

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th February 2008 in the Council Chamber, Bridlington Town Hall

Present: Councillors R Allerston (Presided), P Austin, L Chambers, A Charlesworth, M Charlesworth, L Dealtry, S Finlay, C Marsburg, R Owen, A Padwick, L Taylor and W Taylor (12).
Also in attendance were Councillor E Chadwick (ERYC), N Johnson (BTC), C Smith, Clerk to the Council recorded the minutes, four members of the public and one representative of the media.

188/07 Mayor's Welcome:

Councillor Allerston welcomed everyone to the meeting.

189/07 Apologies for absence:

There were no apologies for absence.

190/07 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.

191/07 Public participation:

Mr Ashby advised that Baptist Place was being used as a fly-tipping site for various items and questioned whether the Council should be committing funds to this area. He was advised that the Council was a partner in the proposed scheme to tidy up this area and had committed £1,500 towards the project.

Mr Oliver raised the matter of the Jubilee fountain being moribund. He also commented on the missing panels in the wooden shelter and the broken sundial in the South Cliff Garden. He also touched on the Battle of Trafalgar legend relating to the display of flagpoles.

RESOLVED: To refer the matter of the Jubilee fountain and flagpole legend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee to consider.

Mrs Grimshaw requested an update on the Bridlington Community Partnership's loan to be advised that the matter was with the Council's solicitor who had lodged proceedings with the County Court. She also queried a sum of £900 paid to Woodcock Services which related to a professional survey of a property on King Street.

Mr Whitaker asked what progress the Council had made over the proposed closure of services at Bridlington Hospital. He was advised that the Mayor would be travelling to Downing Street to present the latest petition against the closures on March 18th. The Mayor praised the efforts of Mr M Pilling in organising the petition. He further asked if the Council had any news on the re-opening of the 'Eye on the Bay', which it hadn't.

Councillor Chadwick congratulated Councillor L Taylor on his election as an Assistant to the Lords Feoffees.

192/07 Civic Duties:

Mayor and Mayoress of Bridlington

- 15th January Sign Petition at Cardiac Unit at Bridlington Hospital
- 16th January St Johns Ambulance Presentation of Awards evening at the Octagon Conference Centre, Hull
- 17th January East Yorkshire Town Council Chairmans and Clerks Meeting at Hedon
- 27th January Beverley Civic Parish Communion Service at Beverley Minster
- 28th January Holocaust Memorial at Howden School & Technical College, Howden
- 1st February Bridlington Hotel & Guest Association Annual Dinner Dance at the Expanse Hotel
- 5th February Grant Cheque presentation to Friends of the Elderley at the Orangery at Sewerby Hall
- 6th February Grant Cheque presentation to Bridwatch, Bridlington in Bloom, Bridlington Arts and Bridlington Lions at the Community Resource Centre
- 8th February Royal Engineers Association Annual Dinner and Grant Cheque Presentation at the Old Star Inn
- 10th February Bridlington Lifeboats Great Gale Service at the Priory Church
- 23rd February Bridlington Club for Young People Coffee Morning in North Street

- 24th February Withernsea Civic Service at St Peter and John Fisher Catholic Church, Withernsea

193/07 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th January 2008:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th January 2008 are approved as a true record.

194/07 Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22nd January 2008:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22nd January 2008 are received and approved where necessary.

195/07 Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 22nd January 2008:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 22nd January 2008 are approved as a true record.

196/07 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 4th February 2008:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 4th February 2008 are received.

197/07 Minutes of the Skatepark Management Committee held on 5th February 2008:

Councillor L Chambers moved that Standing Orders be suspended to enable a discussion on the Gasworx jobs. The motion was seconded and carried by a show of hands. Councillor Chambers questioned whether the employees of the Gasworx Skatepark would be members of the Council's staff. Councillor Chambers was advised that the Skatepark Management Committee was a function of the Council with terms of reference agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2007. A discussion ensued as to whether the Skatepark Management Committee had delegated powers to employ staff over and above that of the post of the Gasworx Manager. The matter would be referred back to the Skatepark Management Committee at its next meeting. Standing Orders were reinstated by a show of hands.

198/07 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 25th February 2008:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 25th February 2008 are received.

199/07 Nick Johnson's report on the Gasworx Skatepark and consideration of the Solicitor's advice regarding Stamp Duty:

Mr Johnson displayed a slide show of the latest progress photographs. He distributed to members copies of the initial marketing leaflet. He was confident that the project was progressing well and hoped to be open for Easter weekend. He referred to the MUGA planning application, which had yet to be given approval. Job adverts had generated a good response. The Bridlington Personal Skills Development project funding can enable the project worker to be employed for an additional 2.5 hours per week to meet the objectives.

RESOLVED: *To amend Rebeca Cockerill's contract of employment by an additional 2.5 hours per week to the end of her contract (31.03.08).*

Mr Johnson advised the Council that local authorities are exempt from paying stamp duty and following advice from the principal authority Mr Johnson is pleased to recommend that the Council to complete an exemption form.

RESOLVED: To complete the Stamp Duty exemption form relating to the construction of the Gasworx Skatepark on the basis that payment by the Council is not due.

Councillor L Dealtry questioned the scale of admission charges. Mr Johnson confirmed he had consulted with the User Group and the charges had been considered by the Skatepark Management Committee and subsequently by the Council.

200/07 Correspondence:

- a. Appointments Commission – three non-executive directors to Scarborough & NE Yorkshire Healthcare NHS Trust
- b. East Riding of Yorkshire NHS PCT – Karen Knapton’s (Chairman) address to Council on 18 March 2008
- c. St John Ambulance – retirement of J D Hollingworth, Divisional Officer

RESOLVED: To write to Mr Hollingworth for his service and for the letter to be signed by the Mayor.

- d. Humberside Fire & Rescue Service – strategic plan 2008-11 consultation (hard copy available plus on line at www.humbersidefire.gov.uk)
- d. ERYC – temporary road close at The Spa/South Marine Drive
- e. ERYC – (Marton Road, Bridlington) (No Waiting at Any Time & evocation) Order 2008
- f. Audit Commission – Jackie Bellard has been appointed external auditor to Bridlington Town Council
- g. Mr J Powell – objections to the South Cliff Park & Ride
- h. Govt Office for Yorkshire and The Humber – declining to call in the South Cliff Park & Ride application
- i. East Riding of Yorkshire NHS PCT – application for a 100 hour/week pharmacy in the Tesco Superstore
- j. Local Transport Projects – proposed safety zone in the vicinity of the Quay Primary School
- k. ERYC – proposal to amend and make new traffic regulation order outside of The Spa
- l. ERYC – no waiting at any time in the vicinity of Bay Primary School road traffic order
- m. Mrs S J Fleetham – Bridlington Blades Fencing Club (disappointed not to receive a grant)
- o. Newsletters – CPRE, West Hill, Umbrella, Humber Learning Consortium

RESOLVED: To note the correspondence.

201/07 The imposition of a 20mph zone in the town centre:

The Council did not receive the accident statistics relating to the extension to the 20 mph zone until after the consultation period had expired.

RESOLVED: To write to the principal authority to emphasise the need for sufficient time to be allowed during consultations on proposed new Traffic Orders.

202/07 The following minutes were considered:-

- i) **Community Forum held on 14th November 2007**
- ii) **Police & Partners Community Forum held on 6th December 2007**

RESOLVED: To write to the principal authority to request that disabled parking be considered for patients accessing the services at the Station Avenue Medical Centre. Failing this, the provision of a bay with limited parking time for the unloading and loading of patients from vehicles.

- iii) **Bridlington & Driffield Forum held on 24th January 2008**

RESOLVED: The above minutes are noted.

203/07 Humber Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust’s foundation trust status reapplication:

RESOLVED: To support the Trusts application for foundation status.

204/07 The appointment of a representative to serve on the Bridlington in Bloom Committee:

RESOLVED: Councillor S Finlay is elected to represent the Council on the Bridlington in Bloom Committee.

205/07 Bridlington Civic Awards:

RESOLVED: To request the F&GP Committee to consider and to report back.

206/07 Commemorative Blue Plaques:

The Council was advised that Bridlington & District Civic Society is progressing a number of potential sites for the installation of commemorative plaques and that no action was required by the Council.

207/07 Consideration of the Council's adoption of a proactive role in the policing of litter and dog fouling activities:

This item was withdrawn.

208/07 Statement of balances and approval of the accounts for payment:

The bank balances at 25th February 2008 stood at:-

HSBC Deposit No 1 Account (General Balances) 107,335.62

Income:-

Newsletter Advertising	977.60
Gasworx User Group	7,230.00

Expenditure:-

See list below commencing Jan 30

HSBC Deposit No 2 Account (Skatepark) 72,031.78

Income:-

Lords Feoffees 2nd stage grant	10,000.00
Commuted Sums	17,465.00
Regeneration Partnership	73,265.54
ERYC Traffic & Parking	1,500.00
Police Tribune Trust	5,000.00

Expenditure:-

Wright Civil Engineering (No 2 & 3 Invoices)	142,036.32
Modulus Systems (Toilets + Storage Container)	8,095.75

HSBC Current Account 1.00

Petty Cash 1.18

Accounts paid since the 22nd January 2008:-

Cheque/BACS	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS Jan 30	Personnel	January Salaries	3,396.91
BACS	ERYC	January Pensions	1,187.74
BACS	C Smith	Travel Expenses	34.00
BACS	N Johnson	Travel Expenses	22.00
101144 Jan 31	SLCC	Clerk's Subscription	145.00
101145	Wright Civil Engineering	Gasworx Interim Invoice No. 2	71,042.64
101146	Northern Retail Services	Gasworx Touch Screen Cash Terminal	3,969.15
101147	Pinkney Grunwells	BCP Loan Fee	352.50
101148	A Johnson	Internal Audit Fee	160.00
101149	Modulus Systems	Gasworx Toilet Cabins + Storage Cabin	8,095.75
101150	R Witty & Son	Insurance Excess + Vehicle Parts	45.00
101151	CPRE	Annual Subscription	31.00
BACS Feb 02	Brid' Community Partnership	February Office Lease	489.60
BACS	Bridlington Stationers	Stationery	52.00
BACS	BT	Line Rental	112.20
BACS	ERYC	Gasworx – Hull & East Yorks Guide 2008	177.00
BACS	ERYC	Gasworx Planning Application Fee	79.31
BACS	ERYC	Old Town Toilets – December	1,073.70
BACS	ERYC	Old Town Toilets – January	1,073.70
BACS	M J J Electrical Services	Old Town Toilets Lighting Repairs	91.20
BACS	P Scott	Old Town Toilets Wash Basin Repairs	196.05
BACS	The Print Shop	Christmas Lights Town Entry Signage	96.35
BACS	Ullyott & Butler	Valuation Fee (original payment returned)	235.00

BACS	United Carlton	Photocopier Lease + Copies	517.45
BACS	Vision ICT	Website Upgrade	29.38
BACS	Feb 04 Events Solution	Christmas Lights Security Fencing	969.38
BACS	HM Revenue & Customs	Quarterly TAX + NIC	3,011.60
BACS	Feb 22 Brid' Community Partnership	March Office Lease	489.60
BACS	Bridlington Stationers	Stationery	83.16
BACS	BT	Fax/Internet Line Rental	56.45
BACS	BT	Telephone Calls	253.91
BACS	Coastal Colour Print	BPSD Leaflets	155.00
BACS	John Crossland	Christmas Tree Lighting	211.50
BACS	DSG Retail Ltd	Gasworx TV/DVD	229.00
BACS	Hi-Fliers	Flag Change & Wash	129.25
BACS	Npower	Old Town Toilets	227.97
BACS	P Scott	Old Town Toilets (Toilet Roll Holder)	144.27
101153	Wright Civil Engineering	Gasworx Interim Invoice No. 3	70,993.68
101154	Zurich Insurance	Gasworx Cabin & Contents Cover	59.80
101155	BB Electrics	Repairs to Gasworx Cabin + Generator Hire	186.24
101156	Arvato	Gasworx Internet Connectivity	88.13
101157	Cash	Petty Cash Imprest A/c	228.82

RESOLVED: The accounts are approved for payment.

209/07 Consideration of reverting to a monthly meeting of the Council:

Although the Council resolved to revert to a monthly meeting commencing at the start of the 2008-2009 Council Year the existing calendar of meetings had only been adopted at the December 2007 meeting and in accordance with Standing Orders the matter should not have been considered for a period of six months. Therefore June 2008 would be the earliest that the matter could be revisited.

210/07 Urgent Business:

The Mayor raised an urgent item of business, namely the retirement of The Very Reverend J Wardle due to ill-health.

RESOLVED: *To write expressing the Council's appreciation of his service to Bridlington and the Council.*

211/07 Notice of items for the next agenda (Tuesday, 15th April 2008):

i) Letter from Councillor R Owen

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

Mayor of Bridlington