

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2022 IN HUNGATE HALL

Present

Councillors: Richard Stubbings (Chair), Barry Darch, Nick Johnson, Daniel Smith, Nathalie Chidley, Colin Hill, Phil Dennington, Jack Walmsley, Peggy McGregor, Jennie Robinson, Jeff Harris.

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham (Secretary)

Members of the Public: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Gillian Birrell, Stevie Bubb, Ash Lever and Brian Woodruff. Graham Catchpole was not present.

2. To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

There were none.

3. To approve the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2022

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2022.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 5: Trust's Committee Structure: councillors approved the membership of the new Trust committees.

5. To receive the draft minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2022

RESOLVED to receive the draft minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2022.

6. To receive the draft minutes of the Assets & Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2022

RESOLVED to receive the draft minutes of the Assets & Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2022.

Councillors considered the recommendations from the above meeting as follows:

i to agree in principle the purchase of an accessible picnic bench and cycle racks for Quay Play Area at a cost of £1,200. Chair noted that this may be partially funded from East Suffolk councillors' locality budgets, and he therefore suggested that a decision on funding be deferred until clarification on this external funding was received. Cllr Johnson reported that he was also seeking a contribution to the project from M&H Plastics.

Councillors agreed to defer a decision on this item to the next meeting.

ii To accept the quote from Gravel Run for the sum of £4,500 to carry out work to renew the existing path at Quay Play Area and to create a new accessible path from the bridge to the play area and

iv To agree a quote from Gravel run of £7,500 for the repair of the path alongside the Gas Dyke.

Chair suggested considering these two items together, and he proposed that both quotes be agreed, and that the Town Council be asked to provide a grant from Community Infrastructure Levy to fund this work. This was seconded by Cllr Harris, a vote was taken which was in favour, and it was therefore

RESOLVED To accept the quotes from Gravel Run to carry out work to renew the existing path at Quay Play Area and to create a new accessible path from the bridge to the play area and for the repair of the path alongside the Gas Dyke, and to request a grant towards these costs from the Town Council.

v To agree a quote of £3,500 from Gravel Run for remedial work to the Quay car park. Chair proposed that this be agreed. This was seconded by Cllr Harris, a vote was taken which was in favour, and it was therefore

RESOLVED To accept the quote from Gravel Run for remedial work to the Quay car park.

iii To agree in principle for the Trust to fund the groundworks for the Broads Trust Hub at the Quay, subject to necessary planning permission, and on the understanding that the existing quote (of £820) will be revised upwards if the works cannot be carried out in April. Chair noted that the quote of £820 was dependent on the work being carried out at the same time as items ii, iv and v above. He further noted that the Secretary believes that the Hub will require planning permission, and that this may delay the project and mean that the work will not be able to be done at the same time as the above projects, which would result in the price being higher. Cllr Robinson therefore proposed that the quote of £820 be agreed, but if it was not possible for the work to be done at this price, then the item should be deferred to a further meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Chidley, a vote was taken which was in favour, and it was therefore

RESOLVED To accept the quote from Gravel Run of £820 to carry out groundworks for the Hub at the Quay, but if it was not possible for the work to be done at this price, then the item should be deferred to a further meeting.

vi To agree the next phase of work from Water Management Alliance, focussing on the dyke running behind the rugby club field, at a cost of £8,124. Chair proposed that this work be agreed, and that the Town Council be asked to provide a grant from Community Infrastructure Levy to fund this work. This was seconded by Cllr Harris, a vote was taken which was in favour, and it was therefore

RESOLVED To agree the next phase of work from Water Management Alliance, focussing on the dyke running behind the rugby club field, at a cost of £8,124, and to request a grant towards these costs from the Town Council.

7. To receive the draft minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 28th March 2022

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8. To consider a quotation for the repair of the Common car park

It was agreed to defer this item to the Assets & Estates Committee to make a recommendation to Full Trust.

9. To approve an expenditure of £5,000 on tree work on the Marshes carried out by Beccles Farms

Chair proposed that this work be agreed, and that the Town Council be asked to provide a grant from Community Infrastructure Levy to fund this work. This was seconded by Cllr Chidley, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To approve an expenditure of £5,000 on tree work on the Marshes carried out by Beccles Farms, and that the Town Council be asked to provide a grant from Community Infrastructure Levy to fund this work.

10. To consider a proposal to replace the fence surrounding the South Road allotments in return for advertising space on the fence

Concerns were expressed about the unsuitability of advertising boards in a residential area, and if planning permission would be required for such boards. Councillors agreed not to proceed with this suggestion.

11. To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedules for April

RESOLVED To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedules for April.

12. Any Other Business

There was none.

13. Date of next meeting Tuesday 3rd May 2022 following the Town Council meeting

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at Hungate Hall.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

14. To consider quotations for the refurbishment of the Harbour Master's office

These were discussed, and Secretary was asked to see when two of the contractors were available to start, and to award the contract to the contractor who was available to start soonest.

15. To receive the draft confidential minutes of the Personnel Committee held on Monday 28th March 2022

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Meeting closed at 8.45pm