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## RECENT COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

To canvass the Bridge Street traders, whose custom has been extensively disrupted for various reasons and to write on their behalf to see if a reduction in non-domestic rates can be achieved.

To defer nominations to vacancies on certain outside bodies until the outcome of the by-elections are known.

Not to offer a financial contribution towards the retention and expansion of the Community Warden Service throughout Bridlington in 2009/10.

## LATEST NEWS FROM EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL - COMMUNITY WARDENS

The Corporate management Team (ERYC) have recommended the following Financial package to the Town Council. (Town Council's response - see Resolutions Article)

For 6/7 Wardens to patrol whole Town on a rota basis - £195,000 per annum

**2009/2010** Town to pay 50% i.e. each household increase of £6.00 in precept

**2010/2011** Town to pay 33% i.e. each household to pay increase of 17% on the £6.00 plus usual 3 to 4% cost of living increase above previous year

**2011/2012** Town to pay 25% i.e. each household to pay an extra 8% on the previous amount plus cost of living increase

This does not include any changes in the general service cost. The Town Council will be pleased to receive your opinions on these recommendations, and our resolution.

Bridlington Town Council declines ERYC's invitation to share in the financing of the Community Wardens Scheme. Should ERYC decide to proceed alone, it is suggested that finance be obtained from the substantial revenues of Bridlington's car park charges.



Cllr Liam Dealtry, Mayor of Bridlington

Christmas is shortly upon us all once again and it is my honour as your Town Mayor to offer my greetings.

In what has been a hard year for us all with the loss of many close friends, colleagues and loved ones, the dreadful news about the demise of services at Bridlington Hospital and the financial credit crunch that has devastated families not just in Bridlington but nationwide, I am also aware of the continuing efforts against terror that involves our boys and girls either born or living in the area upholding freedom and democracy in different theatres of war around the world.

At this time of the year when we pray for peace and goodwill to all, I would ask that on Christmas morning you take a moment to give thanks and reflect on the year that is soon to be over and to remember what Christmas is all about.

On behalf of the Mayoress and the members and staff of the Bridlington Town Council I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe, peaceful and hopefully, prosperous New Year!

## A Happy Christmas & A Prosperous New Year from the Town Council

### BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Congratulations to everyone involved in Bridlington's success in this year's Yorkshire in Bloom competition. If you missed the news - Bridlington came top in the coastal town section and has been nominated to represent the region in Britain in Bloom 2009. The Council is looking to support next year's entry with some additional funding. If you would like to sponsor an area of planting or to provide hanging baskets please contact Councillor Shelagh Finlay via the Council's office.



The Civic Service parade makes its way to the Spa

### ANNUAL CIVIC SERVICE

Bridlington Town Council's Civic Service was held on Sunday 16th November at the Emmanuel Church, Cardigan Road, Bridlington.

Reverend Chris McCarthy conducted the Service and there were readings by the Mayor of Bridlington, Councillor Liam Dealtry and Honorary Alderman Gordon Reed and with a last minute re-schedule, due to illness, the Chairman of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Councillor Bryan Pearson also very kindly agreed to do a reading.

The parade was headed by the Humberside & South Yorkshire Army Cadet Force Band and they were followed by a fabulous display of Standards, then came many of the East Riding's Civic Dignitaries and lastly Cadets from the Bridlington Branch of the Humberside and South Yorkshire Army Cadet Force, cadets from 252 Sqn Bridlington Air Training Corps and cadets from the Bridlington School Combined Cadet Force. The Lord Mayor of Hull, Chairman of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and the Mayor of Hedon were kind enough to inspect the cadets before the parade commenced.

The parade made its way to the Spa Bridlington for refreshments afterwards.

## FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

• All Full Council Meetings are open to the public

### January 2008 - February 2009

Planning & Environmental Newsletter	Monday 5th January 2009	Town Council Offices
Finance Council	Thursday 8th January 2009	Town Council Offices
	Wednesday 14th January 2009	TBA
	Wednesday 21st January 2009	Council Chamber - Town Hall
Planning & Environmental	Monday 26th January 2009	Town Council Offices
Planning & Environmental Council	Monday 16th February 2009	Town Council Offices
	Wednesday 18th February 2009	Council Chamber - Town Hall
Finance	Wednesday 25th February 2009	TBA
Planning & Environmental Council	Monday 9th March 2009	Town Council Offices
	Wednesday 18th March 2009	Council Chamber - Town Hall
Planning & Environmental	Monday 30th March 2009	Town Council Offices



**Waste Recycling Doesn't Cost The EARTH**  
Earth Centre, Easton Rd, Bridlington



**The Spa BRIDLINGTON**

**Cinderella**


Monday 15 Dec 2008 to Sunday 4 Jan 2009

**Paul Daniels & Debbie McGee**  
as Baron Harp & Fairy Godmother

**Terry Gleed**  
as Buttons

South Marine Drive, Bridlington, East Yorkshire YO15 3JH  
Box Office: 01262 678258 www.thespabridlington.com

EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL



**Hull & East Yorkshire Credit Union**

*Have a Happy Christmas with your Credit Union*

Many of our customers are now giving a sigh of relief because they joined the Christmas Savings Account last year.

Saving for Christmas really eases the strain of the most expensive time of year.

**It's never too soon to start saving for next year, and you will be safe in the knowledge that you will have a truly happy Christmas.**

4 – 6 Victoria Rd, Bridlington.  
Tel: 01262 679946

**Why not call in to find out more?**  
Open Monday 10 – 12  
Thursdays & Fridays 9.30 – 3.30

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## YOUR SAY - RESPONSES

**What Events should Bridlington stage?**  
Radio Roadshow

- 40% Must Have, 27% Perhaps, 33% No Way

Sandcastles & Sculptures

- 53% Must Have, 47% Good Idea

Volleyball/Football

- 40% Must Have, 20% Good Idea, 27% Perhaps

Windsurfing Festival

- 66% Must Have, 7% Good Idea, 27% Perhaps

Sand Yachting Festival

- 66% Must Have, 7% Good Idea, 27% Perhaps

Airshow

- 46% Must Have, 27% Good Idea, 27% No Way.

**Other suggestions** - Beach Barbecues, Designer Kite Flying Competition, Children's summer play area (indoor). These results have been forwarded to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's tourism and regeneration officers.

**What are your views on Offshore Wind Turbine Farms?**

- Should be considered 71% against 29%,

Hazard to shipping

- 50% not hazardous depends on location 50%

Affects on view & amenity

- 33% may not affect - depends on location 67%

## WHAT DOES THE TOWN COUNCIL DO?

The Town council responds to consultation papers from central and local government bodies highlighting local issues, such as:- Primary Care Trust questionnaires; housing density, Area Action Plan (the 10 year development plan), transport and parking policy, derelict buildings plus the Planning & Environment Committee reviews all proposed developments and makes recommendations to approve or refuse to the planning authority (East Riding of Yorkshire Council), which 99.5% of the time agrees with the Town Council's views. In addition to putting forward the local view the Council also funds the following services:-

**Public Conveniences:-** Old Town (all year); Sewerby Cricket Pavilion (summer only);

**Bus shelters** (those that serve the town services exclusively) - the Council has responsibility for four located on Station Avenue, Burstall Hill, Matson Road and Bessingby Gate;

**A Small Grants budget** to assist events and voluntary organisations in Bridlington;

**The Civic Office** coordinates the duties of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor;

**Gasworx Skatepark & CCTV system** (this has provided first-time employment opportunities as well as providing a much needed facility for Bridlington's young residents and our visitors too);

**Christmas lighting; Seafront flags; Footway lighting;**

**Bessingby Gate children's playground** (maintenance and insurance);

**Statutory allotments** (Ducky Dyke is leased to the Marton Road Allotment Society);

**The Council's quarterly newsletter** distributed to over 16,500 homes; The recent by-elections to fill three vacancies were 100% funded by the Council;

**Two part-time officers** (the Clerk and Administrative Assistant) staff the Council's office;



## COMPARE THE AMOUNTS LEVIED IN THE COUNCIL TAX BY OTHER TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

(AMOUNTS APPLY TO 'D' BAND PROPERTIES IN 2008/09) :-

BEVERLEY - £38.47 DRIFFIELD - £60.94 FLAMBOROUGH - £38.13 GOOLE - £149.72 HORNSEA - £71.33 BRIDLINGTON - £15.12

We can only do more if you, the Council Taxpayer, are willing to fund the services. Are there any additional services you would like your local council to provide?

1. Are there any footpaths in your area that need a) lighting b) resurfacing or c) clearing?
2. This newsletter is to inform you. What do you want to see in it? Let us know what you like or dislike about it.
3. Do you have long queues at your bus stop for a Town Centre Service? Is a bus shelter needed?

Please reply to the Editor - Cllr Pam Austin via office or e-mail [cllr.p.austin@bridlington.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.p.austin@bridlington.gov.uk)

## GRANTS DELAYED

Due to the unknown cost of funding three by-elections, the Council has held over the consideration of a number of grant applications. It is hoped that the applications can be considered in the near future.

## WALKING FOR CHARITY

Andrew Monk is walking 5,000 around the United Kingdom to raise funds for research into Multiple Sclerosis. Details of how to donate are on my website - [www.walkamile.co.uk](http://www.walkamile.co.uk) - the link at the bottom says 'Click here to sponsor me online', and that takes you to a page with an online donation button, and also lists the addresses of the two charities I am raising funds for in case anybody wants to send their donation directly to them.

**Here are the addresses:-**

MSRI Fund, 36 Ashdene Crescent, Harwood, Bolton, Lancs BL2 3LW

The British Trust For The Myelin Project, 139 Hulme Hall Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 6LQ



Picture courtesy of Bridlington Free Press

Andrew Monk welcomed by Cllr Liam Dealtry and members of the Town Council, on Bridlington harbour

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON - 5th DECEMBER

The Council wishes to formally thank the following for making the Christmas Lights switch-on event happen:- Phil White and colleagues at Radio Humber, Stuart Hicken of East Coast Experience, Wayne Morris of In-house Sound and Light, the Original English Blues Brothers, Natalie Anderson, Bridlington Choir, Andy Hire (for the loan of a generator), Advanced Scaffolding, Roary the Tiger, Leon the Lion, Phil Darby and the Community Warden Service, Lesley Salisbury at E.Y.E.S., the Mayor's charities collectors.

## INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS ON THE TOWN COUNCIL

At present we only have 12 councillors, this means you have a much lower democratic representation than other Town and Parish councils. e.g. Flamborough has 16 Parish Council members for a much smaller population. So when you use the telephone numbers on the back of this newsletter you will not always get your councillor in one go. This is unacceptable in comparison with other local Town/Parish Councils. Also it decreases the services we can provide.

Under section 80 of the 2007 Parish Reviews are devolved to the Principal Authority so if we send a petition to The East Riding of Yorkshire Council this can be changed to up to 21 councillors at the next elections in 2011. Time is needed to organise a petition.

**LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD HELP WITH OR SIGN A PETITION**

Remember this will only cost extra calling notices and document preparation for meetings as **Your Town/Parish councillors do not receive any wages or expenses.** Expenses are only paid to the Mayor or Deputy Mayor for civic duties. Article source Cllr. Bob Owen

## MULTI USE GAMES AREA

A report is due to be considered by the December meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on the construction and marketing of a multi-use games area (MUGA) to be sited alongside the Gasworx skatepark. This facility would provide a significant additional income stream and thereby help to reduce the Council's subsidy of the managed service.




At A.Thompsons this Christmas we have great prices on D.I.Y and gardening things. So don't miss out come and see for yourself.  
A.thompsons 176 Quay Rd  
Phone number: 01262 674273

**BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
Would like to wish all Bridlington Residents a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year

*Please remember to use your local shops when Christmas Shopping - they need your support*

