

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 18th September 2007 in the Bridlington Community Resource Centre 4-6 Victoria Road, Bridlington

Present: Councillors P Austin, M Charlesworth, S Finlay (Chairman) and C Marsburg.
There was one member of the public in attendance & Mrs King recorded the minutes.

28/07 Apologies for absence:

Councillor R Allerston, L Chambers & A Padwick

29/07 Code of Conduct declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

There were no declarations.

30/07 Council's office accommodation:

Considering the dramatic increase in rent and the unresolved condition of the proposed downstairs offices and in view of the repayment of the outstanding loan deadline being so close it was felt prudent to re-present this item again on the next F&GP agenda and to take the following measures:

RESOLVED: The Clerk is requested to undertake a 2 month lease for the current Town Council offices.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) *to continue to investigate the possibility of alternative office premises within Bridlington*
- 2) *to investigate the business rates incurred in the Community Resource Centre and to investigate typical business rates in Bridlington*
- 3) *to consider undertaking a lease for the downstairs office space once the loan is repaid.*

31/07 Litter Bins:

Litter bins have been requested by a member of the public for Sewerby and Danes Dyke areas, the East Riding of Yorkshire Council at the present time have no budget to cater for more litter bins and unfortunately the Bridlington Town Council's current budget does not account for this amount of expenditure either. The current Bridlington Town Council litter bin fund is linked to the floral budget.

RESOLVED: *This item be deferred until later on in the year as to ascertain if there is any remaining current budget available and to consider this proposal at that time. If there is we will consider providing in this financial year, if there is no budget available at the end of the financial year it is proposed that we consider adding this proposal into our next years budget.*

32/07 Flood Relief Grant from the principal authority:

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council have consulted the Bridlington Town Council on flooding relief grants, of which they are proposing to put £5,000 in place as a "Town and Parish Fund". The funding is limited to communities affected by the floods and there cannot be any ongoing revenue consequences for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. There were no reports of flooding to any member of the Committee but Bridlington has been listed as "at flood risk".

RECOMMENDATION: *There being no precise proposal with there being no flooding within the Bridlington Area we do not apply for the flood relief grant at this time but should flooding become an issue in Bridlington to apply with a precise proposal to enable the residents of Bridlington to take advantage of this fund should they need to.*

33/07 Adoption of bus shelters:

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council wrote to the Bridlington Town Council to request that they assume full legal ownership of the bus shelter and the responsibility for their continued upkeep on Bempton Lane and Church Lane once they have been upgraded and the Bridlington Town Council allocated £1000 as a one off maintenance grant.

RESOLVED: *The Clerk write to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to inform them that the bus shelters have not been allocated any budget in the current financial year and that for Health and Safety reasons would like to ensure the maintenance was currently continued by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council with a view to consider adopting said bus shelters as part of our next budget.*

34/07 Gasworx Project subsidy:

The Skatepark Project Manager has compiled a report outlining the requirement for a subsidy to be provided for in the first year of trading.

RESOLVED: *After considering the report the subsidy of £40,000 be set aside from the next budget for the Skatepark's first year of trading to cover for all eventualities with the hope that it be reinstated when it is making revenue*

35/07 Christmas Lighting scheme & the Christmas Festival:

After considering the report from the Clerk it was considered that there was very little that could be resolved due to the lack of funds currently available from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and the lack of interest from any of the contacted agencies.

RESOLVED:

- 1) *The Clerk is requested to arrange a series of meetings with Halifax, HBSC, Barclays & Iceland for Saturday 29th September to try to encourage these organisations to assist in someway with the Christmas Festival to be attended by Cllr's Finlay, and hopefully Allerston & Padwick*
- 2) *Cllr Austin, the Bridlington Town Council Staff and the Town Centre Manager investigate the possibility of a Festival without major funding.*
- 3) *There be no supplementary £1,000 added to the Xmas lighting budget at this current time*

36/07 Telephone calls:

The Bridlington Town Council offices have undertaken a three week survey of telephone calls that highlighted the amount of calls that were for other agencies was continually over 54%, predominantly the principal authority, which identified a need for a telephone screening equipment due to the disturbance and disruption these calls produce.

RESOLVED:

- 1) *There being no available budget available for the equipment at this time this be deferred and considered incorporating into the next budget and alternative costing be investigated*
- 2) *The Clerk is requested to write to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to ask them to re-educate the residents of Bridlington in the East Riding of Yorkshire Council News of their contact details for services that they provide*
- 3) *The Editor of the Bridlington Town Council's Newsletter is to compile an article to be incorporated into the next Bridlington Town Council's Newsletter.*

Signed: *Raymond Allerston*

Date: 23rd October 2007

Mayor of Bridlington