



BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL (BTC)
Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15th May 2024
in the Town Council Offices, 2A Marshall Avenue, Bridlington at 6pm

The meeting was held with Councillors Arrand, Arthur, Dealtry, Heslop-Mullens, Marsburg, M Milns, T Milns, Pollard, Andy Walker & Angela Walker total of eleven (11) in the room. Four (4) other Members of the Public were present at the meeting.

The Town Clerk recorded the minutes.

The RFO and the Administrative assistant were in attendance.

01.24/25 Mayors Welcome & the Election of the Mayor of Bridlington for the Council Year 2024-2025:

Councillor Arthur thanked everyone for their attendance and welcomed everyone to the meeting he read out the declarations for recordings of meetings and Fire plans.

Councillor Arthur then called for the election of Mayor of Bridlington to commence.

Councillor Arrand was proposed by Councillor Arthur and seconded by Councillor T Milns.

RESOLVED: With a unanimous vote Councillor Arrand is elected Mayor for the Council Year 2024-2025.

02.24/25 Declaration of acceptance of office by the Mayor of Bridlington:

Councillor Arrand read out the declaration of office and duly signed it before the nominated Proper Officer of the Council. Councillor Arrand thanked the Councillors for voting for him to be Mayor of Bridlington. Councillor Arthur presented Councillor Arrand with his Chains of office.

03.24/25 To receive and accept apologies for absence:

RESOLVED: Apologies received from Cllr Norman

04.24/25 The Mayor's announcement of the Mayoress/Consort and charity for the Council Year 2024-2025:

Councillor Arrand announced that Mrs Kim Arrand, his wife, would be his Mayoress for the Mayoral Year 2024-2025. The Mayor's chosen charities for the year would be The Kingfisher Café, and a local Dementia group still to be decided.

05.24/25 The outgoing Mayor's report on civic duties, departing speech and presentations:
Civic Duties, Responsibilities & Training from 18th April 2024 – 15th May 2024

Mayor & Mayoress:

21.04.24 Mayor of Market Weighton Civic Service

22.04.24 ROBOT AGM

28.04.24 Bridlington Food Festival opening

28.04.24 Mayor of Pockington Civic Service

04.05.24 Opening of Bondville Model village

07.05.24 Bridlington Nursery talk to children

14.05.24 ERYC Chairmans Awards

15.05.24 ERYC Local Growth Meeting – Bridlington SPA

Total of 8 Events attended by the Mayor & Mayoress

Deputy Mayor & Deputy Consort:

13.05.24 BTA General Meeting

14.05.24 BCAG

15.05.24 ERYC Local Growth Meeting – Bridlington SPA

Total of 2 Events attended by the Deputy Mayor & Deputy Consort

Other Councillors:

22.04.24 ROBOT AGM Councillor Ray Pollard
 22.04.24 ROBOT AGM Councillor Angela Walker
 24.04.24 Councillor surgery – Councillor Angela Walker
 02.05.24 Bridlington Health Forum A.G.M – Councillor Angela Walker
 15.05.24 ERYC Local Growth Meeting – Bridlington SPA

Total of 5 Events attended by Other Councillors

Omitted from Previous Minutes – to be added:

For Information ONLY

Staff:

01.05.24 CILCA – Ericka Kelly
 02.05.24 Procurement Training – Ericka Kelly
 02.05.24 Procurement Training – Victoria Exon
 15.05.24 ERYC Local Growth Meeting – Bridlington SPA

Total of 4 Events attended by Staff

Throughout this Town Council Year, the Mayor and Mayoress undertook 90 duties; the Deputy Mayor & Deputy Mayoress undertook 44 duties; other Councillors undertook 86 events and Staff attended 46 events.

Councillor Arthur proceeded to undertake his outgoing speech:

Well, here we are, at the end of my term as the Mayor of Bridlington. What a journey! I just wanted to take a moment to express my sincere thanks to you for your passion and your dedication to our wonderful town of Bridlington, and to most of you for your support to me personally. The year has really flown by, and it is hard to believe that we seem to have arrived so quickly at this moment. I would particularly like to thank Ericka, Victoria and Nikki for really stepping up and making such a positive difference in the office, they have been such a help to me. I have tried to carry out all my duties with decorum and gravitas when acting in a public place representing this great town as expected in the role of Mayor, hopefully with some success. Particular thanks to my ward residents in Old Town, I will continue to work with all the associations there to see what can be done to make a real difference to the area.

I have been astounded by the efforts made by some of the Councillors and the dedication and time they put into supporting the town and its well-being, I look to them now with a new admiration, please continue your efforts. You are doing a remarkable job; you know who you are. I will continue to strive to be even half as good as you.

My reception from the residents of the town has been warm and welcoming at every single occasion and event we have supported, and considering we have only lived here for three years it shows how friendly the residents of this great town are.

Over the past year, we've had some laughs together, some sad times, and we've had some tough times, and although we have all been elected to make Bridlington the best it can be I don't feel that we have made very much progress at all as a town council to that mandate. We are, after all, servants of the public. I think, together, we could have achieved so much more.

We have taken some steps to improve our infrastructure and bus stops and protect our environment but it is clear that we must continue our efforts to sort out a comprehensive plan for the town's future. In forty years

working in industry, as a school governor, as director of my own business and working in association with organisations such as the EU, there has always been in place a defined plan for the future, and I was genuinely surprised at the wave of reluctance to create one which still continues to this day. We need to work with the local associations and residents and envision what we all want Bridlington to look like in the coming years and ensure that our actions today align with that vision, and having met with East Riding County Council today it is clear that we are now in a position to achieve it. Some of the surrounding smaller towns in the East Riding have far reaching and ambitious plans in place – they are surprisingly good at it and we should learn from them.

Things we must do better;

- 1) Use the influence in a planned and coherent manner of the East Riding Councillors present on the Town Council to better effect for the benefit of the town and the town council.
- 2) Create a vision of some kind, even if it is only one year, although three or five is better.
- 3) Collaborate with the Town Councils of Hornsea and Withernsea to ensure that we get the best deal for the East Yorkshire coast as a whole with the County Council. Both Mayors are very much in favour of this collaboration.

My champion project is still the creation of a large sculpture of a Lobster in the harbour, originally mentioned to me by Mike and now in the sights of East Riding Council, and my stretch challenge is to progress the creation of a Marina in the town. I have a whole host of documentation to sift through before starting off down this road again, and I plan to get together all interested parties to look at what can be learnt from the mistakes of the past.

Every single association, organisation, club and society I have spoken to this year seems hugely in favour of it so I almost feel that we have an obligation to start again however painful the journey may be.

As I step down from this role, I want you to know that serving as the Mayor has been the honour of a lifetime. I've met so many incredible people, heard so many inspiring stories, and made memories that I will cherish forever. I have really enjoyed supporting The Hinge and The Homeless Hub as my charities and I will continue to help them in the future. Some organisations and individuals in the town have been remarkable, The RNLI, The Lions, Angela Langton, the Cadets, the Health Forum, the numerous care homes, far too many organisations to list entirely, really do make a difference and the Town Council should look to these for inspiration.

High points for me personally, the Christmas light turn on with Peter Levy and the great food festival, arriving on Santas sleigh, what a great day that was, the great fairs of Bridlington and Hull, the investment of Neil Bowler in the Priory, the Lord Mayor of Hull's civic service and lastly and certainly most significantly the Christmas dinner at the Homeless Hub which was a tremendous success. There are many other great events but those stand out as particular high points for me.

Having been to all the other local councils' civic services and civic dinners around the East Riding I can truthfully say that the Bridlington events were by far the best, we set a very high bar for the other councils to follow. Many thanks to the office staff for driving that.

On a personal note, I will miss the wonderful times as Mayor but it will be good to get my weekends back for more family time and an easier ride selecting holiday periods. Special thanks to my wife Diane for supporting me for the year and committing fully to the role of Mayoress. The skydive in particular was amazing, something I could not do!

So, here's to Bridlington, a town filled with heart, soul, and endless possibilities. Thank you for letting me be a part of the journey. I can't wait to see where we go from here.

I would like to wish the new Mayor, Rick Arrand, and the new deputy Mayor all the best as they embark on their year, and I hope that they enjoy the role as much as I have and do what they can to help improve and raise the profile of our town.

Take care, everyone, and remember: We do what we can, we push what we can't and we influence and drive the bigger challenges through others.

Councillor Arthur presented the Council with a set of engraved water jugs and tumblers for use at Council meetings, as his gift to the Council. The Mayor presented Councillor Arthur with an engraved plaque and his past Mayor's medal.

06.24/25 The election of the Deputy Mayor for the Council Year 2024-2025:

Councillor Angie Walker was proposed by Councillor T Milns and seconded by Councillor Dealtry.

RESOLVED: With a majority vote Councillor Angie Walker is elected Deputy Mayor for the Council Year 2023-2024.

07.24/25 The Deputy Mayor's announcement of Deputy Mayoress/Consort for the Council Year 2024-2025:

Councillor Angie Walker thanked the councillors for their support and announced that her husband, Mr Thomas Graham Walker, would be her Deputy Mayor Consort for the Council Year 2024-2025.

08.24/25 Mayors Cadet 2024-2025 – from the Bridlington Sea Cadets:

RESOLVED: that the Mayors Cadet will be carried over to a future meeting as not all of the correct paperwork has been received to the office to enable this to happen.

Signed:

Mayor of Bridlington

Date: