



BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Environment Committee Held on 9th June 2025
in the Bridlington Town Council Offices, 2A Marshall Avenue, Bridlington 12:00pm

A meeting was held with five (5) Councillors M Heslop-Mullens, R Pollard, Andy Walker, Angie Walker and C Verda (Chair),

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) recorded the minutes of the meeting.

There was one member of the public present.

01.25/26 The Responsible Financial Officer welcome everyone to the meeting (with Notification of Recording & Fire Disclaimer).

02.25/26 To Elect a Chair:

RESOLVED: *Cllr Carlo Verda was elected Chair.*

03.25/26 To Elect a Vice Chair:

RESOLVED: *Cllr Mike Heslop-Mullens was elected Vice Chair.*

04.25/26 Apologies for Absence:

RESOLVED: *Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr C Marsburg due to illness.*

05.25/26 Declarations of Interest:

a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in the report of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

RESOLVED: *There was one declaration of non-pecuniary interest, from Cllr Andy Walker, on item 9 on the agenda as Cllr Walker will be providing a verbal report on this item.*

b) To note dispensations given by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

RESOLVED: *There were none.*

06.25/26 Public Participation session to include items on the agenda (two minutes per person – maximum of 15 minutes) to include members of the Public and Councillors with non-pecuniary interests.

RESOLVED: The committee introduced themselves to the member of public present. The gentleman is a Plot Holder at the Bridlington Town Council Allotments (Formerly Ducky Dyke Allotments) and wished to speak about some concerns he has since the Council has taken responsibility for the running of the site back in house.

The Plot holder felt that communication between the council and plot holders had been lacking. He advised that only a small percentage of plot holders utilised the Allotment Facebook page and that the best method of communication was via the site notice board.

He expressed an issue with the amount noted on the accounts as a staffing cost and is concerned that as a result of the council taking back the site that plot rents would be increased. The plot holder spoke of the funds passed to the council from the ceased Ducky Dyke Allotment Association as being 'their' (Plot holders) money and questioned the council's authority to use these funds. The RFO advised that the funds were monies paid to the Ducky Dyke Allotments Association (leaseholder) for rent of a plot, which the Association then held for maintenance and improvement of the site. Those funds had been transferred to Bridlington Town Council (Landowner) on cessation of the Ducky Dyke Allotment Association. The Chair of the Committee advised that these allotments rent funds were set aside and would only be used for the benefit of the allotment site as per the intended purpose.

The Plot holder advised the committee that he would like them to hold a meeting specifically for the Allotments Plot holders. No meeting was agreed but the plot holder was advised that all committee members are contactable by telephone and email in addition to the office being open Monday to Friday 9:00m to 2:30pm for visits and is also contactable by telephone (with answerphone) and email.

He advised that Plot holders wished to be able to undertake some maintenance of the site if this meant that it helped to reduce staffing costs, but they would need some equipment to be purchased from the allotment funds to do so. The RFO advised the committee that it would need to consider how its legal obligations and duty of care in respect of Health and Safety and relevant regulations could be ensured in that situation. This would need further investigation before anything could be agreed.

07.25/26 The allotments month end bank reconciliations for 30/04/25:

RESOLVED: *The committee received and noted details of the Bank Reconciliations.*

08.25/26 The Summary Reports for the Bridlington Wi-Fi (May 2025):

RESOLVED: *The committee noted details of the report.*

09.25/26 The Verbal update on the Promenade of Fame project (Cllr Andy Walker):

RESOLVED: *The committee resolved to create a working group specifically for this project, which would consist of all Environment Committee members, plus identified relevant external partners – yet to be agreed.*

10.25/26 The Follow Up report from David Paley of the Woodland Trust:

RESOLVED: *The committee noted details of the report.*

11.25/26 The Items of Correspondence:

RESOLVED: *The items of correspondence were noted unless otherwise indicated.*

- a) 30/5/25 – Email from Allotments Plot Holder – the committee requested that the notice board be secured for exclusive use.
- b) Update on the resident correspondence on the agenda from 19th May 2025

Signed:

Mayor of Bridlington

Date: