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Christmas Lights 2007

The Council wishes to apologise for the standard of last Christmas' festive lighting, the supply and installation of which was to a large extent outside of its immediate control. A new lighting company had been contracted to supply and install a redesigned display, but due to problems with the delivery of the equipment and the co-ordination of the installation, only part of the proposed display was eventually installed.

The Council was grateful for the co-operation and support it received from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's lighting section that enabled some of the lights to be switched-on from the Yorkshire Coast Radio stage and subsequently helped to install additional lights immediately following November's Christmas Festival.

The 2007 Christmas Festival came close to not taking place and was eventually made possible with the support of a grant from the Town and Parish Flood Fund and a supplementary budget from the Town Council's balances. The savings on the festive lighting contract will more than cover the Council's costs incurred in staging the Festival.

Outstanding Loan to Bridlington Community Partnership Ltd

Much has been written regarding the Council's loan to the company that operates the Bridlington Community Resource Centre. During 2006 the Council loaned BCP Ltd £18,000 that was subsequently repaid in full with interest. In November 2006 the progress of converting No. 8 Victoria Road as an extension to the Community Resource Centre was stalling and the Council agreed to loan BCP Ltd a further £70,000. £10,000 of the loan was repaid in May 2007 and since then the Council has extended on several occasions the proposed repayment date. At its meeting held in January 2008 the Council's patience ran out and it resolved to instruct its Solicitor to instigate recovery proceedings which will involve an application through the County Court for a charge on BCP Ltd's property. It is understood, at the time of writing this article, that an offer to purchase No. 8 Victoria Road has been made by an undisclosed party and it may be that some of the proceeds from the sale will be used to clear the Council's loan, the accrued interest and legal costs.



Cllr Ray Allerston

As I approach the end of my year as Mayor I reflect on the various duties I have undertaken. It has been a busy year and I have without exception enjoyed every part of it. One event that I regret being unable to attend due to another commitment was the opening of the new play area at Bessingby Gate. The Deputy Mayor Councillor Padwick stood in for me on that occasion.

As a council we are united in our efforts to persuade the NHS Trust that the services of the Bridlington Hospital should be maintained in their entirety to serve our residents and visitors.

I am delighted to say that the new Skatepark is nearing completion and I expect it to be opened before my term of office ends in May this year.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank every single person who has contributed to my charities with donations of money, prizes and the purchase of raffle tickets.

I wish you well for the coming year.

Best wishes for springtime to all residents from the Town Council

Bridlington Area Action Plan (AAP)

The Council was consulted regarding the local Area Action Plan and passed the following resolutions:-

- (i) The Council criticises the format of the consultation questionnaire and would therefore question the validity of the responses from the public;
- (ii) The Council considers that to preserve and enhance the character of the town, new build should be sympathetic to, and in keeping with, the predominantly late Victorian or Edwardian type of architecture;
- (iii) A multi-storey car park should be incorporated within the Burlington Parade development;
- (iv) The Council does not favour any building at the west end of the harbour or proposed new south pier that is unconnected to marine activities, in accordance with the Coastal Planning Guide - Marina Section;
- (v) The Council considers that no buildings should be erected on South Cliff garden;
- (vi) The Council does not favour the proposed location of a town square. The preferred location should be Prince Street, with it and Cliff Street closed to through traffic. Also, to open up King Street to



The Gypsy Race - in Bridlington's AAP

- traffic and parking and relocate the market to the Town Square in Prince Street;
- (vii) The Council considers that the relocation of the foreshore fun fair to elsewhere would have a beneficial affect on the town;
- (viii) The Council questions the renaming of Hilderthorpe Road as Burlington Parade;
- (ix) The Council considers that in the event of the loss of the Leisure World swimming pool, that an Olympic-size replacement is constructed first;
- (x) The Council considers that the proposal to open up the lane leading from Bridge Street to the harbour is quite unnecessary and a waste of public finances;
- (xi) The Council considers that the proposal to build 600 housing units in the town centre is excessive, unless they are to be allocated to persons who cannot afford or do not aspire to acquire private transport;
- (xii) To request what proportion of the local population has responded to the AAP.

FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

• All Full Council Meetings are open to the public

Month	Date	Meeting	Time	Location
March	18th	Extra Council Meeting	19:00	Council Chambers, Town Hall
April	3rd	Newsletter	14:00	Comm. Resource Centre, Victoria Rd
	7th	Plan. & Env.	13:00	Comm. Resource Centre, Victoria Rd
	8th	Full Council	19:00	Council Chambers, Town Hall
	15th	Fin. & Gen. Purp	19:00	Council Chambers, Town Hall
April	28th	Plan. & Env.	13:00	Comm. Resource Centre, Victoria Rd
	6th	Annual Parish Meeting	19:00	Council Chambers, Town Hall
May	7th	Skatepark Meeting	19:00	Council Chambers, Town Hall
	19th	Plan. & Env.	13:00	Comm. Resource Centre, Victoria Rd
	20th	Full Council	19:00	Council Chambers, Town Hall
	27th	Fin. & Gen. Purp	19:00	Council Chambers, Town Hall
June	9th	Plan. & Env.	13:00	Comm. Resource Centre, Victoria Rd
	18th	Skatepark Meeting	19:00	Council Chambers, Town Hall
	30th	Plan. & Env.	13:00	Comm. Resource Centre, Victoria Rd

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YOUR SAY - RESPONSES

These are from the set of questions in the Winter Newsletter

1. Would a Budget hotel (e.g. Travel Lodge) be a good idea when attracting conferences?
YES - 38.5% NO - 61.5%
We need a good 4/5 Star hotel - 46% of respondents

2. Do we need more shops to attract visitors and for ourselves?
YES - 50% NO - 50%
We need a department store or larger, quality shops - 20%

3. Proposed 560 new dwellings in the centre of town - comments.
YES - 46.2% NO - 53.8%
If built they must have suitable infrastructure e.g. parking, waste disposal and services for the increase of population - 30%

4a) Proposed linear park along Gypsey Race.
YES - 72.7% Don't Know - 27.3%
4b) Proposed Town Square
YES - 27.3% NO - 9% Don't Know - 63.7%
The don't know element in these answers is high particularly for the Town Square. This probably indicates that few of the respondents have seen the AAP (Area Action Plan) This was probable because public consultation was of short duration, not in the evening, and with very complex forms online. The forms could not be filled in without cross referencing to policy documents, this being difficult online.

4. Did winter parking charges affect your visits to Town and the Seafront last year? Will this be the same this winter?
YES - 66.6% NO - 33.3% Will this be the same this year - 58.3%
This question aroused very strong feelings, typical comments were "we are being prevented from enjoying our front (including Danes Dyke and Flamborough Head and Landings) and shopping". "We go elsewhere where parking is free, to spend our money". "The car parks are so empty because of the high charges, is ERoYC and therefore the ratepayers incurring large management deficits?" "Just because the car parks are empty this does not mean residents don't use the Town, they just rush in and out. If there was a residents car park permit they would be full".

YOUR SAY

Please respond by letter or e-mail to the Editor
Cllr. Pam Austin - c/o the Council's office
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1. Comments are requested on the Town Council's Resolutions concerning the Area Action Plan.

- Do you think the town should retain Victoria/Edwardian building styles?
- Should any building be erected on the South Cliff garden?
- Should the funfair be relocated from the Royal Prince's Parade?
- If the Leisure World pool is to be relocated, where should this be? Also, how large should the new pool be?

2. Would it be a good idea for the town to have a Town Crier as we don't have a local daily paper to spread news?

3. Do we need a parish review, in particular to look at the number of councillors. Each Bridlington Town Councillor represents twice as many electors compared to elected members on other East Riding towns and parishes?

YORKSHIRE REGIMENT FREEDOM PARADE

On Saturday, June 21st the 2nd Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment (Green Howards) will exercise their Freedom of Bridlington by parading with fixed bayonets and standards flying to the accompaniment of a 30-piece military band. It is anticipated that over 500 troops will take part in the parade, which is scheduled to step off from outside the 3-B's Theatre on the Promenade at 2 p.m. The Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding will take the salute from a dais in Prince Street. The parade will circle round via Garrison Street, Cliff Street and Cross



Street to form up in Prince Street for an inspection of the Battalion. The parade will then make its way via Queen Street, Bridge Street and South Cliff Road to the Bridlington Spa for a civic reception.

It is planned to minimise disruption to traffic with the Police facilitating the parade's progress by the use of rolling road closures. The Battalion has been serving in Afghanistan during 2007/2008 and next June's event will be an opportunity for Bridlington residents and visitors to show their appreciation.



Photo: A detachment of the 2nd Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment (Green Howards) at the granting of the Honorary Freedom of Bridlington in 2006.

GASWORX SKATEPARK

The Gasworx Skatepark is on schedule to be open for Easter, with the contractual completion date being 21st March.

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Prices:

3 hour session:	Members - £3.50	Non-Members - £4.25
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Nick Johnson
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