

# BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 in the Council Chamber Bridlington Town Hall

**Present:** Councillors R Allerston, Mrs P Austin, Mrs L Chambers, A Charlesworth, M Charlesworth, L Dealtry, Mrs S Finlay, C Marsburg, R Owen and A Padwick (10).  
Christopher Smith, Clerk to the Council, recorded the minutes. Nick Johnson, Mr M Pilling, one representative of the media and nine members of the public were also in attendance.

### Section A

#### 26/07 Welcome by the Mayor:

Councillor Allerston welcomed everyone to the meeting .

#### 27/07 Apologies for absence:

**RESOLVED:** To receive and accept apologies for absence from Councillor L and Mrs W Taylor.

#### 28/07 Mr M Pilling, Chairman of the Save Bridlington Hospital Campaign Action Group's address:

Mr Pilling called upon members of the Council to support the Action Group in its efforts to maintain services at the Bridlington Hospital that is in crisis. The minor injuries unit has been closed overnight since June 2006 and had been expected to re-open fulltime this month but it was now more likely to happen in September or October due to staff training requirements. The cardiac monitoring unit had equipment delivered in May but this had not been fitted, as this facility is likely to be transferred to Scarborough. The acute medical maternity unit is also to be transferred to Scarborough. Obstetrics and Gynaecology is under review. Priory Ward is to be used for renal dialysis run by the private sector. The Buckrose and Waters Wards contracts are due to run out by 2010 with the Waters Ward likely to be closed in September 2007 with its provision provided elsewhere in the East Riding. Four doctors are currently based at the Bridlington Hospital but this number is due to be halved due to relocation and retirement. Staff car parking charges are to be introduced plus an increase in the public car parking charges imminent. There is no CCTV or security cover of the car parking, no gardener and only one porter on duty through the night when there used to be two on duty. The East Yorkshire Primary Care NHS Trust is not working in hand with the Scarborough & North East Yorkshire NHS Trust. The Yorkshire Ambulance NHS Trust is not being fully consulted regarding the transfer of services to Scarborough and is under pressure to meet the Government targets. The Trust has allocated a motorcycle paramedic to Bridlington. Emergency admissions to Scarborough are not offered return transport home to Bridlington. Consultant appointments can be arranged in Bridlington but patients may experience a longer waiting period. There is a deliberate policy by the Trust to by-pass and thereby downgrade the Bridlington Hospital. Mr Pilling also highlighted the issue of inadequate social service provision to patients discharged from hospital. The Mayor thanked Mr Pilling for his attendance.

**RESOLVED:** i) A vote of no confidence in the Scarborough & North East Yorkshire NHS Trust was agreed by six votes in favour and four abstentions;  
ii) Mr McInnes, *The Scarborough & NE Yorkshire NHS Trust's CEO* be invited to address a future meeting of the Council.

#### 29/07 Civic Duties:

Mayor and Mayoress of Bridlington

- 17<sup>th</sup> May Opening of the New Promenades Shopping Centre
- 17<sup>th</sup> May Pocklington Town Council Mayor Making Ceremony
- 17<sup>th</sup> May Blue Flags Launch in Bridlington
- 20<sup>th</sup> May Arts Festival Civic Service at the Priory Church
- 27<sup>th</sup> May Opening of Bridlington Street Fest
- 27<sup>th</sup> May Presentation of Annual Junior Open Fishing Competition
- 30<sup>th</sup> May Yorkshire Belle Presentation for 60th Anniversary
- 10<sup>th</sup> June Accepting Plaque from Air Sea Rescue & Marine Sections Club
- 10<sup>th</sup> June Hedon Devine Service and Parade
- 14<sup>th</sup> June DS of Transport - Cocktail Party & Beating Rereat Ceremony

- 15<sup>th</sup> June Opening of Tower House Restaurant

Deputy Mayor & Mayoress

- 17<sup>th</sup> May Installation Ceremony for the Mayor of Beverley

**30/07 Code of Conduct declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda:**

Councillor Mrs S Finlay declared a personal interest in item 17 and Councillor L Dealtry declared a prejudicial interest in items 24 and 25.

**31/07 Public Participation:**

**RESOLVED:** To suspend Standing Orders for the duration of public participation.

Mr Baverstock reiterated many of the points raised by Mr Pilling and alluded to a 31% reduction in social service care for the elderly.

Mr Felton questioned whether the Council had acted upon the Financial Regulation 17 (2) when considering a loan to its landlord. The Clerk was requested to write a response.

Mrs Grimshaw made further reference to the outstanding loan and was advised that the matter would be considered in section B of the meeting.

**32/07 Minutes of the Council's Annual Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007:**

- RESOLVED:**
- i) To re-instate Standing Orders;
  - ii) *The minutes of the Council's Annual Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007* are approved as a true record;
  - iii) To consider the new Members Code of Conduct at the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007 meeting.

**33/07 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007 are received.

**34/07 Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007 are approved and confirmed where necessary.

**35/07 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007 are received.

**36/07 Minutes of the Skatepark Management Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Skatepark Management Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 are confirmed.

**37/07 Nick Johnson's verbal report on the Gasworx Skatepark project:**

Nick Johnson presented his latest report on the progress of the Skatepark project, which was back on track due to the availability of the new Civil Engineering Contractors Framework Agreement.

**38/07 Correspondence:**

- a) 22 May ERYC – Road Closure during the Old Town Summer Festival July 6<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2007
- b) 30 May ERYC – Head of Housing and Public Protection
- c) 31 May Bridlington Arts Festival – letter of thanks
- d) 1 June Humberside Police Authority – notice of the inaugural Police & Partners Community Forum
- e) 4 June Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council – notice of AGM and nominations to the board
- f) 8 June Mrs Wheatley – complaint regarding the town's pavements
- g) 11 June ERYC – Kingsgate highway lighting
- h) 12 June Consumer Council for Water Yorkshire at the Expanse Hotel 10.30 a.m. 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007
- i) June Bridlington & District Civic Society – introduction and invitation to meetings

**RESOLVED:** The correspondence is noted.

**39/07 Criminal Records Board disclosures for the members and staff:**

**RESOLVED:** Members with valid certificate of disclosure are to provide the Clerk with a copy and other *members and staff are to be checked at the Council's expenses through the offices of the principal authority.*

**40/07 The re-instatement of car parking on King Street:**

Councillor R Owen sought support for the re-instatement of through traffic and parking in King Street.

**RESOLVED:** No action.

**41/07 An increase in democratic representation on the Council:**

Councillor R Owen argued the case for increasing the number of elected members to the Bridlington Town Council.

**RESOLVED:** To defer any action until the next Periodic Electoral Review of the East Riding is conducted.

**42/07 Improvements to Hilderthorpe Road:**

Councillor Mrs S Finlay raised the matter of the eyesore properties on Hilderthorpe Road.

**RESOLVED:** To write to the Bridlington Regeneration Partnership for a progress update on resolving the issue of eyesore properties.

**43/07 A briefing paper on the implementation of Talking CCTV Cameras:**

The principal authority has produced a briefing paper on the implementation of 'Talking CCTV Cameras'.

**RESOLVED:** To arrange a site visit for members to view the CCTV system control centre.

**44/07 To nominate a member to stand for election to the Bridlington & Driffield Area Forum:**

**RESOLVED:** Councillor A Charlesworth is nominated to stand for election to the Bridlington & Driffield Area Forum.

**45/07 Minutes of the Town Improvement Forum held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007:**

**RESOLVED:** To note the minutes of the Town Improvement Forum held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

**46/07 Statement of balances and to approval of the accounts for payment:**

The bank balances at 14<sup>th</sup> June 2007 were:-

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| HSBC Deposit No 1 Account (General Balances) | 66,716.03  |
| HSBC Deposit No 2 Account (Skatepark)        | 115,050.54 |
| HSBC Current Account                         | 1,789.25   |
| Petty Cash                                   | 152.97     |

Income received since 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007:-

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Loan Part-Repayment  | 10,000.00 |
| Civic Dinner Tickets | 454.80    |
| Civic Photograph     | 3.65      |
| Insurance Claim      | 1,633.00  |

Accounts paid or outstanding since the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007:-

| Cheque/BACS | Payee                                 | Description                                     | Amount   |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------|
| 101075      | May 16 Cash                           | Trafalgar Cup Junior Fishing Competition Prizes | 150.00   |
| BACS        | May 30 Personnel                      | May Salaries                                    | 2,943.86 |
| BACS        | May 30 Personnel                      | Expenses  | 84.40    |
| BACS        | May 30 ERYC                           | May Pensions                                    | 999.95   |
| 101076      | June 11 ERNLLCA                       | Councillor Training                             | 60.00    |
| BACS        | June 18 Bridlington Stationers        | Stationery                                      | 49.37    |
| BACS        | June 18 Burlington Design             | Security Badges                                 | 86.00    |
| BACS        | June 18 ERYC                          | Old Town Toilets April & May SLA                | 2,147.18 |
| BACS        | June 18 N Power                       | Old Town Toilets                                | 262.95   |
| BACS        | June 18 United Carlton                | Photocopier Hire 16/04 to 15/07                 | 253.08   |
| BACS        | June 18 Vision ICT                    | Website hosting and E-mail accounts             | 445.80   |
| BACS        | June 18 Yorkshire Water               | Old Town Toilets                                | 44.90    |
| 101077      | June 19 Cash                          | Petty Cash Imprest Account                      | 77.03    |
| 101078      | June 19 Allsigns                      | Councillor Place Name Plaques                   | 53.46    |
| 101079      | June 19 Awards & Promotional Supplies | Trafalgar Cup cups and engraving                | 44.95    |
| 101080      | June 19 Images Photographers          | Civic Photography                               | 17.50    |
| 101081      | June 19 Prospect Photographic Agency  | Civic Photography                               | 245.00   |
| 101082      | June 19 T & J Scott                   | Civic Engraving                                 | 60.00    |

**RESOLVED:** The accounts are approved for payment.

### Section B

**47/07 RESOLVED:** In accordance with the power granted by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Media are excluded from the meeting on the grounds that confidential matters will be discussed:

**48/07 Mrs Grimshaw's letter dated 11 June 2007:**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Clerk's draft response to Mrs Grimshaw's letter dated 11 June 2007.

**49/07 The Council's options for retrieving an outstanding loan:**

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk was requested to update the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee On 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

**50/07 Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007:**

Mr Smith and Mr Johnson were given the opportunity to address the Council before retiring from the chamber

- RESOLVED:**
- i) The minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007 are approved;
  - ii) *The evaluation of the Clerk's scale is to be backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007;*
  - iii) ERNLLCA is to be consulted whether the Council is obliged to externally advertise the *Skatepark Manager's post.*

Signed: *Raymond Allerston* Date: 31 July 2007

Mayor of Bridlington