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Minutes of the meeting of Beccles Fenland Charity Trust held on Tuesday 5th August following the Town Council meeting in Council Chamber at Town Hall

Present: Barry Darch (Chair), Chris Greenhill, Richard Stubbings, Stephanie Bubb, Sam Hunt, Christine Wheeler, Joe Athorn, Peter Shannon, Krista Booker, Philippa Drew and Gillian Birrell.

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham, Secretary; District Councillor Sarah Plummer

Apologies: Nathalie Chidley, Jeff Harris, Tarek Lahin, Daniel Smith

Members of public: No members of the public.

1 - To receive apologies for absence

Received from Nathalie Chidley, Tarek Lahin, Daniel Smith and Jeff Harris.

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 July 2025

Motion to approve minutes proposed by Cllr Stubbings.

Seconded by: Cllr Greenhill

Councillors voted unanimously in favour and it was therefore
RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the minute of the meetings held on Tuesday 1st July 2025.

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 July 2025

Motion to approve: Cllr Darch

Seconded by: Cllr Booker

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

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

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

6 - Draft minutes of the Assets & Estates Committee meeting held on 16th July 2025

Motion to receive draft minutes proposed by Cllr Stubbings.

Seconded by Cllr Shannon.

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.		

7 - Draft minutes of the Development & Commerce Committee meeting held on Monday 7th July 2025

Motion to receive draft minutes proposed by Cllr Birrell.

Seconded by Cllr Shannon.

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 Monday 28th July 2025

Motion to receive draft minutes proposed by Cllr Wheeler.

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 Monday 14th July 2025.

Motion to receive draft minutes proposed by Cllr Greenhill.

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.		

10 - To seek volunteers to serve on the Working Party investigating the provision of an adventure cycling facility

Mayor invited volunteers and Cllrs Wheeler, Athorn, Shannon and Stubbings all volunteered.

Mayor proposed that these four councillors all be appointed to this working party.

Seconded by Cllr Booker.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED That Cllrs Wheeler, Athorn, Shannon and Stubbings be appointed to the Working Party investigating the provision of an adventure cycling facility.

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

11 - To consider the offer from ASAP supplies to locate four life rings at Beccles Quay

Mayor noted that the offer is for three life rings, not four. He reported that he and Secretary had met with ASAP Supplies and one of the two fundraisers of the 'Go Fund Me' page in memory of Nischay Patel. Mayor invited comments from councillors.

Cllr Wheeler noted that Thirst Youth were working on a potential safety day. Mayor noted that a potential Community Safety Day had also been mooted by Cllr Caroline Topping.

Cllr Birrell asked if the Lido still do safety training at the pool.

Mayor noted that Cllr Topping may be able to fund the posts, hooks and cabinets.

Mayor proposed that the Trust accept the offer from ASAP Supplies of three life rings for Beccles Quay.

Seconded by: Cllr Athorn.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To accept the offer from ASAP Supplies of three life rings for Beccles Quay.

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

12 - To consider a potential electric bike charging facility at Beccles Quay

Cllr Darch proposed that the Trust pursue the project to instal three e-bike charging pods at Beccles Quay, subject to clarification on ownership, insurance and damage clarification, and to apply for a grant of £1,000 towards the project from East Suffolk Council's Tour of Britain grant scheme.

Seconded by Cllr Athorn.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To pursue the project to install three e-bike charging pods at Beccles Quay, subject to clarification on ownership, insurance and damage clarification, and to apply for a grant of £1,000 towards the project from East Suffolk Council's Tour of Britain grant scheme.

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There are no actions for this item.		

13 - Any other Fenland Trust business

Cllr Stubbings suggested that the change of management of the Quay car park was an opportunity for the trust to increase parking charges for longer stays. He proposed a tariff as follows:

Up to 1 hour: Free

Up to 2 hours: £1

Up to 3 hours: £2

Up to 4 hours: £3

Up to 5 hours: £4

All day: £5

Seconded by Cllr Wheeler.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To implement revised parking charges at Beccles Quay from 21st August as follows:

Up to 1 hour: Free

Up to 2 hours: £1

Up to 3 hours: £2

Up to 4 hours: £3

Up to 5 hours: £4

All day: £5

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

14 - To agree the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 2nd September 2025 after the town council meeting

The next meeting date was agreed as Tuesday 2nd September 2025 after the town council meeting.

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

15 - 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.		

16 - Draft confidential minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on 23rd June 2025

Motion to receive draft confidential minutes proposed by Cllr Wheeler.

Seconded by Cllr Athorn.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

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

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There are no actions for this item.		

17 - Draft confidential minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 14th July 2025.

Motion to receive draft confidential minutes proposed by Cllr Greenhill.

Seconded by Cllr Darch.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

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

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

18 - Any other confidential Fenland Trust business

There was none.

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There are no actions for this item.		