

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 31st July 2007 in the Council Chamber Bridlington Town Hall

Present: Councillors R Allerston, P Austin, L Chambers, A Charlesworth, M Charlesworth, L Dealtry, S Finlay, C Marsburg, R Owen, A Padwick, L Taylor and W Taylor (12).
Christopher Smith, Clerk to the Council, recorded the minutes. Nick Johnson (BTC) was in attendance as were eleven members of the public and one representative of the media.

51/07 Welcome by the Mayor:

Councillor Allerston welcomed everyone to the meeting. He read out instructions for the fire drill and drew attention to the hearing loop and associated hearing aids.

52/07 Sally Burns and John Sanderson from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council addressed the Council on the subject of the Bridlington Community Warden Service:

The pilot project had been based within the boundary of Bridlington's PACT area and commenced in April 2006 with funding from Europe (ERDF) and Government (SSCF) running through to the end of October 2008. A report to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's (ERoYC) Cabinet in September 2007 will look to outline the future for the service. The Town Council's aspirations for the existing service and any extensions to other areas within Bridlington would be welcomed. With the aid of a printed PowerPoint presentation Mr Sanderson outlined some of the successes of the pilot with 'before and after' statistics. The warden service costs approximately £170k per annum to operate with each warden, including the on-costs, costing £18k per annum. The ERoYC is looking to develop a partnership arrangement, with the Town Council sharing some of the annual costs. Mrs Burns and Mr Sanderson fielded a number of questions from the members following which the Mayor thanked them for their attendance.

RESOLVED: To schedule a dedicated meeting during the summer recess to discuss the Community Warden Service in more detail.

53/07 Civic Duties:

Mayor and Mayoress of Bridlington

- 21st June High Sheriff's Cocktail Party at Ferens Art Gallery
- 22nd June Official Opening of Yorkshire Water's Haisthorpe Treatment Works
- 24th June Tadcaster Town Council's Civic Service
- 25th June Official Merger of Quay Homes and Lamberts Estate Agents & Financial Services
- 27th June R.A.T.s Launch of the Steps Project at Bridlington North Library
- 1st July Snaith & Cowic's Civic Service at Holy Trinity Church, East Cowick
- 6th July Official Opening of the New Pasture Lanes School Fete
- 7th July Commemoration of Veterans Day and 25th Anniversary of the Falklands War
- 7th July At Home with the Lord Lieutenant at Guidhall, Hull
- 8th July Official Opening of Beauty Addition to The Color, Flamborough Road
- 9th July Collation & Induction of Reverend Owen at All Saints Church, Kilham
- 18th July Official Opening of new Pavilion at Sewerby Cricket Club
- 21st July Official Opening of Middleton Courts Summer Fair
- 29th July Sewerby Gala attendance at Sewerby Cricket Grounds
- 30th July Presentation by St Catherine's Hospice at Throxenby Lane Scarborough

Deputy Mayor & Mayoress

- 20th July Lord Lieutenant drinks and canapés at the Treasure House Beverley
- 21st July Official Opening of Oystons at Carnaby

54/07 Code of Conduct declarations of personal and prejudicial interest in items on the agenda:

There were no declarations of interest.

55/07 Public participation for the purpose of hearing matters raised by members of the public for possible future consideration by the Council:

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders to receive comments from members of the public.

Mr Pilling commented upon the service reductions and staff reductions at the Bridlington hospital. Mrs Grimshaw expressed her gratitude to the Clerk for providing contact details for various public bodies. Mr Felton questioned why the Council had refused a grant to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and commented generally on the administration and bureaucracy costs associated with operating the council. Mr Whittaker requested the Council to consider whether ten minutes was sufficient time for public questions.

RESOLVED: To reinstate Standing Orders.

56/07 Minutes of the Council's Meeting held on 19th June 2007:

RESOLVED: *The minutes of Council's meeting held on 19th June 2007* are approved as a true record.

57/06 Matters arising (for information only):

Min. 44/07 Members were circulated with Ballot Papers for the election of a parish member to the Area Forum. Min. 50/07 A response from ERNLLCA regarding advice on the employment of a Skatepark Manager was still outstanding.

58/07 Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 26th June 2007:

Min. 20/07 Following the meeting, the grant application from the Multiple Sclerosis Society was withdrawn.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 26th June 2007 are received and approved..

59/07 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 2nd July 2007:

The Committee was advised that the first recommendation at Min. 6 would contravene the Council's six-month Standing Order.

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders in order to receive and approve the minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 2nd July 2007.

Councillors Dealtry and Padwick are nominated to serve on the Committee.

It was agreed that in future meetings should commence at 1 p.m. by 5 votes in favour to 4 votes against, with 3 abstentions.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

60/07 Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 3rd July 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 3rd July 2007 are received and approved.

61/07 Minutes of the Newsletter Committee held on 5th July 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Newsletter Committee held on 5th July 2007 are received.

62/07 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 23rd July 2007:

Councillor A Charlesworth asked for clarification of the Committee's recommendation regarding the proposed Park and Ride Scheme. Councillor Marsburg commented that the Committee agreed in principle to the establishment of a scheme but that it also considered that the proposed location was not best situated.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 23rd July 2007 are received.

63/07 The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 25th July 2007:

Councillor Finlay advised that she had not abstained from voting but had deferred her vote should it have been required to confirm the recommendation.

It was moved and seconded that no further extension be offered to the Bridlington Community Partnership Limited for the repayment of the outstanding loan and that immediate legal action be instigated for the recovery of the £60,000 loan. A recorded vote was requested.

Voting in favour of the motion: Councillors Austin, Chambers and A Charlesworth

Voting against the motion: Councillors Allerston, M Charlesworth, Dealtry, Finlay, Marsburg, Owen, Padwick, L Taylor and W Taylor.

The motion was defeated by 9 votes against to 3 in favour.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 25th July 2007 are received and confirmed.

64/07 A verbal report from Nick Johnson on the Gasworx Skatepark project:

Mr Johnson advised that the project was moving through the tendering stage via the use of the ERYC's Civil Engineering Contractor's Framework. Six expressions of interest documents were circulated to approved contractors of which five have been returned. The five contractors have entered a mini-competition, which will be scored by the Council's appointed civil engineer. The chosen contractor will then be asked to formulate a design and proposals to construct a concrete Skatepark within the Council's available budget. All the existing funding bodies have been contacted and have confirmed their on-going support. An application for an ABC grant funded from the ERDF will be considered shortly. If successful, the grant will contribute towards equipment and facilities at the Gasworx and will be used to support 16-25 year-olds seeking employment opportunities.

65/07 To receive items of correspondence:

- a) 6 June Mrs S C Wright – cultural exchange with St Hubert, Germany
- b) 21 June ERYC – notice of cancellation of the Bridlington & Driffield Area Forum 28th June 2007
- c) 22 June ERYC – Commuted Sums update
- d) 25 June Mr K Dawson – deterioration of Marton Road
- e) 26 June ERYC – notification of the capital programme of footway slurry sealing
- f) 6 July Rt Hon G Knight MP – Bridlington Community Partnership
- g) 18 July ERYC – consultation on post flooding review
- h) 18 July Consultant's and Doctors – Bridlington Hospital staff cuts
- i) 19 July ERYC – advance notice of the autumn fun fair on the Hilderthorpe Road coach park
- j) 20 July Mr M Pilling – Bridlington Hospital staff cuts
- k) 20 July Mr I McInnes – Bridlington Hospital staff cuts

RESOLVED: The Council earnestly requests the Secretary of State for Health, the Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP to intervene and nullify the proposed decimation of the local health service by the Scarborough and North East Yorkshire Healthcare NHS Trust and to request a meeting with the Minister.

- l) 24 July Bridlington School – nomination required for the Foundation Governing Body
- RESOLVED:** Councillor L Dealtry is nominated to the Foundation Governing Body of the Bridlington School

- m) Humbrella newsletter
- n) ERVAS newsletter
- o) West Hill newsletter
- p) East Riding Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts
- q) East Riding Economic Development Strategy 2007-2011

RESOLVED: All other correspondence is noted.

66/07 The adoption of the Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils:

RESOLVED: The Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils is adopted in its entirety.

67/07 The nomination of a member to represent the Council on the Bridlington Neighbourhood Action Team:

RESOLVED: Councillor A Padwick is nominated to represent the Council on the Bridlington Neighbourhood Action Team.

68/07 The nomination of two Council representatives to attend ERNLLCA's East Riding (North East) District Committee:

RESOLVED: Councillors R Allerston and A Padwick are nominated to represent the Council at meetings of ERNLLCA.

69/07 The Member's and the Clerk's attendance at the YLCA / ERNLLCA / YH RTP Joint Training Conference in Scarborough from 28th to 30th September 2007:

RESOLVED: Members and the Clerk are authorised to attend the conference on a day basis.

70/07 The Brett Street Waiting Restrictions Consolidation Order 2007:

RESOLVED: To raise the matter of additional resident parking spaces on the North side of Brett Street.

71/07 The minutes of the Town Improvement Forum held on 8th May 2007:

RESOLVED: To note the minutes.

72/07 Statement of balances and to approve the accounts for payment:

The bank balances at 25th July 2007 were:-

HSBC Deposit No 1 Account (General Balances)	53,599.55
HSBC Deposit No 2 Account (Skatepark)	117,487.56
HSBC Current Account	1.00
Petty Cash	169.16

Income received since 19th June 2007:-

Gross Interest Deposit No 1 Account	858.63
Gross Interest Deposit No 2 Account	2,437.02
Newsletter Advertising	1,116.00
Council Photographs	26.90

Accounts paid or outstanding since the 19th June 2007:-

Cheque/BACS	Payee	Description	Amount	
101083	Jun 20	ERNLLCA + NALC	Subscription (from 1 st June 2007)	1,513.50
101084	Jun 20	ERYC	Bessingby Gate Play Area Lease	100.00
101085	Jun 22	NALC	Local Government Review Subscription	27.00
BACS	Jun 29	Personnel	June Salaries	2,451.18
BACS	Jun 29	ERYC	June Pensions	906.44
BACS	Jun 29	C Smith	Expenses	29.20
BACS	Jul 02	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax + NI	2,482.48
BACS	Jul 10	Bridlington Community P'ship	Office Lease (March – July) + Room Hire	1,277.22
BACS	Jul 10	BT	Quarterly Internet	105.71
BACS	Jul 10	Coastal Colour Print	Summer Newsletter Design + Print	988.00
BACS	Jul 10	ERYC	Old Town Toilets (June Maintenance)	1,073.70
BACS	Jul 10	ERYC	Signs + Identity Badge Chains	30.04
BACS	Jul 10	Hi-Fliers	Flag Change + Wash	129.25
BACS	Jul 10	Michaels	Civic Robes (Alteration)	132.78
BACS	Jul 10	Spiers	Civic Office Framing	43.00

101086	Jul 06	Bridlink	s.17 Grant	500.00
101087	Jul 06	P. A. Wragg	Summer Newsletter Supplementary Distribution	25.00
101088	Jul 06	Zurich Insurance	Trafalgar Cup Public Liability	52.50
101089	Jul 06	SLCC	Job Evaluation Fee	150.00
BACS	Jul 13	Airxcite (Virgin Balloon Flights)	Part Grant gifted to Brid' Community Partnership Ltd	200.00
BACS	Jul 27	Bridlington Community P'ship	Office Lease (August) + Room Hire	251.10
BACS	Jul 27	Bridlington Stationers	Stationery	3.64
BACS	Jul 27	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax + NI	509.40
BACS	Jul 27	Plantscape	Grant gifted to Bridlington in Bloom	1,175.00
BACS	Jul 27	United Carlton	Photocopier Lease	145.24
BACS	Jul 27	Viking Direct	Stationery	53.27
101090	Jul 31	Images	Council Prints	35.30
101091	Jul 31	Petty Cash	Imprest Account	60.84

RESOLVED: The accounts are authorised for payment.

73/07 Notice of items for the next agenda (Tuesday, 11th September 2007):

- i) One hour parking restrictions on Sands Lane and St. Anne's Road;
- ii) The exit from Chapel Street to the Promenade, Cliff Street and Cross Street;
- iii) Time allocated to Public Participation;
- iv) Town Council Referendum;
- v) The provision of car parking in Bridlington

Signed: *Tony Padwick*

Date: 11th September 2007

Mayor of Bridlington