

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 3rd December 2008 at the Community Resource Centre, Bridlington

Present: Councillors P Austin, L Chambers, M Charlesworth and S Finlay (Chair)
Councillor Austin recorded the minutes.

65/08 Apologies for absence:
Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor R Allerston, Councillor L Dealtry and Councillor C Marsburg

66/08 Code of Conduct declarations of interest in items on the agenda:
There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

67/08 Civic Service Report:
Participants enjoyed the Civic service. Comments made were:

a) The wait for refreshments was not short and participants should not have been serving out drinks, these were also delayed for the cadets and other participants in their room. Why did this happen when the parade arrived exactly at the specified time?

b) There was insufficient seating for guests and additional seats were brought after a delay.

RESOLVED: *To accept the report.*

68/08 Christmas switch on update:
A problem had occurred because the Christmas Tree Lights (LED) for King St. and Sewerby were missing from the storage area of the Community Resource Centre. As the switch on was imminent two sets of lights were reserved at Eastfield Garden Centre.

RESOLVED: *Authorisation given to purchase lights from Eastfield Garden Centre for £100.00 with V.A.T.*

69/08 Loan Update:
No further update available at present.

70/08 2008 -2009 Grants:

RESOLVED: *To defer any grants until the January meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.*

71/08 To consider the 2009-2010 draft Budget:
Three additional cost centres were agreed.

RESOLVED: *The Personnel budget agreed, to insert £3,000 for any possible Legal Fees, Gasworx subsidy to be £20,000, As MUGA had received planning permission £20,000 subsidy to be allowed if the project agreed by full Council. An extraordinary Finance & General Purposes meeting to be held before the January Council meeting to finalise option.*

72/08 RESOLVED: *In accordance with the power granted by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Media be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that confidential matters will be discussed.*

73/08 To receive the Gasworx's Manager's Report:

RESOLVED:

- i) *Customer Useage – members to read the report data and e-mail questions to the Chair before the January Finance meeting*
- ii) *Gasworx Manager to provide Cllr. M Charlesworth with final breakdown for first Six months of trading April – September i.e. Income Expenditure and Balance*
- iii) *A staffing rota for the winter months to be forwarded to members of the Finance and Staffing committees.*

74/08 To Consider Office Telephone System:

There is an incoming calls overload in the Council Offices.

RESOLVED: *Costings and research are required for the next meeting on the installation of the system we have in stock.*

Signed: *Liam Dealtry*

Date: 17th December 2008

Mayor of Bridlington