

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCE & STRATEGIC
PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER AT TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024**

PRESENT: Gillian Birrell (Chair)
Barry Darch
Daniel Smith
Peter Shannon
Christine Wheeler
Krista Booker
Chris Greenhill
Colin Hill

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Cunningham, Secretary
Cllr Joe Athorn

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Drew.

**2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR ANY REQUESTS FOR THE
GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS IN RELATION TO ANY DISCLOSABLE
PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCE AND
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8TH
APRIL 2024**

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the Development, Commerce and Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

Secretary reported that the introduction of the overnight parking charge at Quay car park had been delayed due to NPE not being able to get the changes added to the car park cash machine. He also noted that he was seeking quotes for the Quay car park surface repairs.

**5. TO CONSIDER A PROCUREMENT EXERCISE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF
THE QUAY CAR PARK**

Councillors discussed the Secretary's report. They asked the Secretary to contact East Suffolk Parking Services about whether they would be interested in managing the car park and to speak to Cllr Richard Stubbings about the paperwork for the procurement process in 2019.

6. TO DECIDE HOW TO TAKE FORWARD SIGNAGE / ORIENTATION ON MARSH TRAIL

Councillors agreed that Cllrs Smith, Birrell and Shannon would walk the trail and report back to the next meeting.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON QUAY DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING AND TO CONSIDER WHICH PROJECTS TO PRIORITISE

Councillors discussed the report of the Quay Development Group meeting and the options to take forward.

Cllr Wheeler suggested approaching the lessee of the Marina Site regarding creating a wildlife area on the site. She also suggested resurrecting the idea of relocating the pétanque bouledrome to the north side of the quay and she agreed to contact Beccles Lions about this idea.

Councillors decided to postpone the idea of a pump-out facility. They agreed to ask Marketing & Events Officer to investigate the Open-Air Cinema suggestion.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Smith reported that a boater had fallen into the water adjacent to the Sailing Club and that it had been difficult to get the person out of the water due to the absence of a ladder.

Secretary reported that a quote for solar lighting at the Quay car park should be received shortly. Councillors agreed that this should be considered by full Trust when received.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillors agreed the date of the next meeting as Monday 10th June, after the Town Council DCSP committee meeting.

ACTION POINTS

Agenda Item	What?	By Whom?	By When?
5	Contact East Suffolk Parking Services to	Secretary	Asap

	ask if they would consider managing Quay car park		
5	Check with Cllr Stubbings regarding paperwork from the last tender exercise in 2019	Secretary	Asap
6	Walk Marsh Trail and report back to next meeting	Cllrs Smith, Birrell and Shannon	By next meeting of Committee
7	Approach Beccles Lions regarding relocation of pétanque bouledrome	Cllr Wheeler	By next meeting of Committee
7	Investigate the Open-Air Cinema suggestion	Marketing & Events Officer	Investigate the Open-Air Cinema suggestion.
8	Speak to Sailing Club about the provision of a ladder by the bank	Secretary	