

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 26th September 2006 in the Bridlington Community Resource Centre 4-6 Victoria Road, Bridlington

Present: Councillors Mrs C Allerston, R Allerston, Mrs M Chadwick, D Grange, R Harrap (Chairman), C Marsburg and L Taylor. Mr C Smith recorded the minutes.

23/06 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Mrs D Clark and J Wilkinson

24/06 Code of Conduct declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

25/06 The relocation of the Council's offices:

The Clerk presented an update on the relocation of the Council's offices to the ground floor of the Community Resource Centre which was due to have been implemented in January 2006. The Centre's management has proffered no firm date for the move.

Recommendation:

The Clerk enquires of the Centre's management to see if there is any assistance, which the Council can offer, and reports back.

26/06 The following grant applications were considered:-

- a) Bridlington Community Partnership Limited - £2,000 towards the establishment of a Life Skills Kitchen

Recommendation:

In accordance with the power granted under section 137 of the LGA 1972 the Council offers a grant of £500 on condition that the establishment of the Life Skills Kitchen will not duplicate a service already provided by another locally based agency or body.

- b) Save/Support Bridlington Hospital Campaign Group - £500 towards the maintenance of the group's website.

Recommendation:

The Council recognises the efforts of the Bridlington Hospital Campaign Group and would consider making a grant towards a specific project rather than funding the Group's day to day operating costs.

27/06 Telephone Call Screening System:

Following the receipt of a report based on the analysis of telephone calls received by the Council, the Clerk was requested to obtain a quotation for the installation of equipment to screen calls seeking to contact the principal authority.

The installation of a BT 'ISDN' service will not only give the Council's staff the ability to screen unwanted calls but there will be a small saving on the quarterly line rental costs. Also, switching the call provision service from The Phone Co-op back to BT will deliver additional cost savings.

Recommendations:

1. The Council contracts with BT for the installation of an ISDN service on the basis of £1,622.80 equipment cost plus an installation charge of £249;
2. The Council cancels its contract with The Phone Co-op for call provision charges and contracts with BT for call provision service for a minimum contract period of 5 years.

Signed:*Leslie Taylor***Date: 7th November 2006****Mayor of Bridlington**