

**BRIDLINGTON RENAISSANCE PARTNERSHIP
BOARD MEETING**

Thursday 4 February 2016 at 1pm
Held at Bridlington Business Centre

Minutes of the meeting

Present	Representing
Andrew Warner	Chair
David Dowson	Lloyd Dowson Accountants
Simon Thomas	Job Centre Plus
Terry Dixon	Bridlington Town Council
Maureen Bell	Bridlington Civic Society/Town Improvement Forum
Bob Hillery	Bridlington Tourism Association
Isla Pickup	Bridlington Tourism Association
Councillor Richard Burton	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Officers Pete Ashcroft, Liz Philpot, Denise Cowling	East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Apologies	
David Snowden	Bridlington Harbour Commissioners

1	Welcome & Apologies
	<p>DC updated on the regional premier event for the Dad's Army film, plans for a trail leaflet of the film locations and the promotional newspaper that has been produced to support the trail, which has not been launched yet.</p> <p>All the associated publicity is being developed by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council in close consultation with representatives of Universal Studios (US), to ensure there are no breaches of copyright, intellectual property, etc. Agreement will be required from US before any details or products can be released.</p>
2	Declarations of Interest
	<p>Councillor Richard Burton re planning applications.</p> <p>David Dowson declared an interest in the proposed development at Belvedere Golf Club, and would not participate in any decisions relating thereto.</p>
3	Universal Credit (UC)
	<p>Dave Waller and Simon Thomas from Job Centre Plus (JCP) attended to present the current details of the programme for introducing UC to this area, which started in January 2016. It will replace Job Seekers Allowance eventually, and include housing benefit payment leading to changes to staffing arrangements between DWP and the Council.</p> <p>Claims must be made online; access to IT facilities, and IT skills are limited for some claimants, but East Riding of Yorkshire CSCs can provide access/assistance/or self service is available using computers at local libraries.</p> <p>The new UC payment will be monthly rather than fortnightly - this may lead to the need for</p>

	<p>financial management support/advice, to support clients to improve their budgeting skills and prevent them running into debt problems.</p> <p>The system will support clients who are moving from un-employment into work with a pro-rata reduction in UC in addition to wages, until wages reach a level where UC can be withdrawn.</p> <p>It also simplifies changes in working circumstances over time eg temporary, part-time, seasonal work. PAYE returns from employment will automatically feed to UC, so that benefits will be adjusted automatically. The process for claims/payments was explained.</p> <p>JCP are due to attend Bridlington Local Links Forum on 17 February, to update Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations on the recent and planned changes, as many of them work with clients who will be affected by the new arrangements.</p> <p>A session is also planned for The Hinge Centre, and can attend other groups to present details of the new system.</p>
4	<p>Renaissance Programme Progress</p>
	<p>RNLI New Lifeboat Station – Spa Promenade – started in September on the seawall and promenade widening which is due to complete May 2016; construction of the new Lifeboat station building is expected to start in the spring 2016. The new All Weather lifeboat is now due early 2018. The RNLI will operate the existing Inshore and All Weather boats from the new station prior to delivery of the new All Weather boat. ERYC will be operating a temporary mini golf activity in Kiddies Corner, and the promenade is expected to be open for the land train from Easter 2016. Longer term will see the development of a good quality, children and families based attraction for the former Kiddies Corner area.</p> <p>ERYC Leisure Centre Bridlington - construction is on schedule; the Public Open day on 3rd October was attended by c. 700 people with good feedback and anticipation for the opening.</p> <p>Hotel Development - ERYC has now exchanged contracts for the sale of the Beaconsfield Car Park site to Premier Inn; pre-application consultation will be held on 11 February, 12 noon to 6pm in the Promenades Centre. Details will be confirmed by email which can be onward circulated to other contacts.</p> <p>In December a full application was received for a 27 Bed Lodge hotel on the site of the Lobster Pot Public House on behalf of Marstons Inns, which has not yet been determined.</p> <p>ITP2 Town Centre Highways scheme - A start on site is expected in the New Year with preparatory utilities diversions preceding the main contract.</p> <p>Town Centre Property Acquisitions - All but 4 properties required to complete the highway improvements have now been acquired by negotiation. The remainder of properties are at various stages of negotiation.</p> <p>Town Centre Property Demolitions - These are progressing subject to completion of the outstanding acquisitions. Planning approval for demolition of property in the Quay conservation area was granted with conditions on 5 November.</p> <p>Burlington Parade/ Town Centre Strategic Public Realm The landscape masterplan has been completed – this provides the framework for the area along the Gypsy Race from Station Road to south of Beck Hill and aims to develop the linear route along the Gypsy Race in accordance with the AAP’s policies and objectives. An outline funding bid for ERDF grant has now been invited to proceed to stage two for submission in March.</p> <p>Bridlington Quay Townscape Heritage project - This is progressing towards the submission of the stage 2 bid to HLF, and engagement with property owners in the project</p>

	<p>area is progressing well.</p> <p>Bridlington Maritime Trail - This is now complete for the current phase of work. In November, the unveiling of the Gansey Girl was universally well received and well attended by the local community and attracted extensive TV coverage by both local news channels.</p> <p>Harbour and Marina – following the signing of the ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ between the Council and Harbour Commissioners, which sets out how both parties will work together on the project, work is being carried out to consider design and cost options for an affordable workable scheme, and to demonstrate the business case for the project to support, amongst other things, future applications for grant assistance.</p> <p>The Holderness Coast Fishery Local Action Group (FLAG) has prepared ‘A Development Plan for the Fishing Industry based at Bridlington Harbour’. This Plan provides a quantified assessment of the current needs of the Harbour’s fishing industry and guidance as to future infrastructure needs, looking at both the constraints and opportunities facing the industry. The Plan’s proposals have been agreed by the Bridlington Harbour Commissioners. A copy of this Plan has been placed in Group offices and public deposit points.</p>
5	<p>Renaissance Review Panel Report</p> <p>The East Riding of Yorkshire Council’s member led review panel has now published the concluding report on the review of Renaissance Partnerships.</p> <p>There were no immediate implications for the service in Bridlington, but the service is still due to be the subject of the on-going Business Transformation process that the Council is undertaking to ensure that the Council continues to provide effective and efficient services at best value.</p> <p>The link to the Review report had been circulated, and any further developments would be reported to the Partnership. Partners were thanked for their input to the process.</p>
6	<p>Bridlington Coastal Community Team</p> <p>Following the successful application for Coastal Community Team status, the required Economic Plan has been submitted by the deadline of 31st January. This is largely based on the Regeneration Strategy for Bridlington, with the addition of the proposals that were included for the grant activity ie Careers Touch Screen Portal Project in Headlands School, transport to careers events, and the Great Bridlington Ambassadors product knowledge training.</p> <p>A website entry will also be developed, which will be hosted on the Coastal Communities Alliance website.</p>
7	<p>Yorkshire Coast Growth Plan</p> <p>This is being developed through the York North Yorkshire East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and includes planned future development for Bridlington.</p> <p>The Plan was noted and welcomed, as a means of demonstrating the economic potential of the area.</p>
8	<p>Yorkshire Coast Community Led Local Development (CLLD)</p> <p>Following submission before Christmas, a decision is still pending.</p>
9	<p>Forum Reports</p>
i)	<p>Business Forum</p> <p>DD reported the Business Forum is progressing with the Action Plan which includes REAL Bridlington working group. An open meeting is due to be held on 17th February which will include information on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yorkshire Nature Triangle (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust)

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ii)	Town Improvement Forum
	Townscape Heritage Project – an update was presented by the project officer Tania Weston; Brightening up Bridlington - meeting with Streetscene to raise issues on grot-spots. ERL Bridlington - TIF visit arranged third Saturday of each month, planned to use 5 March to ‘Clean for the Queen’ in recognition of HMQ 90 th birthday.
iii)	Learning and Skills Forum
	Main priorities are to develop/contribute to the Yorkshire Coast Communities CLLD.
10	Any Other Business
	<p>Bridlington Belvedere Golf Club – following the public consultation open day on 7th January, a request has been received for the Renaissance Partnership to provide a letter of support for the proposals, at pre-application stage. Details from the public consultation event had been circulated to the Board by email on 8th January 2016. This included details of the housing development (between 22 and 31 units) and the hotel (12 bedrooms), with enabling works for two new holes to be created to re-configure the existing course.</p> <p>It was agreed that a letter of support for the development proposal be sent to the ERYC Planning Department.</p> <p>MB noted that Bridlington Civic Society would be making their own representation on any subsequent application.</p>
11	Date of Future Meetings
	3 rd March 2016; 7 th April 2016