



BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th December 2013
at the Community Resource Centre, Victoria Road, Bridlington

Present: Councillors J Carder, L Chambers, J Copsey, L Dealtry, T Dixon, S Finlay, C Marsburg & M Milns a total of eight (8). There were two (2) members of the public. One Member of the press and Inspector Taylor of Humberside Police Force. Mrs Paula King, Town Clerk took the minutes.

147.13 Mayors Welcome:

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

148.13 Apologies for absence:

RESOLVED: *Apologies from Councillor Allerston, Charlesworth, Foster & Metcalf were received and accepted.*

149.13 Declarations of Interest:

a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in report of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

RESOLVED: *Councillor Finlay declared a non-pecuniary interest in Items 16N & 16O due her being an East Riding Councillor and on the respective Committees at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council that were being discussed in each item.*

b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

RESOLVED: *There were none.*

150.13 Public Participation session to include items on the agenda (two minutes per person - maximum of fifteen minutes):

Rita Jenkinson & Veronica Wilson

The ladies attended the meeting to bring to the attention a two way traffic issue on Blenheim Road. Both ladies requested that the Town Council support the residents request to make the road a one way road due to its size. The ladies provided a paper of support signed by all the residents of Blenheim Road to request the implementation of a one-way system on health and safety grounds. Cllr Finlay informed the meeting that following the ladies bringing this matter to her attention at a public surgery she had undertaken a site visit with Highways, the Police and residents of the road which was very supported by all in attendance. Cllr Finlay proposed that the Bridlington Town Council send a letter offering the Council's support of a one-way system to be implemented on Blenheim Road. The motion was seconded and supported unanimously.

151.13 Update from Inspector Grant Taylor:

Inspector Taylor informed the meeting that the financial support the Bridlington Town Council had supplied to Crime Stoppers was being put to good use and that there were four warrants issued for this month alone. The police had taken custody of a £10,000 cannabis factory and the associated paraphernalia and that the intelligence for such actions had come directly from Crime Stoppers and members of the public speaking to the Bridlington PCSOs. The aim is to remove drugs from the Town and recently a major drug dealer being apprehended in Bridlington made the national news and this sends a clear message to all the others out there. In times of austerity the Police are in the same position as everyone with the reduction of staff and support staff however Bridlington is an exception as there are additional staff coming to Bridlington in the form of a Sergeant, who will become a beat officer and will be in Bridlington to drive forward with issuing warrants and identifying drug dealers. There is also a new PCSO in Bridlington and the Police can see that Bridlington is worth investing in Bridlington and that it is not a den of iniquity

that it is portrayed as at times and that it is actually not a difficult place to police. Bridlington does have high records but this is because it is a large area by comparison and the efforts in Bridlington are brilliant. Comparing figures from last year shows that there has been a reduction across the board on all crimes including criminal damage, assault, burglaries and anti-social behaviour. There were a couple of areas that were over but there was normally a reason for this i.e. a spree of tyre slashing in one night had badly affected figures in one month but this had not happened again. The Inspector went on to share that he considered that it was partner agencies working together in Bridlington that was the Towns major strength and that the Police aims for the anti-social behaviour team were very effective and that it was to remain a priority for 2014. The Inspector finished by adding that it was an honour and privilege to serve in Bridlington.

Councillor Finlay asked the Inspector what he thought if the street surgeries included partner agencies and the Inspector agreed that this would be beneficial and Councillor Finlay said that it could be something that was looked into later on in the year.

Councillor Dealtry asked if the Town Council could help with the advertising for recruitment of PCSOs in Bridlington. The Inspector informed that this was something that the Press Office at Humberside Police dealt with and unfortunately this cannot be undertaken any differently.

Councillor Chambers enquired if there were many reclaimed assets from the arrests made with drug dealers. The Inspector explained that some were but it was becoming increasingly difficult as the way in which drug dealers undertake their business is very different in recent years as the area they cover is wider and they do not flaunt their assets and use things like hire cars so that nothing can be traced back to them. The Inspector informed that when you look at their assets they are next to nothing but they are continuing to strive to seize assets.

Councillor Dealtry asked if the Inspector considered it would be possible to make Bridlington a Town that did not accept cold calling across the whole of the town. The Inspector informed that it is a tricky area and it was something that is better dealt with by Neighbourhood watch schemes and if Bridlington could be made a complete neighbourhood watch area it would be brilliant.

Councillor Carder asked the Inspector if he considered that lack of employment was to root to crime. The Inspector said that his in his role it would be inappropriate to air his personal thoughts in a public manner.

152.13 Civic Appointments from 21st November – 18th December 2013

Mayor & Mayoress:

24.11.13	Old Town Dickensian Festival
30.11.13	Beverley Christmas Festival of Food and Drink
01.12.13	St Catherine's Light up a Life Service at the Bridlington Railway Station
02.12.13	Priory View Riding for the Disabled Christmas Carol Service at Millholme Field Farm
03.12.13	Bridlington Cub Scouts Toy Carol Service at St Johns Burlington Methodist Church
03.12.13	Mayors Christmas Card Winner presentations, Quay Academy & New Pasture Lane Schools
05.12.13	Driffeld Lights Switch on Event – Event cancelled due to weather, civic function took place
06.12.13	Rotary Christmas Tree Festival opening at St Johns Burlington Methodist Church
06.12.13	Christmas Retailer Window Dressing Competition Judging
07.12.13	Bridlington Christmas Event in the Promenades Shopping Centre
08.12.13	Festival of Christmas Trees Service at St Johns Burlington Methodist Church
09.12.13	Community Payback Stencilling photo shoot at BTC Offices
09.12.13	Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Evening at Beverley Racecourse with High Sheriff
15.12.13	Pocklington Carols with the Mayor at The Christmas Tree in Pocklington
16.12.13	Lions Christmas Concert at the Bridlington Spa
17.12.13	Harbour Commissioners Christmas Luncheon at the Rags

Total of 16 Civic Duties attended by the Mayor & Mayoress

Deputy Mayor & Consort

07.12.13	Bridlington Christmas Event in the Promenades Shopping Centre
14.12.13	SSAFFA Celebration of Christmas at St Marys Church Beverley

Total of 2 Civic Duties attended by the Deputy Mayor & Consort

Town Crier

24.11.13	Old Town Dickensian Festival
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- 07.12.13 Bridlington Christmas Event in the Promenades Shopping Centre
 10.12.13 East Riding Family History Society talk at Christ Church
 14.12.13 Attendance at Bridlington Markets Event
 17.12.13 Sewerby Proclamation of Christmas in Sewerby Village

Total of 5 Civic Duties attended by the Town Crier

- 153.13 RESOLVED:** *The minutes of the Council meeting held on 20.11.13 are received as a true record.*
- 154.13 RESOLVED:** *The minutes of the Newsletter Committee held on 21.11.13 are approved.*
- 155.13 RESOLVED:** *The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 27.11.13 are approved.*
- 156.13 RESOLVED:** *The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 09.12.13 are approved.*
- 157.13** ERYC Response of Removal of Street Clutter from report from Mr Pickles:
 A discussion took place about the fact that the response from the ERYC only discussed signage issues in Bridlington and did not address the whole of Mr Pickles report i.e. issues also with speed humps, parking, parking charges and overzealous car parking wardens in Towns. Cllr Marsburg wished to share that he considered "A" boards and tables and chairs outside the curtilage of a business street clutter in that it was becoming increasingly difficult to walk without obstruction on the pavements of Bridlington, especially for the disabled and the elderly residents of the Town. Cllr Dealtry expressed his concerns about not supporting businesses of the Town and informed that the Street Scene Department at the ERYC normally tackle such matters routinely. Councillor Marsburg informed that he was unaware of this happening and still wished to have the matter addressed.
- RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved unanimously to write again to the ERYC to thank Mr Leighton for his response dated 05.12.13 but explain that the Town Council actually wished to know what the ERYC were going to do to address all of Mr Pickles points outlined in the attached report which included speed humps, parking in Bridlington, parking charges, overzealous car parking wardens as well as the signage issues. The Council also resolved to write to the ERYC Street Scene department to ask if they could investigate pavement obstructions i.e. "A" Boards, this resolution was supported by a majority vote.*
- 158.13** Bridlington Town Council Emergency Plan Update – signed by Mayor:
 Councillor Dealtry requested that he be added to the Bridlington Town Council Emergency Plan in the place of Councillor Metcalf for the near future to accommodate the current situation.
- RESOLVED:** *The Mayor signed the revised Emergency Plan with amendments which will then be forwarded to all the interested parties and retained securely in the Town Council Offices.*
- 159.13** To receive the monthly report from Skatepark Coordinator – November 2013:
 Councillor Finlay informed that the new junior skatepark area is almost complete and that there would be an opening hopefully on Saturday 21st December 2013 to mark its completion. Bridlington Town Councillors would all be invited and the Bridlington Free Press would be informed once the date and time was confirmed.
- RESOLVED:** *The report is noted with thanks.*
- 160.13** Update following Christmas Event in Bridlington – Cllr Dixon:
 The Mayor briefed the Council about the Christmas event and explained how well everything went on the day and mentioned that he had written to the Bridlington Free Press to convey thanks to all those involved to help make such a community day happen. The Mayor read out his letter of thanks to the Bridlington Free Press. The Mayor shared that he was particularly pleased that the day raised over £450 for his chosen charity the Bridlington MS Society.
- 161.13** To consider the ERYC Draft Bridlington Transport Strategy:
 Due to the fact that the comments are very vast for this Strategy could not possibly be collated effectively at the town council meeting a working group was proposed.

RESOLVED: *The Council resolved to create a working group to be able to collate a submission response that could be considered at January's Full Council meeting which would still be within the deadline timescales. The working group will consist of Councillors Chambers and Finlay.*

162.13 The following items of Correspondence were commented upon or otherwise noted:

- a) 07.11.13 Humberside Fire and Rescue Service – Efficiency Options (Bridlington not at risk):
- b) 13.11.13 Gallery 49 – Letter of Thanks:
- c) 14.11.13 Mr Hinde – Information of Awards from Local Company of Town Criers:
- d) 22.11.13 ERYC – Traffic Survey – Eighth Avenue – Conclusions:
- e) 22.11.13 ERYC – Traffic Survey – Limekiln Lane – Conclusions:
- f) 22.11.13 Mr Ashby – Letter Regarding Civic Dinners:
- g) 25.11.13 Hull & Humber Environment Forum – Bridlington Old Town, bus & minutes of Bus Forum:
- h) 25.11.13 Tony Brockbank – Information regarding WW1 Plaque in Burlington Methodist Church:
- i) 25.11.13 Save Our Ferriby Action Group – Information - Change of venue for Planning Inquiry:
- j) 25.11.13 ERYC – Street naming and numbering – for workshop rear of 11-13 Brett Street:

RESOLVED: *To contact the ERYC and convey that the proposed Butchers Row is supported by the Council.*

- k) 26.11.13 ERYC – Proposed Submission East Riding Local Plan:
- l) 26.11.13 ERYC – Temporary Road Closure – Marshall Avenue (previously distributed):
- m) 26.11.13 ERYC – Temporary Road Closure – Part of St Aidan Road (previously distributed):
- n) 26.11.13 ERYC – Review of Sex Establishment Policy:
- o) 27.11.13 ERYC – Request for Items for Overview & Scrutiny to form work programmes 2014/15:
- p) 27.12.13 ERYC – Temporary Emergency Road Closure – Cornfield Crescent (distributed previously):
- q) 28.11.13 EYTCN – Statement following a meeting with Cllrs Parnaby, Owen & Mr Pearson – the Mayor read the statement to the council.
- r) 29.11.13 ERYC – ER Local Plan Proposed Submission Strategy Document:
- s) 02.12.13 ERYC – Issues relating to the Code of Conduct and the reintroduction of Prejudicial Interests:

RESOLVED: *To amend the Bridlington Town Council Code of Conduct to reflect the inclusion of provisions relating to prejudicial interests and to receive the amended document to be approved at the next full council meeting in January.*

- t) 03.12.13 ERYC – Notification of Footways Maintenance Work, various location in Bridlington:
- u) 03.12.13 ERYC – Council Tax Support Funding Allocations to Parish and Town Councils:
Bridlington Town Council is being hit very hard by the funding allocations arrangements by the ERYC and therefore resolved to contact the ERYC to convey their concerns. Copies of the resolution are to also be forwarded to Mr Nigel Pearson, Mr Stephen Parnaby, Mr Greg Knight MP and Brandon Lewis MP:

RESOLVED: *The Bridlington Town Council informs East Riding of Yorkshire Council that it strongly objects to the proposed method of allocation of Council Tax Support to the Town and Parish Councils for 2014/15. Whilst accepting that a reduction of support for 2014/15 and future years is inevitable, any reduction should be applied to the support given in 2012/13 across all precepting Councils on a pro-rata basis. If the support for 2012/13 was deemed by ERYC to be fairly allocated, then that should be the base line for future reductions. All Councils have used the support to make a reduction on their Precepts. It would be unreasonable to penalise any Council which, for good and valid reasons, had increased their budgeted expenditure and therefore their proposed precept. The second part of method three used, that an increase of over two percent but under five pounds, does not in the view of this council treat councils in a like for like manner. However, the first part of method three, the percentage increase does and should therefore be the only test applied.*

- v) 04.12.13 ERYC – Notification of Carriageway Maintenance at Annerley Drive in 2014:
- w) 04.12.13 ERYC – Proposed 20mph Zone at North Marine Drive, Bridlington:

RESOLVED: *To contact the ERYC and convey that the Council support the proposed 20mph zone at North Marine Drive, Bridlington.*

x) 05.12.13 Bridlington Free Press – Community Sport Awards:

RESOLVED: *To contact the Bridlington Free Press to convey the unanimous support for the proposed winners of the Bridlington Town Council Community Sport award for 2014.*

y) 05.12.13 ERYC – 7 Day Traffic Survey – Bempton Lane:

z) 05.12.13 ERYC – 7 Day Traffic Survey – Cardigan Road:

aa) 05.12.13 ERYC – Graffiti Artwork Update:

bb) 05.12.13 ERYC – Community Clean Up Scheme – Request for Involvement of Councillors:

RESOLVED: *To contact the ERYC and convey that unfortunately there was no one available from the meeting to attend the proposed meeting on 18.01.14.*

cc) 06.12.13 ERYC – Update on Town Hall clock:

RESOLVED: *To provide the information from the ERYC to Mr Eddie Robinson for his information.*

dd) 06.12.13 ERYC – 7 Day Traffic Survey – New Burlington Road:

ee) 06.12.13 ERYC – Public Path Diversion & Definitive Map & Statement Modification Order:

ff) 08.12.13 Hull to York Rail Campaign via Beverley – request for support:

RESOLVED: *To contact the ERYC and convey support to request that the ERYC do not go ahead with the proposed changes to the Local Plan that would rescind the protection of the route of the Hull to York railway via Beverley.*

gg) 10.12.13 ERYC – Invitation to join the ERYC's Dog Fouling Pilot Scheme:

RESOLVED: *To contact the ERYC Environmental Control and convey that the following councillors would be interested in training; Councillors Copsey, Dealtry, Marsburg and Mrs King.*

hh) 11.12.13 ERYC – Temporary Road Closure – Regent Terrace and Esplanade, Bridlington:

ii) December 2013 – ERYC - Making time for winter leaflet – booklet to follow:

163.13 Newsletters & Minutes:

- i. Bridlington & Driffeld Area Community Partnership Notes of Meeting on 22.10.13:
- ii. ERNLLCA Newsletter – November 2013:
- iii. Bridlington Regeneration Partnership – Town Improvement Forum Minutes of 05.11.13:
- iv. WSSAAG notes of meeting of 11.11.13:
- v. Sewerby Village Residents Association minutes of meeting from 25.11.13:
- vi. East Riding Parish News – December 2013:
- vii. Bridlington ~ Millau Newsletter – Christmas 2013:
- viii. ERNLLCA Newsletter – December 2013:

164.13 Statement of balances and to approve the schedule of accounts for payment:

The bank balances at 7th December 2013 stood at:

Account Name	Account Number	Account type	Balance £
Town Council	51385488	Business A/C	£1.00
Town Council	93662969	Deposit A/C	£89,328.27
Town Council	70985333	Deposit Bond A/C (Community Projects Reserve)	£200,000.00
Town Council		Petty Cash	£125.41

Accounts paid since: 14-Nov-13

Bridlington Town Council:

Receipts In:

Cheque/BACS	Date	Payer	Description	Amount
CR	07-Dec	HSBC	Gross interest to 6-12-13	£216.35
Chq Dep	27-Nov	S Hutchinson/Brid Lions	Bridlington In Bloom donation	£183.14
Cash Receipts				
PC63	30-Nov	Doggy Bag Sales	Doggy Bag Sales	£48.00
Total Receipts				<u>£447.49</u>

Payments Out:

Cheque/BACS	Date	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS 57/58	29-Nov	Staff	November staff costs	£2,648.74
DD	19-Nov	N Power	office electricity	£49.46
BACS 59	02-Dec	BKR Distribution	50% Balance on Completion	£306.25
		British Telecom	Telephone and Internet charges	£442.76
		ERYC	St Johns Rates pmt 9/10	£120.00
		ERYC	Office Rates pmt 9/10	£157.00
		ERYC	St Johns November cleaning	£1,198.72
		IB2K Ltd	Room Hire FC 16-10-13	£20.00
		Yorks Moors Xmas Trees	3 Christmas Trees for the town	£405.00
		Yorkshire Water	St John's water bill	£88.64
		Yorkshire Water	Office Water bill	£28.19
101461	28-Nov	Poppy Appeal Bridlington	Wreath for remembrance day	£18.00
101462	28-Nov	Chaiin Cycles	Helmets for Gasworx Team (From PAG)	£70.00
101463	28-Nov	Loyal Company of Town Criers	Membership renewal for Town Crier	£40.00
Petty cash	30-Nov	November Petty Cash Exps	Xmas event expenses & stationery	£646.91
DR	28-Nov	HSBC	Bank charges to 6-11-13	£16.70
Total Payments				<u>£6,256.37</u>

RESOLVED: *The accounts are approved for payment.*

Signed:

Mayor of Bridlington

Date: