

**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 NOVEMBER 2023**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Cunningham, Secretary
Cllr Richard Stubbings

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence. Cllr Hill 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.

**3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCE AND
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH
OCTOBER 2023**

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the
Development, Commerce and Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on
Thursday 12th October 2023.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

Secretary noted that the Pump Out facility at the Quay is yet to be investigated.

**5. TO CONSIDER THE REPORT FROM STERIA CONSULTING ON THE QUAY
TOILET BLOCK AND TO DECIDE ON HOW TO PROCEED**

Councillor Smith reported that he and the Secretary had met with Fran Adnams
from Steria Consulting on site. Councillors considered the report from Steria

following this meeting. They noted the issues raised in the report about the state of the building and the need to carry out monitoring as part of the ongoing maintenance. They asked that Assets & Estates Committee consider the recommendations in the report regarding management and maintenance.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SUGGESTION TO ENABLE MOTORHOME PARKING AT BECCLES QUAY AND TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH AN APPLICATION

Councillors discussed the Secretary's report. Cllr Smith proposed that the council proceed with an application to register for motorhome parking at the Quay, with a charge of £10 for 24 hours' parking. This was seconded by Cllr Wheeler, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To apply to register for motorhome parking at the Quay, with a suggested charge of £10 for 24 hours' parking.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE REGULATORY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL TO LOCATE TWO HOUSEBOATS AT BECCLES QUAY AND TO DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED

Councillors discussed the report from Secretary. They agreed that the proponents of the scheme now needed to take forward a planning application and Secretary was asked to suggest to them that they employ a specialist planning consultant to help with this.

8. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE MEETING WITH THE CEO OF RICHARDSONS BOAT HIRE

Cllr Smith reported that he and Secretary had had a useful meeting with Greg Munford, CEO of Richardsons, and that there was the possibility of working together to promote Beccles as a destination for Richardsons hirers.

9. TO CONSIDER A POTENTIAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR CANOEING INFRASTRUCTURE

Cllr Stubbings suggested Waveney Meadow as a potential location. Cllr Greenhill agreed to look at the Quay to identify a possible location there.

10. TO CONSIDER A BID FOR CAR CHARGING POINTS AT BECCLES QUAY

Councillors noted that this would not be possible, as there was no electricity supply to the site.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Secretary reported an email dialogue with the local ambassador for Park Run, Linda Dorset, about a potential location in Beccles. It was agreed that Secretary and Cllr Shannon should invite Linda to a site meeting to investigate this.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillors confirmed the date of the next meeting as Monday 11th December, after the Town Council DCSP committee meeting.

ACTION POINTS

Agenda Item	What?	By Whom?	By When?
6	Apply to register for motorhome parking at the Quay, with a suggested charge of £10 for 24 hours' parking	Secretary	Asap
7	Advise proponents of houseboats scheme to take forward planning application and employ specialist consultant for advice	Secretary	Asap
9	Look at potential location for canoe infrastructure at Quay	Cllr Greenhill	Before next meeting of committee
11	Arrange site meeting for Park Run	Secretary	asap