Community Warden Partnership Group:****Resolved:**

Councillor C Marsburg is nominated to serve on the Bridlington Community Warden Partnership Group.

**154. The ERoYC’s response to the Moorfield Road Car Park questions:****Resolved:**

- i) The Council notes that the Cabinet has the authority to impose charges, however, the decision to do so at the Moorfield Road car park was undemocratic in that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council did *not have an opportunity to ratify the decision which was a departure from the authority’s agreed charging policy;*
- ii) The Council notes that its letter arrived too late to be included in the report to Cabinet but also notes that the Cabinet ignored the democratic representation of members of the Bridlington Town Council who addressed that particular meeting of the Cabinet;
- iii) The Council deplores the action of a director who used his delegated powers to the effect that his *decision to implement a £2 flat rate charge exceeded the principal authority’s policy which typically charges 50 to 70 pence per hour, or in many locations allows the use of its car parks during the winter months free of charge. Bridlington Town Council considers that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council through its Cabinet is ultimately responsible for the Director’s actions;*

- iv) The Council notes that the East *Riding of Yorkshire Council's car park charging policy is inconsistent* and that Bridlington is being victimised by the implementation of the highest winter charge within the East Riding, and moreover, is identical to the rate charged during summer;
- v) The Council is grateful for the information on car parking charges levied throughout the East Riding, which confirms how inconsistent the Moorfield Road decision was and how it penalises the economic prospects of Bridlington compared to other areas within the East Riding.

**156. Minutes of the Bridlington Community Partnership Ltd 2004 AGM:**

**Resolved:**

The minutes of the Bridlington Community Partnership Ltd 2004 AGM are noted.

**157 Minutes of the Town Improvement Forum held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2005:**

**Resolved:**

The minutes of the Town Improvement Forum held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2005 are noted.

**158. The Queen's Golden Jubilee Fountain:**

The Clerk confirmed that the fountain had been decommissioned for winter. He further confirmed that the Bridlington Regeneration Partnership's proposals for the Spa environs might have an impact on the location of the fountain. Plans have yet to be drawn up.

**Resolved:**

To defer a modification to the central section of the fountain pending the unveiling of the Spa environs scheme.

**159. National flags to fly on the South Cliff Garden's flagpoles:**

The Clerk advised that the Town Improvement Forum had confirmed its 50% financial support for the initial purchase and had given its approval to the flags of the British Isles and those of our North Sea border neighbours, with the exception that the modern version of the flag of Wales is considered to be more appropriate than the flag of St. David.

**Resolved:**

To purchase two sets of national flags (24 in all) and to contract with Hi-Fliers (Flagstaffs) Ltd., to carry out a quarterly set change and washing service at a total cost of £1,244 for one year.

**160. The appointment of a Town Crier:**

**Resolved:**

Not to appoint a Town Crier.

**161. Statement of balances and approval of the accounts for payment:**

The bank balances at 6th December 2005 were as follows:-

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| HSBC Deposit A/c | 129,098.98    |
| HSBC Current A/c | 1.00          |
| Petty Cash       | <u>113.48</u> |
| Total            | 129,213.46    |

| <b>Cheque No.</b> | <b>Payee</b>                      | <b>Description of Account</b>           | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------|
| BACS              | Bridlington Stationers            | Stationery                              | 48.11         |
| BACS              | Personnel                         | October Salaries                        | 1,609.61      |
| BACS              | K J Kennedy                       | Travelling Expenses                     | 8.30          |
| BACS              | ERYC                              | October Pension                         | 482.24        |
| BACS              | Children of the Mist              | Civic Service                           | 150.00        |
| BACS              | D Arnold                          | Committee Refreshments                  | 52.00         |
| BACS              | Phoenix Electrical                | Office Equipment Testing                | 78.14         |
| BACS              | Printerinks                       | Compatible Printer Cartridges           | 79.90         |
| BACS              | The Phone Co-op                   | Telephone Call Charges                  | 9.80          |
| BACS              | Vaughtons                         | Civic Regalia Engraving                 | 58.34         |
| BACS              | Xerox                             | Photocopier Lease and Copies            | 283.67        |
| BACS              | Yorkshire Regional Newspapers     | Autumn Newsletter Distribution          | 297.83        |
| BACS              | ERYC                              | Footway Lighting Service Level Ag'ment  | 4,864.50      |
| BACS              | ERYC                              | Parking Permit                          | 240.00        |
| BACS              | Personnel                         | November Salaries                       | 1,969.57      |
| BACS              | ERYC                              | November Pension                        | 511.10        |
| BACS              | Bridlington Stationers            | Stationery                              | 48.29         |
| BACS              | Bridlington Community Partnership | Room Hire                               | 10.00         |
| BACS              | BT                                | Internet + Line Charges                 | 270.85        |
| BACS              | ERYC                              | Refreshments                            | 27.00         |
| BACS              | The Phone Co-op                   | Telephone Call Charges                  | 10.18         |
| 100959            | Inland Revenue                    | Tax & NI (Aug + Sept)                   | 937.82        |
| 100960            | Cash                              | Petty Cash Imprest A/c                  | 30.00         |
| 100961            | Blachere Illumination UK          | Christmas Lights (Lease of displays)    | 4,181.99      |
| 100962            | A M Coltman                       | Newsletter Design                       | 48.00         |
| 100963            | Expanse Hotel                     | Civic Reception                         | 788.50        |
| 100964            | Woodcock Joinery                  | Shelving (St. John's Street toilets)    | 107.80        |
| 100965            | SLCC                              | Clerks' Forum                           | 25.00         |
| 100966            | J K Kennedy                       | Travel Expenses                         | 8.30          |
| 100967            | Cash                              | Petty Cash Imprest A/c                  | 116.52        |
| 100968            | S Kench                           | Civic Photography                       | 115.00        |
| 100969            | Barron Electrical Ltd             | Panic Alarm (St. John's Street toilets) | 332.25        |
| 100970            | Andy Hire                         | Pedestrian Fencing (King St Xmas Tree)  | 23.69         |

Total £17,824.30

**Resolved:**

The accounts are approved for payment.

**162. The budget and precept for the Council Year 2006 – 2007:**

**Resolved:**

To defer consideration of the budget and the setting of the precept for 2006 – 2007 until the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006 meeting.

**163. Road Traffic Orders:**

**i) (Various Roads, Flamborough) (30 mph and 40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2005**

**Resolved:**

The Council has no objection to the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit for Jewison Lane and that the existing speed limits on Marton Gate, Church Lane, Sheeprake Lane and Flamborough Road should be retained. The correct description of the order should read Bridlington and not Flamborough.

**ii) (A614 Thornholme and Haisthorpe) (40 mph Speed Limit and Revocation) Order 2005**

**Resolved:**

The Council has no observations to make.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed: *Christine Allerston*

Date: *18<sup>th</sup> January 2006*

**Mayor of Bridlington**