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Minutes of the meeting of Full Trust held on 04/02/2025 in Council Chamber at Town Hall

Present

Councillors: Joseph Athorn, Gillian Birrell, Krista Booker, Stephanie Bubb, Nathalie Chidley, Barry Darch, Philippa Drew, Chris Greenhill, Jeff Harris, Colin Hill, Samuel Hunt, Tarek Lahin, Peter Shannon, Daniel Smith, Richard Stubbings, Christine Wheeler

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

Apologies: Krista Booker, Daniel Smith, Christine Wheeler

Absent:

Members of public: No members of the public.

1 - Apologies for absence

Received from: Christine Wheeler, Daniel Smith and Krista Booker.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

2 - To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

There were none.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

3 - To approve the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2025

Secretary noted that there was an error in the minutes at Item 3, where the seconder should be shown as Cllr Stubbings, not Cllr Darch.

Motion to approve minutes, subject to the amendment above, proposed by Cllr Chidley.

Seconded by: Cllr Hunt

Councillors voted unanimously in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2025, subject to the amendment to item 3 to change the seconder to Cllr Stubbings.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

4 - Matters arising from these minutes

There were none.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

5 - To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedules for January

Motion to approve: Cllr Darch

Seconded by: Cllr Birrell

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To receive the RFO's report and to agree the payment schedules for January 2025.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

6 - Draft minutes of the Development, Commerce & Strategic Planning Committee meeting

Motion to receive minutes proposed by: Cllr Birrell

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 13th January 2025.

To consider the following recommendation from this meeting:

To keep the mooring fees (casual and annual) unchanged for 2025-26

Cllr Stubbings proposed an increase of 4% to cover inflation costs for annual mooring fees would be better than freezing the charges. He noted that this would equate to £2 per foot for moorings in Quay basin and on the river wall and £15 per vessel in Gas Dyke.

This was seconded by Cllr Chidley.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To increase annual mooring charges for 2025-26 by £2 per foot for moorings in Quay basin and on the river wall and £15 per vessel in Gas Dyke.

Cllr Stubbings suggested that a decision on casual mooring fees should be deferred in order to seek the input of Harbour Masters and this was agreed.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
Increase in mooring fees	Paul Cunningham	21/02/2025

7 - Draft minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting

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 Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on Monday 27th January 2025

To consider the following recommendation from this meeting:

To approve the full Trust accounts for 2023-24

Motion to receive minutes proposed by: Cllr Stubbings

Seconded by: Cllr Harris

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To approve the full Trust accounts for 2023-24.

Cllr Stubbings also noted that a further recommendation from the committee meeting regarding which committee(s) should take forward the projects for the Quay toilet block refurbishment and Quay electricity projects had not been included on the agenda.

Cllr Stubbings proposed that Assets & Estates Committee be delegated the project to get electricity to the north side of the Quay.

Seconded by: Cllr Harris

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To delegate the project to get electricity to the north side of the Quay to the Assets & Estates Committee.

Cllr Stubbings suggested that the Quay Toilet Block refurbishment project should initially be referred to Development Committee for them to decide on a scheme, which Assets & Estates could then implement, and this was agreed.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

8 - Any other business

Cllr Shannon noted the ongoing problems with the poor state of the Quay car park surface. Secretary confirmed that the Ranger had met with a contractor on site on 5th February to seek a second quote for Assets & Estates Committee to consider.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

9 - To confirm the date of next meeting as Tuesday 4th February 2025, following the Town Council meeting

The meeting date was confirmed.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

10 - Confidential minutes of Personnel Committee meeting

Secretary noted that this item had been included on the agenda in error, as these minutes had already been received by full Trust.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		