

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th January 2008 in the Council Chamber, Bridlington Town Hall

Present: Councillors R Allerston, L Chambers, L Dealtry, A Charlesworth, M Charlesworth, S Finlay, C Marsburg, R Owen, A Padwick, L Taylor and W Taylor (11).
Christopher Smith, Clerk to the Council, recorded the minutes.
Also in attendance were Cllr E Chadwick (ERYC) and N Johnson (BTC) plus eight members of the public.

Section A

159/07 Mayor's welcome:

Councillor Allerston welcomed the members and members of the public to the first meeting in the New Year.

160/07 Apologies for absence:

RESOLVED: To receive and approve an apology for absence from Councillor P Austin.

161/07 Code of Conduct declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda:

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

162/07 Public participation:

Mr Thompson

- i) questioned the newsletter delivery and was advised that the Council was constantly seeking to improve upon its delivery network within the confines of its budget;
- ii) enquired if the Council had responded to the revised Park & Ride Scheme and was advised that the Council considered the principle of a Park & Ride to be good but the location was wrong;
- iii) commented upon the AAP including Windsor Crescent as the main approach to the harbour, the renaming of Prospect Street as Burlington Parade (it is understood that Hilderthorpe Road is to be renamed Burlington Parade) and considered the proposed compulsory purchase of property in advance of the re-development to be a blight on business and development. He was advised that the Council's comments on the AAP would be printed in the spring edition of its newsletter.

Mrs Grimshaw

- i) asked when the survey of No. 8 Victoria Road would be made public and was advised to look in the minutes for the Council's resolution;
- ii) requested confirmation of the Bridlington Community Partnership's outstanding debt to the Council and was advised that it was in the region of £64,000 including interest and legal fees;
- iii) complained that closed meetings preclude the public from knowing what's going on and was advised to see the draft minutes when produced.

Mr Hillerby

- i) commended the Council to look at Selby's Christmas lighting ideas;
- ii) questioned when street cleaning took place and was advised it was undertaken early in the morning;
- iii) complained that the litter in Marshall Avenue was a disgrace.

Mrs Hillerby

- i) advised that Yorkshire Trading's display of goods was encroaching onto the pavement - Community Wardens agreed to investigate.

Mr Whitaker

- i) advised that he was not a subscriber of closed meetings;
- ii) he has heard no news from the local Member of Parliament regarding the down-scaling of services at Bridlington hospital and was advised that the Mayor had this day signed the latest petition.

Mr Evans

- i) raised the matter of the Sewerby bottle bank being located adjacent to a listed building in a conservation area.

163/07 Civic Duties:

Mayor and Mayoress of Bridlington

- 6th December Driffield Christmas Lights Switch on event
- 8th December Old Town Dickensian Festival
- 12th December SSAFA Forces Christmas Dinner
- 12th December Cheque presentation by Mr Barnett for Poppy Appeal with Mrs Moody
- 14th December Late night Christmas Shopping attendance for Bridlington Town Centre Traders
- 16th December Hornsea Civic Carol Service
- 18th December Christmas Civic Dinner for Chairman ERYC
- 21st December Humberside Police Band Charity Christmas Concert

Deputy Mayor & Mayoress

- 21st December Late night Christmas Shopping Attendance for Bridlington Town Centre Traders

164/07 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th December 2007:

Min. 148/07 (ix) to add the words “should be provided first”
 (xi) Cllr M Charlesworth advised that the Harbour Commissioners’ retained a town planner who advised that 300 homes would be a realistic number of properties

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th December 2007 subject to the above amendment are approved as a true record.

165/07 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 17th December 2007:

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders

RESOLVED: To request the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber to call in Planning Application DC/07/07203 on the basis that it is a departure from the East Yorkshire Borough Wide Local Plan 1997, there is significant public objection and the town council objects to the location of the proposed scheme.

RESOLVED: To reinstate Standing Orders

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 17th December 2007 are received.

166/07 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 14th January 2008:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 14th January 2008 are received.

167/07 Minutes of the Newsletter Committee held on 10th January 2008:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Newsletter Committee held on 10th January 2008 are received.

168/07 Nick Johnson’s verbal report on the Gasworx project and Minutes of the Skatepark Management Committee held on 8th January 2008:

Mr Johnson displayed a slideshow of the latest progress of the Skatepark construction, which is on target for the 21st March 2008 opening. He alluded to some minor vandalism to the administration cabin. He confirmed that it was his understanding that Stamp Duty would not be due on the lease for the land. The Youth Opportunity Fund has granted £10,000 and WREN has granted £24,000 towards the construction of a Multi-Use Games Area. It is hoped that it can be completed in time for the opening of the Skatepark. The Skatepark’s official opening is planned for two weeks following its completion to allow for a staff familiarisation and settling-in period. A further skateworld orientated launch will follow later.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Skatepark Management Committee held on 8th January 2008 are received.

169/07 Correspondence:

- a. ERYC – street naming of Richardson’s Court fronting Hilderthorpe Road
- b. ERYC – proposed no waiting at any time to improve road safety at Burlington Junior & Infant Schools
- c. ERYC – Spa Environs Project
- d. ERYC – three hour waiting consultation for Flamborough Rd, Lamplugh La, Sands La, St Anne’s Rd
- e. ERYC – Annual Work Programme for ERYC’s Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- f. North Bank Forum – report on the availability of NHS Dental Services
- g. ERoY Primary Care Trust – rejection of proposed Assura Pharmacy Ltd on Martongate/West Crake
- h. ERYC – Sport & Play Recognition Awards 2008
- i. ERYC – Dog Control Order across the East Riding (Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005)

RESOLVED: The Clerk is authorised to request the principal authority to include the following land under the control of the Town Council:-

Ducky Dyke Allotments (off Ripley Close and Harewood Avenue)
 Children's Play Park on Bessingby Gate
 Old Town Public Conveniences Garden (corner of St John's Street and High Street)
 Gasworx Skatepark - Dukes Park (far end of the Moorfield Road car park)

- j. ERYC – Flood Review meetings
- k. ERYC – East Riding Pension Fund results of the Triennial Valuation with

The Clerk advised that the increase of the Town Council’s contribution rate to the East Riding Pension Fund was deemed necessary by the Fund’s Actuary based on the results of the triennial valuation and was not related to the engagement of consultants by the Town Council or the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

RESOLVED: The Council notes, with dismay, that there is a proposal to raise the East Riding of Yorkshire *Council’s contributions to the pension fund*. To offset the cost to council taxpayers, the ERYC should curtail the engagement of consultants for activities, which should be carried out by existing officers.

- l. ERYC – temporary closure/suspension of One Way Traffic on Princess Tce for construction of speed tables
- m. ERYC – notice of funfair on Hilderthorpe Coach Park 18.02.08 to 25.02.08
- n. ERYC – parish review
- o. Newsletters – Hull & East Yorkshire Mind, ERVAS, ERNLLCA

170/07 The decision by the Scarborough & North Yorkshire Healthcare NHS Trust to close Bridlington & District Hospital’s Cardiac Unit:

RESOLVED: *To write to the Trust to express the Council’s disgust at the decision and to emphasise how important the Cardiac Unit is to Bridlington because of the number of vulnerable residents within an increasing population including a high percentage of senior citizens. The Council is concerned that lives could be lost during the transportation of patients to Scarborough or Hull and urges the Trust to reconsider the decision to close Bridlington Hospital’s Cardiac Unit.*

To write to the Rt. Hon. G Knight MP to request he tables an adjournment debate.

171/07 RESOLVED: To receive the following minutes:-

ERNLLCA - East Riding (North East) District Committee - 17 July 2007
 Bridlington Chamber of Trade - 02 October 2007
East Yorkshire Town Council’s – 25 October 2007
 Town Improvement Forum – 06 November 2007
 Community Forum – 14 November 2007

172/07 Rebecca Cockerill’s enrolment in the East Riding Pension Fund:

RESOLVED: To enrol Rebecca Cockerill in the East Riding Pension Fund.

173/07 Yorkshire Regiment ‘Freedom of Bridlington’ March – June 21st 2008:

RESOLVED: To refer the allocation of a budget to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

174/07 Statement of balances and approval of the accounts for payment:

The bank balances at 9th January 2008 were:-

HSBC Deposit No 1 Account (General Balances)	45,684.58
Transfers In	102,135.13
+ Gross Interest	1,747.65
+ VAT Refund	4,300.13
Transfers Out	127,849.59
HSBC Deposit No 2 Account (Skatepark)	114,933.31
Transfers In:-	
Lords Feoffees	10,000.00
Regeneration Partnership	36,386.31
Performance Award	51,695.00
Gross Interest	2,654.97
Transfers Out (Wright Civil Engineering No 1 Invoice)	103,290.53
HSBC Current Account	1.00
Petty Cash	165.37

Cheque/BACS	Payee	Description	Amount	
BACS	Dec 24	Personnel	December Salaries	3,256.13
BACS		ERYC	December Pensions	1,128.65
BACS		C Smith	Travel Expenses	38.00
BACS		N Johnson	Travel Expenses	19.20
BACS	Dec 27	WREN	Third Party Funding towards Skatepark Grant	2,454.98
BACS		Woodcock Architects	Building Report	900.00
BACS	Dec 28	Betta Embroidery	Gasworx Clothing	40.00
BACS		Blachere	Carriage for Council's own Festive Lighting	52.88
BACS		Brid' Community Partnership	Office Lease	489.60
BACS		Bridlington Girls Choir	Christmas Festival Expenses	50.00
BACS		Bridlington Stationers	Stationery	36.80
BACS		BT	Internet	104.04
BACS		Coastal Colour Print	Winter Newsletter + Christmas Festival Posters	1,205.38
BACS		E.Y.E.S.	Christmas Festival Security	32.00
BACS		Hi Fliers	Replacement Flags + Change and Wash	1,152.68
BACS		MK Illumination	Christmas Trees LED's	925.90
BACS		Ullyott & Butler	No. 8 Victoria Road Valuation	235.00
101126	Dec 05	R Allerston	Civic Travel	158.00
101127		ERYC	Lottery Licence	20.00
101128	Dec 12	Yorkshire Water	Connection & Infrastructure (Gasworx)	1,887.76
101129	Dec 17	ERYC	Old Town Toilets – Nov 2007	1,073.70
			Footway Lighting SLA 2007-08	5,320.32
			Bridlington & East Coast Guide 2008 (Gasworx)	235.00
			Yorkshire Water new supply application (Gasworx)	94.00
101130		Hargrave	Christmas Festival Limo	50.00
101131		Modulus Systems	Cabin Lighting + Other Modifications	1,692.00
101132		NatWest Finance (SMD Solutions)	White board + Laptop (Gasworx ABC Grant)	3,694.20
101133		Sidewalk	Skate Magazine Subscription	34.95
101134		P Wragg	Newsletter Distribution	35.00
101135		Wright Civil Engineering	Interim Invoice No. 1	103,290.53
101136		Yorkshire Coast Radio	Christmas Festival (advertising + stage + presenters)	3,519.13

RESOLVED: The accounts are approved for payment.

175/07 Notice of items for the next agenda (Tuesday, 26th February 2008):

- i) Civic Awards
- ii) Blue Plaques
- iii) To appoint a new representative for the Bridlington in Bloom Committee

Section B

176/07 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.

177/07 Consideration of legal advice relating to the Bridlington Community Partnership Limited's outstanding loan:

The Clerk had earlier distributed advice from the authority's Solicitor setting out the options open to the Council.

RESOLVED: To instruct Miss Glenday to apply to the County Court for a judgement on the Bridlington Community Partnership Limited and to issue proceedings to enforce the judgement, as detailed on page three of Pinkney & Grunwell's letter dated 10.01.08 and titled 'Debt Recovery Proceedings'.

A record of the vote was requested and in favour of the resolution were Councillors L Chambers, A Charlesworth, M Charlesworth, S Finlay, C Marsburg and R Owen. Voting against the resolution were Councillors R Allerston, L Dealtry, A Padwick, L Taylor and W Taylor.

178/07 Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 11th December 2007:

The Clerk requested the Council to give further consideration of accounting software referred to in Minute 50/07.

RESOLVED: A further report on bespoke local government packages be considered.

RESOLVED: Subject to the above resolution the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 11th December 2007 are received and approved.

179/07 Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 10th January 2008:

RESOLVED: With the exception to Minute 18/07, the approval of which is deferred, the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 10th January 2008 are received and approved.

180/07 The Council's Budget and Precept 2008-09:

RESOLVED: To defer consideration of the Budget to the Finance & General Purposes Committee to be held on 22nd January 2008 to be followed by an extraordinary meeting of the Council to set the Precept.

Signed: *Raymond Allerston*

Date: 26th February 2008

Mayor of Bridlington