

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST JUNE 2021 AT BECCLES PUBLIC HALL

Present

Councillors: Richard Stubbings (Chair), Peggy McGregor, Barry Darch, Gillian Birrell, Jennie Robinson, Stevie Bubb, , Graham Catchpole, Jeff Harris, Jack Walmsley, Brian Woodruff, Nick Johnson, Daniel Smith.

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham (Secretary)

Members of the Public: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Ash Lever, Nathalie Chidley, Phil Dennington and Paul Jackson.

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 May 2021

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4. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 4: Gas Dyke dredging: Mayor reported that the survey has concluded that no protected birds and otters are present on the site. He also noted that the Environment Agency now require testing for certain minerals before issuing a licence.

5. To receive the draft minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 19th May 2021

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6. To receive the draft minutes of the Assets and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 24th May 2021

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7. To review the need for the Quay Vision Working Party, and if appropriate to confirm membership of this Group

Mayor noted that this Group had not met for two years. He noted that the aim had been to draw up a vision for the Quay. Cllr Catchpole noted that £10k had been given by East Suffolk Council for development of the Quay, and that this has not yet been spent. He suggested that there was no need for the Working Group to continue.

Mayor therefore proposed that the Working Party be wound up. This was seconded by Cllr Catchpole, a vote was taken, and it was therefore

RESOLVED to abolish the Quay Vision Working Party.

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

Mayor commented that the toilet cleaning needed to be reviewed by the Assets Committee.

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9. Any Other Business

Cllr Birrell proposed that the Trust contribute £2000 towards the costs of staging the 'Water, Mills and Marshes' event at the Quay in June 2022.

Cllr Robinson spoke in favour of the funding.

Cllr Catchpole noted the need for the traffic management at the event to be thoroughly thought through.

Cllr Woodruff noted that the money should be conditional on a detailed plan for the event.

Mayor suggested that some contributions could be made in kind, e.g. to waive the hire charges for the Quay.

Cllr Birrell proposed that a grant of £2000 be agreed, either in cash or in kind (such as by waiving any hire fee). This was seconded by Cllr Robinson, a vote was taken, with ten Councillors in favour and 1 against, and it was therefore

RESOLVED To commit £2000 towards this project, either in cash or in kind.

10. Date of next meeting Tuesday 6th July 2021 following the Town Council meeting

RESOLVED That the date of the next meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 6th July 2021.