

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST 2023 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER AT TOWN HALL

Present

Councillors: Christine Wheeler (Chair), Richard Stubbings, Jeff Harris, Nathalie Chidley, Gillian Birrell, Barry Darch, Stevie Bubb, Tarek Lahin, Chris Greenhill and Sam Hunt.

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham (Secretary)

Members of the Public: 0

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Hill, Daniel Smith, Stephen Sherwood and Philippa Drew.

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 4th July 2023

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2023.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were none.

5. To receive the draft minutes of the Development, Commerce & Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 17th July 2023

Cllr Stubbings noted that the Marsh Trail signage needs to be discussed by DCSP. Cllr Birrell noted that this is part of the report from consultant.

RESOLVED to receive the draft minutes of the above meeting.

6. To consider offering Marsh 48 to Beccles Forest School

Cllr Stubbings proposed that the Trust agree in principle to offer Marsh 48 to

Forest School and to ask the Finance & Governance Committee to negotiate the details. This was seconded by Cllr Birrell, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED to agree in principle to offer Marsh 48 to Forest School and to ask the Finance & Governance Committee to negotiate the details.

7. To consider looking into our charity Governing Document to see if we can improve it to be better placed to apply for grants

Cllr Stubbings noted that the general nature of the Trust's objectives in the Governing document mean that it is ineligible for certain grants. He proposed that we investigate the potential to change the document with the Charity Commission. This was seconded by Cllr Hunt, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To investigate the potential to change the document with the Charity Commission.

8. To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedules for July 2023

RESOLVED To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedules for July 2023.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Harris commented that more benches were needed on the common and it was agreed that Assets & Estates Committee should investigate this.

Cllr Hunt commented that the roof on the Broads Hub was of poor quality. Cllr Birrell noted that this had been given planning permission by Broads Authority.

10. Date of next meeting Tuesday 5th September 2023 following the Town Council meeting

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 5th September 2023 in Council Chamber at Town Hall.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

11. To approve the confidential minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2023

RESOLVED to approve the confidential minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2023.

Meeting closed at 8.47pm.

ACTION POINTS

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>By Whom?</u>	<u>By When?</u>
6	to agree in principle to offer Marsh 48 to Forest School and to ask the Finance & Governance Committee to negotiate the details.	Secretary	Ongoing
7	To investigate the potential to change the document with the Charity Commission.	Secretary	Before September meeting.