

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2023 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER AT TOWN HALL

Present

Councillors: Barry Darch (Chair), Richard Stubbings, Peggy McGregor, Graham Catchpole, Jeff Harris, Ash Lever, Gillian Birrell, Nathalie Chidley, Chris Greenhill, Brian Woodruff, Stephen Sherwood and Phil Dennington.

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham (Secretary)

Members of the Public: 1

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Hill, Daniel Smith, Stevie Bubb and Jennie Robinson.

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 7th February 2023

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were none.

5. To receive the draft minutes of the Assets & Estates Committee meeting held on Wednesday 22nd February 2023

RESOLVED to receive the draft minutes of the above meeting.

6. To receive the draft minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on Monday 27th February 2023

RESOLVED to receive the draft minutes of the above meeting.

7. **To receive the draft minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023**

RESOLVED to receive the draft minutes of the above meeting.

8. **To consider a financial contribution to the removal of further dead trees on Marshes by Beccles Farms**

Chair proposed that the Trust contribute £3,500 towards the removal of trees on marshes by Beccles Farms. This was seconded by Cllr Chidley, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED to contribute £3,500 towards the removal of trees on marshes by Beccles Farms.

Councillors noted the need to consider replanting of trees on the marsh at some point in the future, dependent on the peat proposals.

9. **To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedules for February**

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

10. **Any Other Business**

Cllr Stubbings had one confidential item, which was deferred to the confidential part of the meeting.

11. **Date of next meeting Tuesday 4th April 2023 following the Town Council meeting**

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 4th April 2023 in Council Chamber at Town Hall.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**12. To approve the confidential minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023**

RESOLVED to approve the confidential minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

13. To receive the draft confidential minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on Monday 27th February 2023

RESOLVED to receive the draft confidential minutes of the above meeting.

14. To receive the draft confidential minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023

RESOLVED to receive the draft confidential minutes of the above meeting.

15. To consider an issue with a Marsh tenancy

These was discussed, and a proposal agreed.

Meeting closed at 8.38pm.