

# BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006 in the Council Chamber Bridlington Town Hall

**Present:** Councillors Mrs. M. Chadwick, M Charlesworth, L Taylor and Mrs W Taylor (4)  
C Smith, Clerk to the Council, recorded the minutes.  
One representative of the media and fourteen members of the public were also in attendance.

### 153/06 Welcome by the Mayor:

Councillor Taylor welcomed the members, the representative of the media and members of the public to the meeting.

### 154/06 Apologies for absence:

**RESOLVED:** Apologies for absence were received and approved from: Councillors R Adamson, Mrs C Allerston, R Allerston, Mrs D Clark, D Grange, R Harrap, C Marsburg and J Wilkinson.

### 155/06 Mr Iain McInnes, Interim Chief Executive of the Scarborough and North East Yorkshire Healthcare NHS Trust, address to the Council on the Discussion Paper "A future role for Bridlington Hospital"

Mr McInnes' address was given with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Government policy is to reduce the number of hospital beds in line with increased care in the community. Changes in treatment, new techniques and new drugs entering the market means that patient care will undergo change. It is important that patients are correctly assessed so that they are admitted to the correct hospital to meet their needs. 65% of 999 calls within the Bridlington area are transported for admission to the Scarborough Hospital. Adequate training for junior doctors is vital and in many disciplines Bridlington Hospital does not provide sufficient training opportunities. The East Riding of Yorkshire Primary Care Trust plans to implement a community services strategy and Bridlington Hospital will be developed to provide complimentary services as well as acute care. The minor injuries unit will be integrated with community services (local GP's and the out of hours doctor service) to provide 24-hour cover. Patient transport to and from hospital will be looked at. The shortage of nursing and residential care accommodation may be addressed by the Hospital. Some additional consultant input for ante and post natal services will be considered but the low birth rate in Bridlington (50 per annum) does not warrant the retention of a maternity unit. Staff retention and recruitment is an issue due to the limited opportunities for qualified practitioners to practice their skills. The local consultants need to be better integrated into Scarborough Hospital's consultant provision. New X-ray technology will improve service delivery and the possibility of a 'one-stop' diagnostic and assessment service for certain conditions. Specialist day treatments such as renal dialysis and chemotherapy will be expanded. A review of the acute medical services provided will be undertaken to ensure that services are safe, sustainable and affordable whilst seeking to maintain a broad range of acute medical services on the Bridlington site.

Mr McInnes answered questions from the members and kindly agreed to take additional questions from members of the public.

The Mayor thanked Mr McInnes for his presentation and invited him to return for a public meeting during the official consultation period.

Signed: *Leslie Taylor*

Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Mayor of Bridlington