

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary Council Meeting held on 18th March 2008 in the Council Chamber, Bridlington Town Hall

Present: Councillors P Austin, R Owen, A Padwick, L Taylor (4).
Mrs King, Assistant to the Council, recorded the minutes. Also in attendance were Karen Knapton and Neil Griffiths plus one member of the public.

212/07 Deputy Mayor's Welcome:

Councillor A Padwick welcomed the guest speakers and members to the extraordinary meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

213/07 Apology for absence:

RESOLVED: To receive and accept an apology for absence from Councillors R Allerston, L Chambers, A Charlesworth, M Charlesworth, L Dealtry, S Finlay, C Marsburg and W Taylor

214/07 Code of Conduct declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

There were no declarations of interest.

215/07 A presentation from Karen Knapton, Chairman PCT – Overview to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the PCT, covering national and local healthcare priorities:

Mr Neil Griffiths who is the trust's Associate Director for the Bridlington and District Area accompanied Karen Knapton. The Chairman of the PCT Karen Knapton began with how she had written to all the Town Councils in the area to have a discussion about what is the PCT and what its healthcare priorities are within the forecasted budget for 2008/09 (in the region of £417 million), and that that figure has to buy all the services for around 330,000 residents. The services this budget caters for all the basic healthcare services, including the services in between acute care and GP care and that the PCT Board decided in February to maintain current arms-length services. She gave a comprehensive overview of the PCT's roles and responsibilities and outlined the vision and values, the areas that are covered and basic facts about the PCT with details about the board members, the non-executive and the clinical executive. National priorities were covered, which included waiting times from GP to consultant. This led onto the local priorities 1 and 2, which outlined that the PCT is forecast recurrent balance for the 2nd year and that the historical deficit is eliminated, with a comprehensive spending review of 5.5% uplift. The local area agreement includes a health care executive team, which now liaise with the ERYC to ensure that the area is receiving a more seamless service. The management structure and urgent care models were distributed. Elective and diagnostic services are progressing to ensure local procurement, which would include providing ear, nose and throat (ENT), musculoskeletal, ophthalmology, community ultrasound (non-obstetric) and audiology services in this area. Specific to Bridlington developments were outlined which includes evening nursing pilot scheme and creation of an integrated adults team which will all be based within the community, which will hopefully support high intensity and lower level care users better. Future developments for Bridlington Hospital covered an urgent assessment clinic, rapid access for chest pain, integrated out of hours and minor injuries, an out of hours respiratory unit, a new renal dialysis unit and an increase in range of day care surgery, which would include ophthalmic and laparoscopic (keyhole) surgery. Every Primary Care Trust in the country is being tasked to provide a service that will be open 8am – 8pm, seven days a week that is part health service and part GP practice and the PCT are looking to go out to tender for this service in mid May to ensure that it will be operational for 1st April 2009. The location is not determined but could possibly be Bridlington as this is the current preferred option and on the site of the hospital. All options include Bridlington, Beverley or Goole and all factors including deprivation, ageing populations and GP constraints will be considered and the consultation document will be received on this in the near future. Details about the ambulance service improvements that have been addressed which included rapid response vehicles and two extra A&E crews of 12 and 16 hours extra. In total the presentation, plus question and answer session, lasted an hour and fifteen minutes. The Deputy Mayor thanked Karen Knapton and Neil Griffiths for their attendance.

216/07 Consultation of the Humberside Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2008-11, which has a deadline date of 31st March 2008:

RESOLVED: The Councillors to complete individual consultation sheets, which are to be passed back to the Clerk to dispatch to Humberside Fire and Service on Tuesday 25th March 2008.

217/07 The opening of a current and deposit account for the gasworx skatepark:

RESOLVED: To approve the opening of a current and deposit account.

Signed: *Raymond Allerston* Date: 8th April 2008

Mayor of Bridlington