

**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 11TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

PRESENT: Gillian Birrell (Chair)
Christine Wheeler
Barry Darch
Chris Greenhill
Daniel Smith
Steve Sherwood
Philippa Drew

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Cunningham, Secretary
Mark Lawrence (Consultant) (until end of Item 5)
Tim Riches (Drainage advisor) (until end of Item 5)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hill. Cllr Lahin was not present.

**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.

**5. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE COMPANY PROPOSING
LOCATING TWO HOUSEBOATS AT BECCLES QUAY**

Mark Lawrence gave a verbal presentation on the plans by Pathfinder Concepts for up to six house boats at Beccles Quay. He noted that this will be a new venture for the company. They plan to use and adapt a design that they have seen in Poland, and he noted that they will be visiting Poland to see the designers. Initially they are looking at two boats, with the potential to increase to up to six. He noted that the outline plan is for a mooring fee to the Trust per boat of £5,000, with a potential profit share in the future if successful.

Tim Riches outlined a potential sewerage solution via a pump located in the pontoon, although he noted that this may have planning problems.

It was agreed that Chair and Secretary should meet with Hippersons to discuss how their floating pods work. It was also agreed to arrange a site meeting with Broads Authority and if possible, Environment Agency, to discuss the potential regulatory objections to the scheme.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCE & STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH AUGUST 2023

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the Development, Commerce and Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 14th August 2023.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

Item 6: motorhomes: Secretary reported that Broads Authority planners remain opposed to the scheme, although this is pre-planning advice and does not prevent the Trust from submitting a formal planning application.

6. TO REVIEW ANY STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES AND ANY OBJECTIVES AND ANY PROGRESS AS APPLICABLE

Councillors noted that there were no Trust-related updates to the plan.

7. TO CONSIDER SIGNAGE FOR MARSH TRAIL

It was agreed to defer this item to the October meeting.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillors confirmed the date of the next meeting as Monday 18th September, after the Town Council DCSP committee meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

10. To approve the confidential minutes of the Development, Commerce & Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 14th August 2023

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the confidential minutes of the Development, Commerce and Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 14th August 2023.

ACTION POINTS

Agenda Item	What?	By Whom?	By When?
5	Arrange a meeting with Hippersons for Chair and Secretary.	Secretary	asap
5	Arrange a site meeting in November with BA & EA to discuss regulatory objections to the project	Secretary	asap