

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCE & STRATEGIC
PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM AT TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2024**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Cunningham, Secretary
Helen Lower, Marketing & Events Officer

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 29TH
JANUARY 2024**

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the
Development, Commerce and Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on
Monday 29th January 2024.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

Action Points: Secretary reported that he has a trip booked on the potential vessel that could be used for boat trips from Beccles Quay to Carlton Marshes. The outcome of the discussion with the boat operator and SWT will be reported back to the April meeting of the committee.

**5. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE RECENT MEETING CONCERNING
'PARKRUN' AT BECCLES COMMON**

Cllr Shannon reported on his recent meeting, in very wet conditions, with Linda and John from parkrun. They remain determined to try to make a viable course and they are now looking at different routes in the summer and winter, with the summer route mostly around the Quay field and just beyond and the winter route extending further around the marsh. The winter route would require the sailing club track to be closed for the duration of the run each week. Cllr Shannon noted that we now need to wait for Linda and John to feedback on whether these plans are viable with national parkrun guidance.

6. TO CONSIDER SETTING UP 'QUAY DEVELOPMENT GROUP' AND TO CONSIDER WHO SHOULD BE INVITED TO JOIN THIS GROUP

Councillors discussed the report from the Secretary. They agreed that the group should be established and councillors Birrell, Wheeler, Booker and Smith agreed to serve on the group. Secretary and Marketing & Events Officer were asked to draft a letter of invitation to other stakeholders to join the group – suggested invitees included Paul Jackson, Shaun Crowley, Christine Pinsent, a representative from Food Festival and Harbour Master Martin Eglintine.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that the Quay car park needs some lighting, at least near the pay machine, and Secretary was asked to investigate this.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillors agreed the date of the next meeting as Monday 8th April, after the Town Council DCSP committee meeting.

ACTION POINTS

Agenda Item	What?	By Whom?	By When?
6	Arrange initial meeting of Quay Development Group and write to suggested invitees	Secretary and Marketing & Events Officer	Asap
7	Investigate lighting in Quay car park	Secretary	Asap