

**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 14TH OCTOBER 2024**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Cunningham, Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Cllr Shannon.

**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 9TH
SEPTEMBER 2024**

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the
Development, Commerce and Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on
Wednesday 9th September 2024.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

Item 10: Secretary reported that he had contacted the Chief Executive of
Richardsons but had not yet received a reply.

Item 10: Cllr Booker asked about promoting the quay on 'Visit Beccles' and
Secretary reported that he would ask Marketing & Events Officer to work on this.

Item 8: Petanque pitch: Cllr Booker reported that she would meet with Michelle
Golding to look at alternative locations for the pitch.

5. TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR SIGNAGE AND DESIGN TO SUPPORT A POTENTIAL GRANT APPLICATION TO BROADS AUTHORITY 'FARMING IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPES' FUND AND TO AGREE A CONTRACTOR

Councillors agreed the recommendation from Secretary to put forward Shelley Signs as preferred contractor in the 'Farming in Protected Landscapes' grant application.

6. TO AGREE A QUOTE TO COMMISSION A REVISED 'MARSH TRAIL' LEAFLET

Councillors considered the report from Town Clerk. Chair proposed that quote 1 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Darch, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RECOMMENDED TO FULL TRUST To proceed with quote 1 at a cost of £405.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON REVIEWING GRANT OPTIONS SUGGESTED BY KARL READ

Cllrs Booker and Wheeler reported that they were working their way through the list produced by Karl Read and that they would report back to the next meeting of the committee.

Secretary suggested that Sizewell C Community Fund could also be a potential source of funding.

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

Councillors considered the Secretary's report.

Chair proposed that the rent for Quay field be reduced to £300 with effect from April 2025. This was seconded by Cllr Smith, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RECOMMENDED TO FULL TRUST To reduce the charge for commercial hire of Quay field to £300 from April 2025.

9. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON PERMANENT MOORINGS AND TO CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION TO FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING PARKING FOR PERMANENT MOORERS

Councillors considered the Secretary's report.

Cllr Smith proposed that permanent moorers be given free parking at Quay car park from April 2025, with this to be reviewed annually. This was seconded by Cllr Darch, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RECOMMENDED TO FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE To give permanent moorers free parking in the Quay car park from April 2025.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Secretary gave an update on the Broads Authority (BA) meeting that he had attended regarding raising water levels in various parts of the BA area to prevent greenhouse gas emissions from peat that was drying out. He reported that Beccles Farms had been at the meeting and that they were now actively investigating this for the land that they rent from us. Secretary noted that this would be discussed at Assets & Estates Committee.

Secretary reported that the steering committee set up to plan a parkrun in Beccles had asked permission to close the track to the sailing club in the winter and if a junior parkrun could happen on the Common on a Sunday morning. Secretary reported that both these requests would be considered by Assets & Estates Committee.

Secretary confirmed that he had submitted two separate grant applications to fund works at the Quay.

11. TO AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2024 AFTER THE TOWN COUNCIL DCSP COMMITTEE MEETING

Councillors agreed the date of the next meeting as Monday 11th November 2024, after the Town Council DCSP committee meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

12. TO APPROVE THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCE & STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the confidential minutes of the Development, Commerce and Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9th September 2024.

Meeting closed at 7.29pm.

ACTION POINTS

Agenda Item	What?	By Whom?	By When?
4	Promote Quay on 'Visit Beccles' website	Marketing & Events Officer	ASAP

4	Meet with Michelle Golding to look at alternative locations for the pitch	Cllr Booker	ASAP
5	Submit 'Farming in Protected Landscapes' grant application, with Shelley Signs as preferred supplier	Secretary	ASAP
8	Reduce list of grant options selected by Karl Read	Cllrs Booker and Wheeler	By next meeting of committee