

## **BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006 in the Bridlington Community Resource Centre 4-6 Victoria Road, Bridlington**

**Present:** Councillors D Grange, R Harrap (Chairman), L Taylor and J Wilkinson. Mr C Smith recorded the minutes.

**28/06 Apologies for absence:**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors R Adamson, Mrs C Allerston, R Allerston, Mrs D Clark and C Marsburg.

**29/06 Code of Conduct declarations of interest in items on the agenda:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**30/06 Yorkshire Belle's Diamond Anniversary in 2007:**

**Recommendation:**

To present a Council wall plaque and framed citation to the operators of the Yorkshire Belle in recognition of the vessel's contribution to Bridlington's tourism 1947 – 2007.

**31/06 Maintenance of the proposed Bessingby Gate play area:**

The principal authority's housing department has offered to pay a percentage of the maintenance costs based on the number of council owned dwellings on the West Hill estate. Grounds Services has estimated a total annual cost of £1,200 to include a weekly inspection, a ROSPA annual inspection and repairs to minor vandalism.

**Recommendations:**

1. The Council agrees to meet a percentage of the annual maintenance costs of the proposed children's play area on Bessingby Gate;
2. The Council writes to the principal authority to request that it reviews its policy of non-maintenance of new children's play areas.

**32/06 Internal Auditor's interim report (April to September 2006):**

The Internal Auditor reported that on the basis of his examination of the Council's accounts he remains satisfied that the records continue to be well maintained by the Clerk and are free from material error.

**Recommendation:**

The Internal Auditor's half-year report is received.

**33/06 The acquisition of a Sharp photocopier:**

The principal authority's contract with Xerox was not renewed and the new supplier is offering Sharp photocopiers. In February 2006 the Council resolved to purchase a replacement for its existing Xerox mono photocopier and for the exchange of machines to take place when the Council moved offices to the ground floor of the Community Resource Centre. The preferred model has now been superseded and the cost has increased.

**Recommendation:**

The Council acquires a Sharp MX2300N photocopier on a five-year lease at a cost of £215.39 per quarter plus service and consumables at 0.47 pence per mono copy, 4.9 pence per colour copy.

**34/06 The following grant applications were considered:-**

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

The Committee deferred a decision for more information. The applicant, following the meeting, subsequently withdrew the application.

- b) **Home-Start Bridlington & Driffield Ltd**  
(£1,000 towards the recruitment and training of volunteers)

The Committee deferred a decision on this application to its meeting in January.

- c) **West Hill Community Services Ltd**  
(£1,500 as third party funding to match a WREN grant)

**Recommendation:**

In accordance with the power granted by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 19, the Council makes a grant of £1,500.

**35/06 Nomination for the Chairman's Commendation for Excellent Service:****Recommendation:**

To support Beverley Town Council's nomination of a principal authority officer for the Chairman's Commendation for Excellent Service.

**36/06 Council's draft budget 2006 – 2007:**

The Committee considered the draft budget and recommended that, as amended, it is presented for the Council's consideration at its meeting in January.

Signed:

*Leslie Taylor*Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006

Mayor of Bridlington