

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary Council Meeting held on 13th May 2008 in the Council Chamber, Bridlington Town Hall

Present: Councillors R Allerston (Presided), L Chambers, A Charlesworth, S Finlay, C Marsburg, R Owen, A Padwick, L Taylor and W Taylor (9).
Also in attendance was Councillor C Matthews (ERYC), Inspector S Jackson (Humberside Police), Mr P Stevens (Yorkshire Ambulance Service), Dr Hickson, Mr D Stamford (RNLI), Mr N Griffiths (East Yorkshire PCT), Mr P Darby (Community Wardens), Mr F Walkington (ERYC Foreshores Officer), Mr M Pilling, two representatives H.M. Coastguards, a representative of St Johns Ambulance and four members of the public. C Smith, Clerk to the Council, recorded the minutes.

243/07 Mayor's Welcome:

Councillor Allerston welcomed everyone to the meeting.

244/07 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Councillors P Austin, M Charlesworth and L Dealtry

245/07 Code of Conduct declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda:

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda.

246/07 Presentation by Mr P Stevens of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service:

Mr Stevens gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Community First Responder initiative, which is a complimentary service and not a replacement for ambulance deployment to 999 category 'A' calls.

Two pilot schemes involving the Coastguards at Scarborough and Bridlington are about to go live. Four additional Coastguard teams are proposed for Flamborough, Filey, Burniston and Whitby.

Anyone can volunteer as a community first responder with an age range of 18 to 80. Training in basic life support (six hours) the use of a defibrillator (six hours) and oxygen therapy (two hours) is provided with retraining scheduled every three months.

Community First Responders are tasked to attend patients with suspected heart attacks, strokes, asthma, diabetes and seizures.

The costs to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) of setting up a new team is £2,397 A minimum of seven persons constitutes a team with insurance cover provided by YAS.

Foreshore Lifeguards in Bridlington are trained to use defibrillators but a town-based team, particularly if it were to be available through the night would be beneficial.

Dr Hickson remarked that 'retireds' are an ideal resource to target for team recruitment.

Phil Darby said that he would discuss with his line manager the feasibility of the Community Wardens becoming involved.

It was suggested that an article in the Council's summer newsletter would help to raise the profile of Community First Responders. Postcodes and the contact details of potential volunteers is all that YAS would require to co-ordinate the training of a team.

The Mayor thanked everyone for his or her attendance.

Signed: *Anthony Padwick*

Date: 20th May 2008

Mayor of Bridlington