



**BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th October 2017**  
**in the Key Centre, at the rear of Christ Church, Quay Road, Bridlington**

Present: Councillors B Croft, C Croft, Dixon, Finlay, Heslop-Mullens, Holmes, M Milns & T Milns a total of eight (8) Councillors. Also in attendance was Inspector Robert Cocker (Humberside Police, Deborah Fagan (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) and Chief Superintendent Phill Ward (Northbank Commander & Communities SLT), one (1) member of the press and one (1) member of the public and Mrs Paula King, Town Clerk took the minutes.

**119.17 The Deputy Mayor's Welcome:**

Councillor C Croft welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the intention to audio record the meeting.

**120.17 Apologies for absence:**

**RESOLVED:** *Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Copsey, Dealtry, Foster & Marsburg.*

**121.17 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:** *There were declarations of interest from Councillors Finlay, M & T Milns declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 on the agenda as they are East Riding of Yorkshire Councillors (ERYC).*

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

**RESOLVED:** *There were none.*

**122.17** Inspector Robert Cocker of Humberside Police, Deborah Fagan, from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Chief Superintendent Phill Ward, Northbank Commander & Communities SLT (10 min brief, 5 min questions):

Inspector Cocker briefed about the local issues that Bridlington have been facing in recent months including burglaries and car break ins and reported that both were back to normal levels and that many were simply down to insecure windows and vehicles. The message to the residents is to be aware of security and not to leave Christmas presents in vehicles coming up to the festive period. Inspector Cocker updated that the Skatepark had only received four (4) calls over the summer that were dealt with by the Police and that Anti-Social Behaviour had also seen an increase over the summer and that groups had been identified and appropriately dealt with. The Inspector shared that drug intelligence was continuing to be effective and on-going in Bridlington.

Councillor Finlay enquired if the Police were going to be at the Bridlington Fair and if they would be able to share their attendance on social media and the Inspector confirmed that they had specific orders to do so. Councillor Dixon enquired if the Inspector could confirm whether, as had been suggested on Social Media, the rise in burglaries could be attributed to the Travellers who recently visited Bridlington and the Inspector shared that he was not aware that there were any travellers linked with the recent burglaries and that it is normally as a result of drug users needing to find funds to pay for their addiction. Councillor Holmes enquired about the numbers of officers in Bridlington and the Chief Superintendent responded that those types of enquiries were more his domain than the Inspectors but the Inspector added that there were an additional eleven (11) officers in Bridlington for the duration of the fair being in the town.

Chief Superintendent Phill Ward briefed that he was very new to post and was the Area Commander for Hull and the East Riding. He was very pleased to inform that there is to be an increase in officers for this area and that he is planning the staffing levels for the patrols, policing and investigations in the area. He is looking currently examining the performance measures and indicators for the whole of the North Bank to pool effective resources to ensure that they are all where they need to be. He informed that he is awaiting the Chief Constables final agreement on an increased communities staffing level of 60% of which will mean an increase of staff in the region of 120-130 officers to the area. This is extremely good news for the Northbank and once they are approved for implementation he will ensure that they are allocated appropriately to needs. Needs vary so much in rural areas to times of year and the Chief Superintendent advised that his initial work is to ensure that the assessments taking place across the area looked at manpower response times, patrolling and investigations with the types of demand also assessed in these rural areas with specific times of year benefitting from appropriate needs being met. The Chief Superintendent informed that his plans moving forward to next year will see that people are allocated appropriately; work load and investigations will be increased and staff are engaged to ensure that it is a good place to work. The Chief Superintendent shared that he has a positive approach to the next twelve (12) months and as soon as he can he will share the positive increases in staff as this is extremely good news for the East Riding and Bridlington.

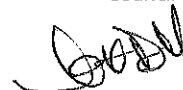
Councillor Finlay enquired if the Police had decided whether certain crimes will be investigated or not. The Chief Superintendent responded that when a call is made it is prioritised and acted on according to needs i.e. the impact on the victim and the vulnerability of those involved. Councillor T Milns enquired about the 101 Service and asked when improvements to this Service were to be implemented. The Chief Superintendent advised that the 101 Service now benefits from the Queue Buster which records the caller number to phone back when the demands on the 101 Service has reduced. Councillor Holmes informed that residents had shared to him that many crimes were unreported as individuals trying to report matters to 101, after being on hold for long periods of time, were eventually informed by the Police that they should report the matter on line and were not doing so. The Chief Superintendent considered that significant improvements were required in this area and that he hoped that Queue Buster would help alleviate some of these issues. Councillor Dixon commented on the Anti-Social Behaviour Six Monthly Statistics dated 16.10.17 that was provided to the meeting in that he was particularly pleased to see the Bridlington North Ward statistics. Councillor M Milns discussed issues that were occurring on the West Hill Estate/Bessingby Gate area in Bridlington. Councillor C Croft enquired about Policing the sale of Fireworks in Bridlington and the Inspector shared that this is regular seasonal work and that historically the Police have worked well with Trading Standards to ensure the safety of the children. The Chief Superintendent finished by sharing that there was now a Senior Police Officer based at Bridlington and that he was a Community Officer.

Deborah Fagan introduced herself and clarified that she was not part of the Police and that her role as one of the four (4) newly appointed Engagement Officers was to work alongside the Police and support the community. The Engagement Officer shared how the current PCC is more strategic and not engaging with the community as much as he would potentially like and why the Engagement Officer posts have been created to ensure that there are no gaps in the service delivery through this very varied role in the East Riding. The OPCC are working with the Police and the Community Safety Partnership reviewing and reinvigorating by effective and appropriate allocation of funding. The Engagement Officer shared how there are currently two (2) funding streams; crime reduction and one-off block funding for looking at bigger projects. The PCC roles are very varied and can deal and manage issues from a victim who feels unsupported to attending and assisting at strategic partnership meetings to ensure effective networking and empowering communities occurs at all levels. Councillor M Milns enquired about the visibility of the work undertaken by the PCC and the Engagement Officer shared that she is the area contact and feeds information or concerns to the PCC who is keen to see the strategic work in place.

Everyone was thanked for their attendance and they all left the meeting.

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

The Chairman of the Bridlington Central Action Group (BCAG) shared that he was happy to hear the positive news the Police Inspector, the Police Superintendent and the Police Crime Commissioner



BCAG will be implemented as an umbrella organisation, which will see the BCAG working with neighbourhood watch groups and the Police to ensure that all local issues were being raised and addressed locally.

**124.17** To receive the civic duties:

Mayor & Mayoress:

27.09.17 British Darts Organisation at the Bridlington Spa  
 03.10.17 Charity Stall Collection at Morrisons Bridlington  
 06.10.17 Toast of the Coast Awards at Scarborough Spa  
 08.10.17 Mayor's Civic Service at the Priory Church  
 10.10.17 Central Action Group Meeting  
 11.10.17 Small Grants Cheque Presentation at the Town Council Office  
 12.10.17 Piano and Violin Concert at Sewerby Methodist Church  
 13.10.17 25 Years of Barchester Healthcare at Mallard Court  
 14.10.17 Higher Education Awards at the Priory Church  
 14.10.17 Last Night of the Proms at Sewerby Methodist Church  
 18.10.17 Bridlington Fair

**Total of 11 Civic Duties attended by the Mayor & Mayoress**

Deputy Mayor & Deputy Mayoress:

22.09.17 Hornsea Floral Hall  
 27.09.17 British Darts Organisation at the Bridlington Spa  
 03.10.17 Chamber Meeting – *Briefing notes attached for information to Councillors*  
 06.10.17 City of Culture Concert in Hessele  
 08.10.17 Mayor's Civic Service at the Priory Church  
 10.10.17 ERNLLCA Meeting

**Total of 6 Civic Duties attended by the Deputy Mayor & Deputy Mayoress**

Most of the Other Councillors:

27.09.17 British Darts Organisation at the Bridlington Spa  
 08.10.17 Mayor's Civic Service at the Priory Church  
 11.10.17 Small Grants Cheque Presentation at the Town Council Office

**Total of 3 Civic Duties attended by other Councillors**

**125.17** The minutes of the Council meeting held on 20.09.17 as a true record:

**RESOLVED:** *The minutes of the Council meeting held on 20.09.17 are received as a true record.*

**126.17** The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee meeting on 09.10.17:

**RESOLVED:** *The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 09.10.17 are approved with amendments.*

**127.17** The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on 10.10.17:

**RESOLVED:** *The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 10.10.17 are approved.*

**128.17** To consider the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation:

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to either individually respond on line to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment consultation or pass to the Clerk their completed hand written responses.*

**129.17** To consider the ERYC – Community Safety Partnership Survey 2017:

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to either individually respond on line to the ERYC Community Safety Partnership Survey consultation or pass to the Clerk their completed hand written responses.*

**130.17** To consider the Autumn Newsletter 2017 for proofing for printing:

**RESOLVED:** *The Bridlington Town Council Autumn Newsletter 2017 was approved with amendments.*

**131.17** To consider the Bridlington Draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans - submission:

**RESOLVED:** *The Council thanked Councillor Finlay, Mrs Exon, Mrs King and a Member of the public for their time with collating a response and resolved to approve and submit the collated comments to the ERYC for the Bridlington Draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans. The submission is as follows:*

1. *Table 1.1 (page 4) – The six stages of LCWIP.*

*Number 2 in the table - Gathering Information - Whilst a number of the following are most probably beyond any council's control they should be taken into consideration as possible barriers to cycling and walking as many people, adults and children, do not cycle as they are not very confident cyclists and are too scared to cycle on the roads. The attitude of some drivers contributes to this hugely. There are numerous people who have cycled previously who have been put off cycling by road conditions and driver attitudes.*

*Number 4 in the table - Footpaths would benefit from improvement as the area floods with some sections unmade and become very muddy and people commuting on foot to work end up having to negotiate alternative footwear due to the state of the areas. In particular, the Dukes Park footpaths, which are a very popular short cut for walkers. Sections of the footpath are unmade and become very muddy in wet weather, one section near to the tennis club can be flooded and unpassable for several weeks in prolonged spell of wet weather. This area would also benefit from the removal of the no cycling zone. This area would also benefit from the installation of CCTV as there have been incidents of flashers, muggings and drug dealing in the area which would deter people from utilising these routes on personal safety concerns.*

2. *When the roadworks were undertaken in the town centre the bike racks have been removed and not replaced and cyclists are struggling finding and securing their bicycles when they wished to go into town. Specific locations where they have been removed and not replaced are:*

- *Outside Barclays & HSBC Banks on Manor Street*
- *Chapel Street*
- *Promenades have some but not enough*

*It is considered that most town centre locations would benefit from having Bike Racks situated.*

**132.17** To consider a report regarding Bempton Lane – Councillor Dixon:

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to resolve to contact the ERYC again to reiterate the request that the bottom end of Bempton Lane (near the lights) is deemed of a condition so unacceptable and dangerous that the works to put right are included as essential works in the capital works maintenance programme as soon as possible.*

**133.17** To consider a report regarding Training for Councillors – Councillor Dealtry:

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to incorporate into the Town Council's Standing Orders that all Town Councillors are recommended to be trained in accordance with the Local Council Award Scheme with training potentially purchased from ERNLLCA at the beginning of every four year term of office.*

*The Council also resolved that supplementary refresher training could be provided by the office staff half way through the Council Four Year Term of Office should it be required.*

*The Standing Orders will "lay on the table" until the November full council meeting where the decision for amendment will be taken and adopted.*

**134.17** To consider the update from the Working Group for the Royal Navy Freedom of Entry to Bridlington:

**RESOLVED:** *The report was noted.*

**135.17** To receive the Monthly Report from the Skatepark Coordinator – September 2017:

**RESOLVED:** *The report was noted with thanks.*

**136.17** To receive a Christmas update for 2017:

**RESOLVED:** *The report was noted and the poster was approved.*

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

- a) 20.09.17 ERYC – Roadwork Proposals for Lansdowne Road/Crescent, Bridlington.
- b) 22.09.17 Mr English – Letter Honouring World War Two Veterans. The Councillors discussed how important D-Day World War Two Veterans are to the Country.

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to respond to Mr English to thank him for his letter and to inform him that they are very pleased to hear that other Town Council's also value Veterans of their Towns. The Council wished to inform Mr English that it is currently waiting on permission from the principal authority (the East Riding of Yorkshire Council) to place a Veterans Memorial Stone into the Bridlington War Memorial Gardens to honour all Veterans.*

- c) 25.09.17 ERYC – Response regarding BTC request for Amendments to Public Spaces Protection Order 2016 regarding Dog Exclusion. The Council discussed at length the reasons behind the exclusion request and decided that many elderly people who have dogs wish to pay their respects in the War Memorial Gardens. It appears to be a small minority of people who allow their dogs to behave inappropriately. Councillors are requested to forward information regarding offenders to ERYC directly for the Dog Wardens to be able to take action.

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to contact the ERYC to convey that they would not like to move forward with a dog exclusion amendment to the Bridlington War Memorial Gardens. The Council also resolved to contact the Dog Warden at the ERYC to enquire if it would be possible to request regular patrols in the area with a view to hopefully catching perpetrators and awarding Fixed Penalty Notices. The Council wished to enquire if there was any appropriate signage that could be placed on all three entrances to the War Memorial Gardens to remind users that it is a place of respect and that it is a dog on lead area.*

- d) 25.09.17 Morrison – Response regarding BTC Shopping Trolley Issues. Councillor M Milns shared that he considered that the system that Morrisons is proposing to implement would not be effective. Councillor Dixon reported that regular trolley collections were being undertaken by Morrisons. Councillor Finlay suggested the Town Council's Newsletter could assist Morrisons by sharing contact details of the Bridlington Store to enable people to be able to report trolleys that had been removed.
- e) 28.09.17 ERYC – Road Works Newsletter for Hilderthorpe Road & Emergency Temporary Closure of Hilderthorpe Road, Bridlington.



- f) 29.09.17 Mercury Group – Extraordinary People Awards – Nominations:

**RESOLVED:** *There were no nominations from the meeting. The Council was pleased to be informed that Councillor Dealtry had been nominated and that the Angela Bare Mastectomy Bra Charity that the Town Council had recently supported had also been nominated.*

- g) 02.10.17 ERYC – Response to Complaint from BTC regarding Limekiln Lane.  
 h) 05.10.17 ERYC – Update for Bridlington War Memorial Permissions for Installation of a Flag Pole and Veterans Memorial Stone.  
 i) 06.10.17 ERYC – Town and Parish Council Name Banks.  
 j) 09.10.17 ERYC – Put forward a topic for scrutiny. Councillors Finlay and T Milns can take items to their relative ERYC meetings should Councillors wish them to.  
 k) 09.10.17 Humber Nature Partnership – Presentation to Council.  
 l) 10.10.17 Officer attendance at district committee meetings survey 2017 - Response:

**RESOLVED:** *The Council considered the information and completed the form is authorised for submission.*

- m) 11.10.17 H.A.R.T – Parish Letter – Petition regarding Transport Inquiry – Response:

**RESOLVED:** *The Council considers this a very important matter for Bridlington and resolved to respond individually on line to add the Councillor's voices to the petition.*

- n) 11.10.17 ERYC – Notification of Footway Maintenance Works - Recon Package 2017-18.

**RESOLVED:** *The Council noted the information and resolved to contact the ERYC to request that 103-111 Martongate is also added to the programme of footway maintenance work for this financial year.*

**138.17** Newsletters/Agendas & Minutes – attached unless otherwise stated:

- i. Recovery – The Damage Management Magazine (available on request) Summer 2017:
- ii. ERNLCA Newsletter – September 2017:
- iii. ERSAB Newsletter – September 2017:
- iv. Bridlington Central Action Group minutes of meeting of 12.09.17:
- v. Bridlington Market Traders Cooperative Ltd minutes of meeting of 20.09.17:

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to contact the Bridlington Market Traders to request future meeting dates of the Bridlington Market Traders Cooperative Ltd to enable the Councillors to attend meetings as previously agreed.*

- vi. Bridlington Local Links Forum notes of meeting of 26.09.17:
- vii. Sewerby Village Residents Association minutes of the meeting of 03.10.17:
- viii. Bridlington Youth Coalition (BYC) minutes of meeting of 05.10.17:
- ix. H.A.R.T. Newsletter – Winder 2017:

**139.17** The statement of balances and to approve the schedule of accounts for payment:

**RESOLVED:** *The accounts are approved for payment with amendments.*

**140.17** Items for inclusion on the next agenda for Wednesday 15.11.17. There were none.

Signed:



Mayor of Bridlington

Date:

15.11.17