

**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 NOVEMBER 2024**

PRESENT: Daniel Smith (Chair)
Joe Athorn
Krista Booker
Colin Hill
Chris Greenhill
Christine Wheeler
Barry Darch
Peter Shannon

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Cunningham, Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Cllr Birrell.

**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 MONDAY 14TH
OCTOBER 2024**

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

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

Item 5: Secretary reported that the grant bid for the Marsh Trail signage had been
successful.

**5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON REVIEWING GRANT OPTIONS SUGGESTED
BY KARL READ AND TO CONSIDER SETTING UP A SMALL GROUP TO
PRIORITISE GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Councillor Booker reported on the work to date in reviewing these grant options. She suggested arranging the grants into a number of categories. Cllr Wheeler suggested a meeting of the councillors involved to review progress to date and to decide on the categories and this was agreed.

6. TO REVIEW DRAFT TRUST BUDGET FOR 2025-26 AND TO CONSIDER ANY SUGGESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR AMENDMENT

Councillors suggested the following changes:

- Remove the £2,000 from Trim Trail budget line
- Increase Repairs and Maintenance – non-contracted to £10,000
- Ranger Travel should be an expense, not income.

Cllr Greenhill proposed that these three changes be recommended to Finance & Governance Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Smith, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RECOMMENDED TO FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

To make

the three amendments shown above to the budget for 2025-26.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

8. TO AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024 AFETR THE TOWN COUNCIL DCSP COMMITTEE MEETING

Councillors agreed the date of the next meeting as Monday 9th December 2024, after the Town Council DCSP committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.22pm.

ACTION POINTS

Agenda Item	What?	By Whom?	By When?
5	Arrange meeting to review and categorise grant list.	Cllrs Booker, Wheeler and Shannon	ASAP