

**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 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Candi Turner, Deputy Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllr Darch.

**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 WEDNESDAY 14TH
AUGUST 2024**

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the
Development, Commerce and Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on
Wednesday 14th August 2024.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

There were none

**5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON QUOTES TO SUPPORT A POTENTIAL GRANT
APPLICATION TO BROADS AUTHORITY 'FARMING IN PROTECTED
LANDSCAPES' FUND**

The Deputy Secretary reported that the Clerk has received 2 quotes and has sent 2 more e-mails seeking quotes. The September deadline has been missed. The next deadline is 28th October, and the work has to be completed by March 2025.

6. TO CONSIDER THE PROCESS FOR REVIEWING GRANT OPTIONS SUGGESTED BY KARL READ

The committee agreed to reduce the list by selecting the most relevant grant options. Cllr Booker will circulate the list to committee members.

7. TO CONSIDER A REVIEW OF HIRE CHARGES FOR QUAY FIELD

The committee agreed to review the hire charges of the Quay field. The Secretary will investigate what fees are charged by other councils like Halesworth and Bungay.

8. TO CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON THE PLANS FOR PETANQUE PITCH AT QUAY

Cllr Booker gave the update. The committee was concerned that the location of the pétanque pitch is prone to flooding which would wash the sand and shingle from the pitch away. Cllr Wheeler recommended that an alternative location for the pitch is considered by the Twinning Association. One suggestion was to install the pitch by the Beacon, another was by the Broads Hub. Cllr Booker said she would speak to the Twinning Association regarding this.

9. TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE USES FOR THE MARINA SITE

Cllr Wheeler thought the site might be suitable as a wildlife site/nature reserve. The Deputy Secretary delivered an update to the committee from the Secretary regarding contact from Hartley Properties investigating commercial use of the site. The Secretary explained that restrictions are likely to be imposed by the Broads Authority, but commercial tree planting might be an idea. The Secretary left it with them to think about.

In light of this information, the committee agreed to wait and see if Hartley Properties wishes to make a proposal.

10. TO CONSIDER HOW TO FOLLOW UP THE LINKS MADE PREVIOUSLY WITH RICHARDSONS BOATYARD TO PROMOTE BECCLES QUAY AS A DESTINATION IN 2025

Cllr Smith informed the committee that he and the Secretary met with Gregg Munford, Chief Executive of Richardson's Boatyard earlier this year. He reported that the meeting was positive. Cllr Smith would like to follow up on the idea of Richardsons promoting Beccles as a destination to holidaymakers in 2025.

Cllr Smith will speak to the secretary about arranging another meeting. Cllr Booker noted that the Visit Beccles website did not have a page promoting Beccles Quay. The Deputy Secretary will speak to the Marketing and Events Officer.

11.ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Wheeler asked if there was an update regarding plans for the Quay toilet facilities. The Deputy Secretary informed the committee that the Assets and Estates Committee is getting quotes for redecoration.

Cllr Smith noted that the low railing on the grass verge along Fen Lane makes it awkward for pedestrians to walk safely. He suggested that the trust investigate having the railing removed and install bollards instead.

12.TO AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2024 AFETR THE TOWN COUNCIL DCSP COMMITTEE MEETING

Councillors agreed the date of the next meeting as Monday 14th October 2024, after the Town Council DCSP committee meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

13.TO CONSIDER A COMMERCIALY CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

This item was discussed.

ACTION POINTS

Agenda Item	What?	By Whom?	By When?
5	Quotes for Farming and Protected Landscapes Fund	Secretary	ASAP
6	Reduce list of grant options selected by Karl Read	Committee Members	ASAP
7	Investigate Quay field hire charges	Secretary	ASAP
8	Speak to Twinning Association about an alternative location for the pétanque pitch	Cllr Booker	ASAP

10	Arrange a meeting with Richardson's Boatyard	Secretary	ASAP
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