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Minutes of the meeting of Beccles Fenland Charity Trust held on 06/05/2025 in Council Chamber at Town Hall

Present: Colin Hill (Chair), Joe Athorn, Stevie Bubb, Barry Darch, Richard Stubbings, Sam Hunt, Tarek Lahin, Jeff Harris, Peter Shannon, Philippa Drew and Daniel Smith.

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham, Secretary

Apologies: Gillian Birrell, Krista Booker, Nathalie Chidley, Chris Greenhill and Christine Wheeler

Absent: None.

Members of public: No members of the public.

1 - To receive apologies for absence

Received from councillors Chris Greenhill, Krista Booker, Christine Wheeler, Nathalie Chidley and Gillian Birrell.

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 1st April 2025

Motion to approve minutes proposed by Cllr Hunt.

Seconded by: Cllr Darch

Councillors voted unanimously in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 2025.

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

4 - Matters arising from these minutes

Secretary reported that he had written to various fishing contacts regarding safety issues in Gas Dyke. He noted that the trust had received another complaint from a moorer about damage to their boat, caused by a large fish hook.

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 April

Councillor Harris asked about the payment for "Assistance and advice with eviction". Secretary reported that this was for the eviction of illegal moorers from the unsafe stretch of bank between A146 bridge and Amateur Sailing Club.

Motion to approve: Cllr Harris

Seconded by: Cllr Hill

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To receive the RFO's report and to agree the payment schedules for April 2025.

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

6 - Draft minutes of the Assets and Estate Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16th April 2025

Motion to receive draft minutes proposed by Cllr Stubbings.

Seconded by Cllr Chidley.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To receive for information the draft minutes of the above meeting.

To consider the following recommendations from this meeting:

i. To agree a budget of £10,000 (including VAT) to purchase a vehicle for Ranger and that delegated authority be given to Deputy Town Clerk and Ranger to select a vehicle within that range.

Motion to accept the plan: Cllr Stubbings

Seconded by: Cllr Chidley

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To give authority to Deputy Town Clerk and Ranger to purchase a vehicle for up to £10,000 (including VAT).

ii Renew the legionella contract with Hydro-X

Motion to accept the quote: Cllr Stubbings

Seconded by: Cllr Hill

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To accept the quote from Hydro-X to renew the legionella contract.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
Work with Ranger to purchase a vehicle with a budget of £10,000 (including VAT)	Candi Turner	13/06/2025
Renew the legionella contract with Hydro-X	Candi Turner	29/05/2025

7 - Draft minutes of the Development, Commerce and Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 14th April 2025

Motion to receive draft minutes proposed by Cllr Smith.

Seconded by Cllr Stubbings.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To receive for information the draft minutes of the above meeting.

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

8 - Draft minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on 28th April 2025

Motion to receive draft minutes proposed by Cllr Stubbings.

Seconded by Cllr Athorn.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To receive for information the draft minutes of the above meeting.

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

9 - Draft minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 9th April 2025

Motion to receive draft minutes proposed by Cllr Darch.

Seconded by Cllr Hill.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To receive for information the draft minutes of the above meeting.

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

10 - To agree the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 3rd June 2025 after the town council meeting

Councillors agreed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 3rd June 2025 after the town council meeting.

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

12 - To consider confidential items

Members of the public were asked to leave the meeting at this point.

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