

**BRIDLINGTON RENAISSANCE PARTNERSHIP
STRATEGIC PARTNERS MEETING
Thursday, 15 September 2016 at 1pm
Held at Bridlington Business Centre**

Minutes of the meeting

Present	Representing
Andrew Warner	Chair
Isla Pickup	Bridlington Tourism Association
Maureen Bell	Town Improvement Chair/Bridlington Civic Society
Helen Woolridge	East Riding College
Joan Turner	Town Improvement Forum
Nigel Atkinson	Officer
Denise Cowling	Officer
Liz Philpot	Officer

Apologies	
Dave Waller	Job Centre Plus
Simon Thomas	Job Centre Plus
Neil Watson	Bridlington Chamber of Commerce
David Dowson	Business Forum Chair/Lloyd Dowson
Richard Burton	East Riding of Yorkshire Council

1	Welcome and Apologies
	Apologies were noted as shown above.
2	Major Project Progress
	<p>NA reported progress on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) RNLi new lifeboat station - construction started May 2016, due to complete May 2017; ii) East Riding Leisure Bridlington (ERLB) - following opening in May, memberships have doubled from 1500 up to 3000, car parking arrangements in the immediate and surrounding area continue to be monitored; iii) Bridlington Tourist Information Centre – current location is for main summer period only, will relocate into ERLB from October. iv) Premier Inn - purchase of site completed on week ending 9 September, East Riding of Yorkshire Council car parking now decommissioned; work start expected in February 2017; v) Marstons Inn - Lobster Pot, Kingsgate hotel accommodation nearing completion, understood that bookings have been taken for Scooter weekend (28, 29, 30 October); vi) Regent Terrace/Esplanade - outline application for hotel development, but no evidence that Travelodge are involved at this stage; vii) Former Somerfield/Co-op store, off Promenade - recent publicity in BFP for partial use of the building as art gallery; East Riding of Yorkshire Council is contact with the property interests to establish intentions for longer term use; viii) Hilderthorpe Road cleared sites (Burlington Parade) - demolition of buildings is now complete; work is continuing on earthworks to stabilise differing gradients around the Gypsy Race to reinstate cleared sites for future development; ix) Bridlington Integrated Transport Plan Phase 2 - NA reported that regular project newsletters will be issued with new edition due out tomorrow (16 September); negotiations are continuing with Network Rail to enable works to Station Approach area to proceed;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x) Gypsy Race Park - public consultation event will be on 20 September combined with the Town Improvement Forum; plans also to be displayed at the Business Forum meeting on 27 September; xi) Townscape Heritage Project - the Project Officer, Tania Weston, is continuing to co-ordinate with owners of targeted projects following the approval of the full HLF grant; xii) Car Parking Utilisation Review - to be undertaken by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, but agreed that this will now be broadened to consider wider implications of planned changes to car parking in Bridlington. NA reported that car parking use data for August Bank Holiday showed 30% increase over the weekend. However utilisation of individual car parks varies between sites. Discussion raised local observations/anecdotal feedback that other factors should be considered in the review data eg use of transferrable permits, level of transfer via park and ride bus/car park. NA noted that the review will include coach parking/use; xiii) Town Centre Development Sites - proposals for marketing of sites for development opportunity are being prepared, expression of interest will be invited based on planning brief to reflect the Town Centre AAP Policies; xiv) Harbour and Marina Improvements - detailed review of outline development proposals and associated costs has concluded that costs can be managed by retaining commercial operations within the existing harbour and marina development in an extended harbour basin. NA reported planned work on physical surveys, design layout, master planning for filled land/commercial development, business case for development and for future operational management.
3	LEP Growth Deal Round 3 Submission
	<p>The bid submitted in July included support for the pre-construction preparatory stage for Bridlington Harbour & Marina developments; decisions on amount of Growth Deal per LEP will be announced in the Autumn Budget Statement on 23rd November.</p>
4	Yorkshire Coast Community Led Local Development
	<p>The Local Development Strategy (LDS) was submitted on 31st August, setting out proposals for targeted grant assistance through the European Structural Investment Fund 2014-2020. ERDF will support business and enterprise, and ESF will support people and skills. The total grant applied for is over £6 million, which will need to be match funded. Approx. 2/3 of the programme will be delivered in Scarborough and the other 1/3 in Bridlington, to be targeted on the areas that fall in to the 20% most deprived on the Index of Multiple Deprivation rankings.</p> <p>The LDS is due to be considered by the York North Yorkshire East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) by mid-September, and final decisions are expected by the end of October, although it is unclear whether the outcome of the referendum will affect timescales. If approved, a full application will need to be submitted within 3 months, and the programme could reach full approval in Spring 2017.</p>
4	Bridlington Issues
	<p>Joan Turner (Town Improvement Forum) raised concerns about transport infrastructure for Bridlington, particularly with increasing development and volumes of traffic travelling between nearby towns. She felt the supporting roads were beginning to falling apart. JT has asked that ERYC look at the roads and work with neighbouring authorities to put pressure on local MP's.</p> <p>LP explained that ERYC takes road conditions very seriously and informed the group of how much investment was being put into the road infrastructure in East Riding.</p>

5	Great Places Scheme
	A bid is being developed jointly with the Scarborough Creative Driver Partnership, and Scarborough Council to be the applicant, to cover the whole Yorkshire Coast. Up to £1,500,000 grant (over 3 years) is available for 12 pilot locations, requiring 10% match funding.
6	Any Other Business
	None.
7	Date of Next Meeting
	<p>Strategic Partners Meeting will be Thursday 8th December 2016, 1pm at Bridlington Business Centre</p> <p>Forum Chairs meetings will be arranged as required in the intervening period.</p>