

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th September 2007 and re-convened on 25th September 2007 in the Council Chamber, Bridlington Town Hall

Present – 11.09.07: Councillors P Austin, A Charlesworth, M Charlesworth, L Dealtry, S Finlay, C Marsburg, R Owen, A Padwick (Presided) and L Taylor (9).
Christopher Smith, Clerk to the Council, recorded the minutes.
Also in attendance were Iain McInnes, Sandy Hobb, Dr. Ian Holland plus thirtyfive members of the public and one representative of the media.

Present – 25.09.07 Councillors R Allerston (Presided), A Charlesworth, L Dealtry, S Finlay, C Marsburg, R Owen and A Padwick (7). Christopher Smith, Clerk to the Council, recorded the minutes and two members of the public were in attendance.

78/07 Welcome by the Mayor:

Councillor Padwick chaired the meeting on 11th September and Councillor Allerston presided over the conclusion of the meeting on 25th September 2007.

79/07 Apologies for absence:

RESOLVED on 11.09.07: To receive and approve apologies for absence from Councillors R Allerston, L Chambers and W Taylor.

RESOLVED on 25.09.07: To receive and approve apologies for absence from Councillors P Austin, L Chambers, M Charlesworth, L Taylor and W Taylor.

80/07 Code of Conduct declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda:

There were no declarations of interest.

81/07 ERNLLCA briefing note containing advice from NALC regarding public participation in the light of provisions contained in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) order 2007 (SI 2007/1159) and the amendment of the Council's Standing Orders by striking out SO's 58 and 70 and replacing with SO's 70A and 70B:

RESOLVED: To replace Standing Orders 58 and 70 with 70A and 70B with immediate effect.

82/07 The extension of public participation session to a maximum of fifteen minutes, with a further extension subject to the Mayor's discretion, and limiting the time per person to present their case to a maximum of two minutes, with equal time allotted for member's of the public and elected members, when applicable:

RESOLVED: i) To allocate 15 minutes for Public Participation with discretion for the Mayor to grant a further extension;

ii) Two minutes per person be allotted to ask questions or to present their case;

iii) Equal time to be allocated to members of the public and elected members in circumstances when a member declares a prejudicial interest.

83/07 Public participation:

Mr Whittaker thanked the Council for increasing the time allotted to public participation.

Mr Pilling requested that Mr McInnes answers questions from the public. Mr McInnes acquiesced to the request. Mrs Grimshaw queried why draft minutes of the Council's previous meeting had not been uploaded to its website. Mrs Hillerby questioned why appointments at the Bridlington hospital are being put back when the management claim that budget cuts will make no difference to the standard of service.

84/07 Mr Iain McInnes, Chief Executive of the Scarborough & North East Yorkshire NHS Trust, addressed the Council:

The Trust's Assistant Chief Executive and Finance Director, Sandy Hobb and the Trust's Director of Medical Services, Dr Ian Holland accompanied Mr McInnes. Professor Sir George Alberti's remit is to advise the Government on emergency care and access to acute medical services in the NHS and he presented his findings to the Trust Board in June which concluded that changes to acute medical services were advisable on safety and policy grounds and that Cardiac and Acute Medical Care are not sustainable in Bridlington. The removal of all Acute Care is neither necessary nor advisable and that a range of services should continue to be available and in some areas developed at Bridlington hospital. He recommended that a consultant led Assessment Clinic plus an Elderly Assessment Clinic be established and an Urgent Care Centre centred on the Minor Injuries Unit supported by the GP 'Out of Hours Service' be developed. He recommends an increased range of out patient clinics with consultants travelling from Scarborough and Hull to offer a service. A consultant physician service was also a main recommendation for the Bridlington site. The Deanery is the body that gives accreditation and approval on the training of doctors and cannot continue to support what are termed as 'Stand Alone Training Posts' in Bridlington due to the depth of learning at Bridlington which is restricted and does not meet their needs. The European Working Time Directive will also impact upon the hours junior doctors are expected to work. Since June Professor Alberti has conducted two further visits during which he met with physicians across the Trust and the NHS Review & Scrutiny Joint Committee of elected representatives from North Yorkshire and the East Riding. The intention of the Trust is to increase the range of day care patients subject to a maximum Body Mass Index of 40 for which anaesthetic can be safely administered. Dr Menon and a colleague are to develop a clinical assessment model for Bridlington with a pilot to be in place by the end of September 2007. It is the Trust's intention to establish a consultant-led Project Board to investigate a variety of initiatives. A weekly audit of clinics and admissions is being undertaken to monitor and analyse where patients are coming in from, whether their care is resolved in Bridlington or referred on to Scarborough. Emergency transfers of patients are an issue for the Yorkshire Ambulance Service and a working party has been established to consider the resources. A £1M investment in three additional crews may be required. A 'Risk and Challenge Group' will be set up with membership to include local staff plus local government and community representatives to increase public accountability. The historical debt has been postponed conditional upon the Trust achieving three objectives:-

1. The achievement of a break even situation during the course of the current financial year;
2. In future years the budget continues to be balanced;
3. The annual efficiency target of generating 2-2.5% of the Trust's income is achieved.

Subject to achieving the above objectives discussions with the Strategic Health Authority will be held in terms of how the £20.7M historical debt can be accounted for. The Trust is looking for £10.5M of savings in the current financial year. £4.1M had been agreed by April '07 and a further £4.09M will be agreed by October '07 leaving £5M to be found. Staff replacement/recruitment activity will look to save £1.6M. An additional £1.3M of PCT funding is anticipated. Clinical efficiency savings plus close monitoring of length of stay, too early admissions, cutting out weekend stays and out patient efficiencies will hopefully make up the balance of savings. A rationalisation of the middle-management structure will also look to make savings.

Mr McInnes answered several questions from the elected members and the public. He confirmed that the Trust is committed to reopening the Minor Injuries Unit 24/7. The Cardiac Monitoring Unit, in the short term, will remain in Bridlington. Once a midwifery service is established the Maternity Units at Bridlington, Whitby and Malton hospitals will be transferred to Scarborough. Buckrose and Water Wards' future is linked to the review of mental health services in the East Riding. New cardiac equipment is stored pending the future of the CMU. There will be no reduction in car parking charges. In total, his presentation plus question and answer session lasted one hour and a half. The Duty Mayor thanked Mr McInnes and his colleagues for their attendance and extended an invitation to Mr McInnes to attend a further meeting of the Council.

85/07 Civic Duties from 1st August to 11th September 2007:

Mayor and Mayoress of Bridlington

- 1st August Yorkshire Day 2007
- 3rd August Presentation of cheque to Bridlink for £500
- 4th August Bridlington Fire Station Open Day
- 4th August RYYC 150th Annual Regatta Fleet Review
- 5th August Bridlington Lions Annual Fun Day & Carnival
- 14th August Swanland Open Day
- 16th August Visitors Day for Humberside & South Yorkshire Army Cadet Force
- 30th August Grand opening of St Catherines Hospice shop in Bridlington
- 31st August Cutting 1st Sod of Grass for Bessingby Gate Playground
- 1st September Induction Service for Rev Janet Whelan
- 1st September SSAFA – Presidents Lunch

Deputy Mayor & Mayoress

- 1st August Celebration of Yorkshire day with the Chairman of the ERYC
- 19th August Withernsea Summertime Special – All day event
- 26th August Model Railway Show at Bridlington Leisure World
- 27th August Bridlington-Millau Petanque Club competition presentations
- 27th August Flamborough Head Golf Club Dinner & Civic Cup Prizегiving
- 1st September Induction Service for Rev Janet Whelan
- 9th September Filey Civic Service

Other:

- 5th August Cllr W Taylor - Welcome Service of Captain Cath Ward

86/07 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 31st July 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 31st July 2007 are approved as a true record.

87/07 Minutes of the Skatepark Management Committee held on 6th August 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Skatepark Management Committee held on 6th August 2007 are received.

88/07 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 10th August 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 10th August 2007 are received.

89/07 Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 15th August 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 15th August are received.

90/07 Minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on 28th August 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on 28th August 2007 are approved as a true record.

91/07 Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 30th August 2007:

RESOLVED: *Subject to Min. 14/07, Resolution 1. reading "The Clerk" and not "Cllr Finlay" the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 30th August 2007 are received.*

92/07 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 3rd September 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 3rd September 2007 are received.

93/07 Correspondence:

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| July 20 | East Riding of Yorkshire Primary Care NHS Trust – granting of new pharmacy at 86 Promenade |
| | Bridlington Rangers Junior FC – use of Bridlington School & Sports College playing fields |
| 25 | Humber Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust – phased changes to mental health services in the Riding |
| 30 | Humberside Police – anti-social behaviour concerning the Burstall Hill bus shelter |
| Aug | Age Concern – notice of AGM (25.09.07) and nomination form to serve as a Trustee |
| | Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council – notice of AGM |
| 1 | ERNLLCA – calling notice for resolutions to be considered by the AGM (20.10.07) |
| 3 | ERYC – an invitation for a small deputation to visit the CCTV control room |
| | RESOLVED: 7 p.m. 20 th September 2007 – Cllrs A Charlesworth, C Marsburg and A Padwick |
| 6 | ERYC – notice and plan of the proposed resurfacing of the Scarborough Road roundabout |
| | RESOLVED: Members requested to be advised of the proposed diversionary route(s). |
| 7 | Standards Board for England – two decision notices concerning members of the Council which concluded there had been no breach of the Code of Conduct |
| 8 | The Yorkshire Regiment – Freedom Parade Saturday, 21 st June 2008 |
| | RESOLVED: To approve a Freedom Parade by the Yorkshire Regiment on Saturday, 21 st June 2007 |

- 12 Bridlington Community Partnership Ltd – nomination of a Trustee to serve on the Board ERYC – results of the elections to vacant seats on Area Forums
RESOLVED: To defer until such time the outstanding loan is cleared by BCP Ltd.
 ERYC – notice of annual autumn charter fun fair on Hilderthorpe Car Park
- 20 Humberside Police Authority – Police & Partners Community Forum minutes (21.06.07) and notice of the next meeting (20.09.07)
- 23 East Riding of Yorkshire Primary Care NHS Trust – notice of AGM (13.09.07)
- 24 ERYC – confirmation of proposed Brett Street TRO
- 29 ERYC – offer of a sandbag stockpile
RESOLVED: No action
- 30 Bridlington Millau Petanque Club – letter of thanks for Deputy Mayor’s presentation of prizes
- Sept 4 ERYC – proposed TRO for Cliff Street
RESOLVED: No objections
 PAGER newsletter
 ERVAS newsletter
 ERNLCCA newsletter (Code of Conduct Special)

94/07 The proposed traffic safety measures for Bridlington:

RESOLVED: To note the proposals and to await the formal consultation stage to lodge observations.

95/07 To consider a recommendation that Sands Lane and St Anne’s Road be removed from the CPZ:

RESOLVED: Bridlington Town Council can see no valid reason why Lamplugh Road, Sands Lane and St. Anne’s Road are within Bridlington’s Controlled Parking Zone and in the interests of residents and visitors alike they should be removed from the scheme.

96/07 A recommendation to increase the number of vehicular exit lanes from Chapel Street:

This item was withdrawn and therefore not debated.

97/07 To consider the provision of Car Parking spaces in Bridlington:

RESOLVED: *To write to the Bridlington Regeneration Partnership to express the Council’s concern over the lack of adequate car parking spaces in the town centre and the need for a multi-storey car park.*

98/07 Consideration of the calling of a referendum to gauge the opinion of the electorate as to whether they wish this Council to continue in office:

This item was withdrawn and therefore not debated.

99/07 The Joint Scoping Report, East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Supplementary Planning Documents, Sustainability Appraisal - August 2007:

RESOLVED: Members are advised to feed their comments on the document to the Clerk.

100/07 Forum Minutes:-

**Town Improvement Forum held on 3rd July 2007;
 Community Forum held on 4th July 2007;
 Town Improvement Forum held on 8th August 2007.**

RESOLVED: The minutes are received and noted.

101/07 Nick Johnson’s report on the Gasworx project:

Mr Johnson provided the members with a copy of the latest plan. Councillor Owen questioned why all members of the Skatepark Management Committee had not been invited to attend the series of workshops held with the contractor and designers? He was advised that the workshops lasted up to three hours at a time and that no decisions had been authorised. It was always the intention to refer the final plan and costings back to Committee for a firm resolution to be passed.

102/07 Statement of balances and approval of the accounts for payment:

The bank balances at 7th September 2007 were:-

HSBC Deposit No 1 Account (General Balances)	£43,272.06
HSBC Deposit No 2 Account (Skatepark)	£117,487.56
HSBC Current Account	£1.00
Petty Cash	£51.15

Income received since 31st July 2007:-

Council Photograph 9.95

Accounts paid or outstanding since the 31st July 2007:-

Cheque/BACS	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS Jul 30	Personnel	July Salaries	2,569.10
BACS Jul 30	ERYC	June Pensions	934.50
BACS Jul 30	C Smith	Expenses	21.60
BACS Jul 30	N Johnson	Expenses	42.20
BACS Aug 30	Personnel	August Salaries	2,687.27
BACS Aug 30	ERYC	August Pensions	970.48
BACS Aug 30	N Johnson	Expenses	17.60
BACS Sept 10	B & P Marquees	Community Fun Day (s. 137 Grant)	200.00
BACS Sept 10	Brid' Community Partnership	Office Lease + Room Hire	346.60
BACS Sept 10	Bridlington Stationers	Stationery	84.04
BACS Sept 10	BT	Facsimile & Internet Line Rental	54.40
BACS Sept 10	BT	Telephone Line + Calls	223.35
BACS Sept 10	ERYC	Old Town Toilets (July) + Car Park Pass	1,404.70
BACS Sept 10	Bealulah	Civic Honours Board	18.21
BACS Sept 10	Hi Fliers	Flags	129.25
BACS Sept 10	Npower	Old Town Toilets	186.25
BACS Sept 10	P Scott	Old Town Toilets (Plumbing)	457.02
BACS Sept 10	RBS Software	Annual Maintenance	58.75
BACS Sept 10	SLCC	Annual Conference Fee	323.12
BACS Sept 10	United Carlton	Photocopier	253.08
BACS Sept 10	Vaughtons	Civic Insignia (Engraving)	60.68
BACS Sept 10	Yorkshire Regional Newspapers	Newsletter Distribution	338.04
BACS Sept 10	Yorkshire Water	Old Town Toilets	321.83
101105 Sept 11	A Padwick	Expenses	60.80
101106 Sept 11	Zurich Insurance	Annual Premium	1,663.19
101107 Sept 11	ERYC	May 2007 Elections	7,518.20
101108 Sept 11	Cash	Petty Cash Imprest A/c	178.85

RESOLVED: The accounts are approved for payment.

103/07 Annual Accounts to 31 March 2007:

RESOLVED: The Annual Accounts to 31st March 2007 are approved.

104/07 31 March 2007 Annual Return:

RESOLVED: The 31st March 2007 Annual Return is approved.

105/07 Nomination of members to fill the vacancies advised by Councillor Dealtry:

Councillor Dealtry advised that that he now wished to continue to serve on the various committees and outside bodies.

106/07 The fifteen-mile EU directive affecting the operation of the Yorkshire Belle:

Members were concerned to note that as things stand the Yorkshire Belle has made her last return voyage from Bridlington to Scarborough due to the Department of Transport's ruling that pleasure boats built before the year 2000 cannot travel more than 15 nautical miles from their point of departure. This stems from an EU directive, however owner and skipper Peter Richardson thinks it has been misinterpreted because the European law says a boat cannot be more than 15 miles from a port where it can dock. The weekly Friday cruise to Scarborough is 21 nautical miles. Although that is more than the UK ruling of 15 miles the boat is never more than ten-and-a-half miles from a port and therefore would be adhering to the EU ruling.

RESOLVED: To write in support of the Yorkshire Belle being allowed to continue to sail to Scarborough.

107/07 Notice of items for the next agenda (Tuesday, 23rd October 2007):

Councillor Owen had gathered sufficient member signatures to re-visit the issue of increasing the membership of the council. The subject was not listed on the current agenda and was deferred to the Council's next meeting.

Signed: *Raymond Allerston*

Date: 23rd October 2007

Mayor of Bridlington