

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2024 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER AT TOWN HALL

Present

Councillors: Barry Darch (Chair), Richard Stubbings, Nathalie Chidley, Jeff Harris, Stevie Bubb, Peter Shannon, Christine Wheeler, Joe Athorn, Daniel Smith, Tarek Lahin, Sam Hunt and Philippa Drew.

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham (Secretary)
County councillor Ash Lever
District councillor Sarah Plummer

Members of public: 0

1. Apologies for Absence

- Received from: Colin Hill, Krista Booker, Gillian Birrell and Chris Greenhill.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

- None declared.

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (3rd September 2024)

- Motion to approve proposed by Cllr Chidley
- Seconded by: Cllr Stubbings
- Councillors voted unanimously in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- There were none.

5. Receipt of Draft Minutes from Assets & Estates Committee (18th September 2024)

- Motion to receive minutes proposed by: Cllr Stubbings
- Seconded by: Cllr Chidley

- Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To receive the minutes of the Assets & Estates Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2024.
- To consider the following recommendation from this meeting:
To refuse a request from Woodview Farm to create a track to their marsh on Beccles Common.
- Cllr Stubbings proposed that the request be refused.
- Seconded by: Cllr Bubb
- Cllr Wheeler requested a recorded vote on this item.
- Councillors voted in favour of the proposal by 9 votes to 0 and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To refuse a request from Woodview Farm to create a track to their marsh on Beccles Common.
- Those councillors voting in favour were: Jeff Harris, Peter Shannon, Philippa Drew, Daniel Smith, Richard Stubbings, Stevie Bubb, Sam Hunt, Tarek Lahin and Barry Darch.

6. **Receipt of Draft Minutes from Development Commerce & Strategic Planning Committee (9th September 2024)**

- Motion to receive minutes proposed by: Cllr Smith
- Seconded by: Cllr Chidley
- Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To receive the minutes of the Development, Commerce & Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024.

7. **Receipt of Draft Minutes from Finance & Governance Committee (23rd September 2024)**

- Motion to receive minutes proposed by: Cllr Stubbings
- Seconded by: Cllr Bubb
- Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To receive the minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd September 2024.
- To consider the following recommendation from this meeting:
To give authority to the committee to review car park charges and both casual and annual mooring income.
- Cllr Stubbings spoke in support of the recommendation, noting that 50% of the Trust's income comes from these three items.
- Motion to give authority to committee to review these items proposed by Cllr Wheeler.
- Seconded by: Cllr Smith

- Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To give authority to the committee to review car park charges and both casual and annual mooring income.

8. To consider a new logo for the Trust

- Chair proposed that the logo as designed by 9:55 (web designers) be agreed as the new logo for the trust.
- Seconded by: Cllr Athorn
- Councillors voted in favour by 7 votes to 3 and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To agree the design by 9:55 as the new logo for the trust.

9. Responsible Financial Officer's Report and Payment Schedules for September 2024

- Motion to approve: Cllr Darch
- Seconded by: Cllr Chidley
- Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To approve the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and Schedule of Payments for September 2024.

10. Any Other Business

- Cllr Stubbings expressed concern regarding Beccles Caxton FC using large vehicles to transport equipment for their firework display. He asked Secretary to communicate with the club about their plans and report back and this was agreed.
Cllr Stubbings was also concerned about the state of the track and he proposed that East Suffolk Council be asked again to repair the track.
- Seconded by: Cllr Darch
- Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To ask East Suffolk Council to repair the track behind the Sports Pavilion.
- Cllr Shannon commented on the poor state of the Quay car park. He suggested that Assets & Estate Committee be asked to look into this.
- Chair proposed that Secretary be given delegated authority to find an urgent cost-effective solution.
- Seconded by: Cllr Harris
- Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To give Secretary delegated authority to find an urgent, cost-effective solution to improve the state of the car park.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday 5th November 2024, following the Town Council meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

12. Receipt of draft confidential minutes from Development Commerce & Strategic Planning Committee (9th September 2024)

- Cllr Smith noted that an action from these minutes had not yet been completed.
- Motion to receive minutes proposed by: Cllr Smith
- Seconded by: Cllr Chidley
- Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To receive the draft confidential minutes of the Development, Commerce & Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9th September 2024.

13. Receipt of draft confidential minutes from Finance & Governance Committee (23rd September 2024)

- Motion to receive minutes proposed by: Cllr Wheeler
- Seconded by: Cllr Stubbings
- Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To receive the draft confidential minutes of the Assets & Estates Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd September 2024.
- Councillors considered and agreed actions concerning two confidential recommendations from this meeting.

14. Any Other Confidential Business

- Councillors discussed an additional confidential item concerning a lease.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8.58pm.

ACTION POINTS

Agenda Item	What?	By Whom?	By When?
5	Inform Woodview Farm that their request for a track on the common has been declined	Secretary	Asap
8	Implement new logo for Trust	Secretary and Marketing & Events Officer	Asap
10	Contact Beccles Caxton FC about which vehicles they will be taking across the track behind the sports pavilion for their firework event	Secretary	Asap
10	Ask East Suffolk Council to repair the track behind the sports pavilion	Secretary	Asap
10	Investigate solution for repairs to Quay car park	Secretary and Deputy Secretary	Asap