

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 30th October 2007 in the Bridlington Community Resource Centre 4-8 Victoria Road, Bridlington

Present: Councillors R Allerston, P Austin, S Finlay (Chairman), C Marsburg and A Padwick.
Councillor L Taylor attended as an observer; one member of the public and the Clerk recorded the minutes.

37/07 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Chambers and M Charlesworth.

38/07 Code of Conduct declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

There were no declarations of interest.

39/07 A request from the Head of Priestley House, Headlands School and Community Science College:

The Council has been approached by the Headlands School and Community Science College to provide a cup, shield or plate for presentation at the end of the school year.

RECOMMENDATION: *The Council provides an engraved wall plaque to be presented annually as a citizenship award.*

40/07 The ERYC's Parish/Community Emergency Plan:

Following the flooding in June 2007 the principal authority is planning to update its Parish/Community Emergency Plan and is seeking feedback from towns and parishes.

RESOLVED: *To set up a sub-committee of Councillor Austin, Finlay and Marsburg to review the plan.*

41/07 Consideration of the responses to the 'Your Say' section in the autumn newsletter:

Community Wardens –	(a) Should we retain the Community Wardens?	Yes 22.6%	No 77.4%
	(b) Should their area expand to cover the whole of Bridlington?	Yes 9.0%	No 91.0%
	(c) Should the service be funded by the precept?	Yes 9.0%	No 91.0%

Feral & Wild Birds –	Should the Town Council take steps to cull pigeons and gulls?	Yes 76.7%	No 23.3%
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Should the Town Council survey derelict properties and check these with the appropriate authorities?	Yes 93.4%	No 6.6%
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Council declines to accept management or financial responsibility for the continuation of the Community Warden service when the external funding expires;
2. The Council writes to the principal authority requesting that it takes the matter of the feral pigeon and herring gull populations seriously and sets out a strategy for resolving the increase in numbers;
3. The Council continues to feed public opinion on eyesore structures through Councillor Padwick's membership of the Eyesore Committee.

42/07 The half-year budget report:

A half-year budget report was presented for the members' information.

RESOLVED: *The half-year budget report is received.*

43/07 RESOLVED: *In accordance with the power granted by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Media are excluded from the meeting on the grounds that confidential matters will be discussed:*

44/07 Consideration of tenders for the operation and maintenance of the Old Town public conveniences.

Following an advertisement in the Council's newsletter two tenders were received.

RESOLVED: *To retain the services of the existing contractor.*

45/07 Consideration of the proposed Office Licence Agreements and the Clerk's report:

Bridlington Community Partnership Limited has increased the cost of leasing office space within the Bridlington Community Resource Centre and proposes to levy business rates on top of the cost of the office leases.

RESOLVED: *1. To withhold the signing of the revised leases until such time the value of the NDR is known.*

2. The Clerk is authorised to continue his investigation of office accommodation and to report back.

46/07 The Civic Officer's report on the Chains of Office:

RESOLVED: *The Mayor is to consult his insurer regarding cover whilst the chains are in his possession.*

Signed: *Ray Allerston*

Date: 4th December 2007

Mayor of Bridlington