



## BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in the Community Resource Centre, 4-6 Victoria Road, Bridlington

Present: Councillors R Allerston, P Austin, M Charlesworth, S Finlay, J Foster and C Marsburg (Chair). Also in attendance were four (4) members of the public, Mr Thompson, Mr Winterbottom, Mr Riddiough and Mr Felton.

Councillor Austin recorded the minutes.

#### 122/09 Mayor's welcome:

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Mayor then made the following statement; "We have called this extraordinary meeting to review and accept the findings of the Audit Commission's report. But firstly on behalf of this Council I wish to apologise to the people of Bridlington for not being able to recover the monies owing to us from the loan we made to the Bridlington Community Partnership. The Council at the time was ill advised, and they made a poor error of judgement. By association I feel a certain sense of responsibility, as I was a member of the Council at that time. But the loan was made in good faith to facilitate the expansion of services the resource centre provided to serve the wider community. This Council has been taught a very expensive lesson and policies will be put in place to ensure that this will never be repeated in the future. As far as I am concerned the matter is now over and done with".

#### 123/09 Apologies for absence:

**RESOLVED:** To receive and accept apologies for absence from Councillors L Chambers, A Charlesworth, L Dealtry, S Marsburg, D Metcalf and R Owen.

#### 124/09 Public participation:

Mr Thompson Stated that he felt that the Council were ill advised and that there have been several errors since the inception of the Council in 2000. He felt that there were failures in the decision-making processes within the Council.

Mr Felton Stated that he felt the same as Mr Thompson and reiterated the above comments.

Mr Winterbottom Stated that with there being so few public in attendance at the meeting it would seem that the public agree with the Councils activities.

125/09 There were no Code of Conduct declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda.

#### 126/09 Report in the Public Interest from the Audit Commission:

The Council considered the report.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) To accept the report in its entirety.
- ii) To accept all the recommendations within the report.
- iii) To ensure that all the recommendations are integrated into Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- iv) To present the amended Standing Orders and Financial Regulations at the next full Council meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 for adoption.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Mayor of Bridlington**