

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 28th May 2008 at the Gasworx Skatepark, Bridlington

Present: Councillors P Austin, L Chambers, M Charlesworth and S Finlay (Chair)
One member of the public. The Clerk recorded the minutes.

01/08 RESOLVED: Councillor S Finlay is elected as Chairman of the Committee for the Council Year 2008-09

02/08 RESOLVED: Councillor P Austin is elected as Vice Chairman of the Committee for the Council Year 2008-09

03/08 RESOLVED: To receive and approve apologies from Councillors Allerston, Dealtry, Marsburg and Padwick

04/08 Code of Conduct declarations of interest in items on the agenda: There were no declarations of interest.

05/08 The provision of IT for elected members and their training needs:

The Clerk's report considered whether members should have access to a broadband connection to the Internet, whether the Council ought to provide a computer and expenses and what training the members might require.

RESOLVED: i) All members should have access to the Internet;
ii) Training in the use of the Internet should be provided to members.

06/08 RESOLVED: The Clerk is to attend a meeting of the Bridlington Youth Council and to report back.

07/08 RESOLVED: To place member and officer attendance at the Joint Training Conference in Scarborough from 26th to 28th September 2008 *on the Council's next agenda*.

08/08 RESOLVED: To communicate to the Town Centre Manager that an evening switch-on for the Christmas Lights 2008 *would be acceptable and to advise that there is no provision within the Town Council's budget* for the Christmas Festival.

09/08 Further consideration of the Council's small grants policy:

This item was referred back by the Council for further consideration of the time of year that grants are awarded and the maximum size of a grant.

RESOLVED: i) A fixed sum (currently £2,500) is set aside for the funding of major events (eg. The Artsfest, Bridlington in Bloom, etc.) and that this fund is awarded annually in January;
ii) The remaining budget (currently £5,500) is to be awarded annually in October with a maximum grant of £500.

10/08 RESOLVED: The Clerk is authorised to acquire model policies from Simply Docs at an annual cost of £95.

11/08 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:

12/08 The Gasworx Manager's report:

The Manager presented a verbal report supported by bank statements, which confirmed that the Gasworx Skatepark was trading well especially considering the inclement weather experienced during April. Mr Johnson was requested to submit subsequent reports in writing for the members' consideration prior to the Committee's meetings.

Signed: *Anthony Padwick*
Mayor of Bridlington

Date: 18th June 2008