

# BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2008 in the Council Chamber, Bridlington Town Hall

Present: Councillors P Austin, A Charlesworth, M Charlesworth, L Chambers, L Dealtry (presided), S Finlay, C Marsburg, R Owen, L Taylor and W Taylor (10). Also in attendance were eight members of the public and Mr E Atkinson (guest speaker). Mr C Smith, Clerk to the Council, recorded the minutes.

### Section A:

#### 72/08 Deputy Mayor's welcome:

Councillor Dealtry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 73/08 Apologies for absence:

**RESOLVED:** To receive and accept apologies for absence from Councillors Allerston and Padwick.

#### 74/08 Mr Edward Atkinson, Conservation Officer at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council addressed the Council regarding the designation of a conservation area within the Bridlington South Ward:

Mr Atkinson confirmed that within the Bridlington Town Council's administrative boundary there are three conservation areas currently designated at Bessingby Village, Sewerby Village and Bridlington Old Town. It is now appropriate to consider early 20<sup>th</sup> century developments for similar status. Whereas Bridlington South is not an area of acknowledged importance conservation area status would alter this by offering a greater protection to the built environment and to the natural environment, trees in particular. Closer scrutiny of planning applications including satellite dish installations would also follow. The course of action is for the Town Council to support in principle, the preparation of an appraisal by the conservation officer, consultation with the residents, a report to Town Council followed by the principal authority's consideration at full council level. The whole process is likely to take 9 - 12 months to complete. South Marine Drive, Kingston Road, St James' Road and Richmond Street bound the probable area, however, the final conservation area may need some adjustment to the aforementioned boundary.

**RESOLVED:** To support in principle the establishment of a conservation area for Bridlington South.

#### 75/08 Code of Conduct declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda:

Councillor Dealtry declared an interest in items 12a and 12k. He retired from the room and took no part in the debate and voting on these two items.

#### 76/08 Public participation:

Mr Felton made reference to the Council's proposed new premises. He considers that the views of the majority of electors should prevail and in relation to the new offices it was his submission that the majority were not in favour of the Council acquiring the property. He argued that 90% of the Council's activity was of no benefit to the town. He regards the Council as a bureaucratic monstrosity with its committees and representatives on outside bodies. Until the East Riding of Yorkshire Council gives the Town Council some meaningful responsibilities a part-time clerk operating from home should run the Council.

Mr Ashby confirmed he had collected over 500 signatures in three hours against the Council's proposed move. He referred to the promised referendum to abolish the Council, which had subsequently been rescinded. Councillor M Charlesworth advised that the original Town Council, which was made up of the Bridlington Ward Members serving on the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, promised the referendum. The principal authority didn't really want a town council in Bridlington, hence the promise of a referendum. Councillor Charlesworth added that if certain powers and services were devolved to the Town Council there would be no need for a precept.

Mr Thompson advised he was present at the meeting when the referendum was rescinded. It was his recollection that the motion to rescind was proposed by Councillor R Allerston. He then went on to criticise the Council's expenditure and the level of administration. Councillor Finlay was given the opportunity to

respond. Councillor Owen also defended the work of the Council and invited Mr Thompson to stand for election. Councillor Austin responded regarding the Council's requirement for alternative accommodation.

Mrs Grimshaw questioned why the Council retained an out-of-town internal auditor? The Finance and General Purposes Committee will consider this matter.

A resident of Short Lane requested the Council's support for improving road safety following a fatal accident. Councillor L Taylor advised that an 'access only' designation is regularly ignored by motorists using the nearby Long Lane. The Clerk is requested to write to the highway authority to consider what action might be possible.

#### **77/08 Civic Duties:**

Mayor and Mayoress of Bridlington

17 <sup>th</sup> July	East Yorkshire Councils Network Meeting at the Bridlington Spa
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Snaith and Cowick Town Council Civic Service
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Lord Lieutenants Drinks and Canapés at Ferens Art Gallery, Hull
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Shirley Highton's Concert in the Orangery at Sewerby Hall
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Bridlington Hospital March
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Open day with the Emergency Services at Bridlington Lifeboat
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Opening of the Priory Gallery in Bridlington Old Town
26 <sup>th</sup> July	An audience with Val Taylor the Romanian Missionary at Christ Church Bridlington
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Sewerby Gala on Sewerby Cricket Ground
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Informal VIP preview of Yorkshire Passion at Bridlington Spa
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Bridlington Caravan Centre Opening at Bessingby Industrial Estate
31 <sup>st</sup> July	U3a Yorkshire Belle Trip by the Mayoress
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Celebration of Yorkshire Day at Hedon
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Bridlington Lions Carnival on Sewerby Cliff Top

Deputy Mayor & Mayoress of Bridlington

23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Presentation for Bridlington's Got Talent at the Bull and Sun, Bridlington Old Town
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair in aid of Bridlington Lifeboat at the Co-op, St John Street, Bridlington
9 <sup>th</sup> August	RYYC Fleet review on the Harbour Top at Bridlington

**78/08 RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008 are approved as a true record.

**79/08 RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008 are received.

**80/08 RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Newsletter Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008 are received.

**81/08 RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008 are received.

**82/08 RESOLVED:** The following minutes are received:-

- i) Bridlington Urban Renaissance Town Team 24.06.08
- ii) Bridlington Regeneration Partnership Community Forum 10.07.08
- iii) Bridlington to Flamborough Coastal Route Connect 2 - Steering Group 11.07.08

#### **83/08 Correspondence:**

##### **a) 30.06.08 ERYC – Environmental Quality & Community Wardens survey**

**RESOLVED:** To meet informally with the Director of Environment & Neighbourhood Services to discuss the outcome of the Environmental Quality & Community Wardens survey at 7.15 p.m. in the Community Resource Centre.

##### **b) July Bridlington Bovered Bunch appeal**

##### **c) 09.07.08 ERYC – Stepney Grove temporary road closure**

##### **d) 15.07.08 ERNLLCA – Resolutions (by 28<sup>th</sup> August) to the Annual General Meeting 18 October 2008**

e) 15.07.08 ERYC – Freedom of Information – outcome of review decision (car park revenue)

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to the Information Commissioner to request he adjudicates.

f) 16.07.08 Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council – Showcase Event & AGM 3 September 2008

g) 23.07.08 ERYC – Sewerby Crescent ball games complaint

**RESOLVED:** Not to request the principal authority to take action.

h) 25.07.08 ERYC – response to questions from Bridlington North Ward members

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to request it considers the provision of a bus service from the main car parks to service events at The Spa.

i) 25.07.08 Humber Emergency Planning Service – dedicated emergency contact number

j) 28.07.08 ERYC – Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2007-08

k) 30.07.08 West Hill Community Services Ltd – annual street party

**RESOLVED:** Not to offer a grant towards the purchase prizes and the tombola.

l) 30.07.08 ERofY NHS PCT – refusal of a new pharmacy at the Bridlington Hospital

m) 31.07.08 Peter Wood – a visitor's observations

**RESOLVED:** *To forward Mr Wood's letter on to the Director of Environment & Neighbourhood Services.*

n) 31.07.08 ERYC – Sewerby Level Crossing temporary closure

o) 31.07.08 Appointments Commission – vacancies on Scarborough and NE Yorkshire NHS Trust

p) 07.08.08 ERYC – Income & Expenditure on Council Services in Bridlington

**RESOLVED:** To write to the Head of Finance for a breakdown of *Bridlington's programme of investment.*

q) 11.08.08 Tenon Recovery – Bridlington Community Partnership Limited in Liquidation

Newsletters CPRE

ERNLLCA  
East Riding Parish News  
ERofY NHS PCT  
Humbrella  
Health & Safety News  
Training News

84/08 The proposed amendment to the B&Q roundabout:

**RESOLVED:**

- i) To retain the roundabout without the introduction of traffic lights;
- ii) To introduce yellow box junctions on the roundabout;
- iii) To retain the access from the roundabout to St James Road as its closure would increase congestion on other routes to Bridlington South;
- iv) To resign Hull-bound traffic approaching from the north along Bessingby Hill to go straight on at the Bessingby Road traffic lights to Carnaby and the Bridlington Bay Road.
- v) The Council also urges traffic officers to study the Holland experiment where traffic flows were improved when traffic control measures were removed.

85/08 **RESOLVED:** To note the proposed works on Bridge Street and Manor Street:

86/08 **RESOLVED:** To request the highway authority to effect an immediate repair to St. Aiden Road to a standard that is acceptable to public transport usage.

**87/08 Communications between solicitors in respect of Bridlington Community Partnership Limited in Liquidation:**

There is some doubt as to whether the Council's charges held on the BCP Ltd's property are valid. The issue is linked to the date the winding up petition was presented to the High Court in London and the date(s) when the Council's charges were registered at Companies House and the Land Registry. The Council's solicitor has advised that the charges may not be valid but has offered to refer the matter to Counsel for a second opinion.

- RESOLVED:**
- i) The Clerk is requested to ascertain the cost of referring the matter to Counsel for a second opinion and the likely cost of court fees should the Liquidator instigate *action to have the Council's charges removed*;
  - ii) The decision whether to instruct Counsel is delegated to the Finance & General Purposes Committee when it next meets on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

**88/08 Richardson's Court Petition:**

Some 1,500 signatures have been submitted on a petition which states:-

*Stop Bridlington Town Council using over £250,000 of local taxpayer's money to buy two new houses on Richardson's Court to convert to offices.*

The Deputy Mayor advised that the location of the proposed office is still a car showroom and is not currently housing for sale. A working party of councillors has been charged with investigating alternative office accommodation, which meets the regulation of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

- RESOLVED:** To accept the petition and to take it into consideration when a decision is taken on relocating *the Council's office*.

**89/08 Statement of balances and approval of the accounts for payment:**

The bank balances at 13<sup>th</sup> August 2008 stood at:-

HSBC Deposit No 1 Account (General Balances)	50,468.90
Income:	Npower credit refund 525.75
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HSBC Deposit No 2 Account (Gasworx Capital)	3,055.89
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HSBC Current Account	1.00
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Petty Cash	191.53
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Accounts paid or outstanding since 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008:-

Cheque/BACS	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS51 July 31	Personnel	July Salaries	1,697.26
	C Smith	Expenses	20.00
	ERYC	July Pensions	627.89
BACS52 Aug 08	Bridlington Stationers	Stationery	7.63
	BT	Feature Line Rental	98.08
	Commutaports	Repair to Bus Shelter	76.38
	Crescent Office	Replacement Chair	88.13
	ERYC	Old Town Toilets (July Maintenance)	1,103.21
	MK Illumination	Repair of Damaged Display	482.93
	Symantec	Virus Protection	75.20
	United Carlton	Photocopying	522.64
BACS53 Aug 15	BT	Telephone Call Charges	208.13
	BT	Facsimile Line + Call Charges	55.80

	David Cooper	Old Town Toilets Fence Repairs	92.50
	ERYC	CRB Check	20.00
	RBS	Accounts Software Training	544.96
	SLCC	National Conference	376.00
101177	Aug 20 Brid' Community Partnership Ltd	July + August Office Lease	744.00

**Gasworx:**

**Current Account** **1.00**

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**Deposit Account** **5,353.87**

A list of Gasworx Skatepark expenditure (as appended) was presented to Council for its approval.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the accounts for payment.

**Section B:**

**90/08 RESOLVED:** In accordance with the power granted by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to resolve that the Public and Media be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that confidential matters will be discussed.

**91/08 RESOLVED:** To receive the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008.

It was noted that the Clerk had agreed to the releasing of his medical records to an occupational health physician to enable an OH assessment to be provided.

The Clerk requested clarification on the appointment of the Accounts Assistant and was advised that the position will be reviewed at the end of the three month fixed term contract.

**Signed:** *Liam Dealtry*

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008

**Mayor of Bridlington**