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Minutes of the meeting of Trust's Development and Commerce Committee on Thursday 23rd October 2025 after the Town Council's Development and Commerce Committee meeting in Committee Room at Town Hall

Present: Joseph Athorn, Gillian Birrell (Chair), Krista Booker, Barry Darch, Daniel Smith

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham, Secretary; Helen Lower, Marketing & Events Officer

Apologies: Christine Wheeler

Absent: Peter Shannon

Members of public: No members of the public.

1 - To receive apologies for absence

Received from Christine Wheeler.

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 Development & Commerce committee meeting held on Monday 11th August 2025

Motion to approve minutes proposed by Cllr Athorn.

Seconded by Cllr Darch.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the Development and Commerce Committee meeting held on Monday 11th August 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 a report on survey responses from Quay moorers

Councillors considered the report from Secretary. They asked that any positive comments about the work of Harbour Masters be used where appropriate in marketing materials for the Quay.

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

6 - To consider whether to relocate the cash and card pay machine at Beccles Quay car park

Councillors considered the report from Secretary.

Chair proposed that the committee recommend to full Trust to spend the quoted sum of £3,250 to have the electricity supply for north side of the Quay extended to the car park, to relocate the car park pay machine.

Seconded by Cllr Smith.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RECOMMENDED TO FULL TRUST To spend the quoted sum of £3,250 to have the electricity supply for north side of the Quay extended to the car park, in order to relocate the car park pay machine.

Councillors also agreed to recommend to Finance & Governance Committee to include a sum of £2,985 for the addition of lighting at the car park in the budget for 2026-27.

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

7 - To agree pricing and licence (terms of conditions) for container storage at former waste site

Councillors considered the draft licence and report from Secretary. They agreed the proposed rental charges. They suggested that the site should be open in daylight hours, seven days per week. They agreed the licence as drafted.

Councillors considered the suggestion from Assets & Estates Committee to also use the site for caravan storage. They agreed that this should be left to the discretion of Secretary.

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

8 - Any other Fenland Trust business falling under the remit of this committee

Secretary reported that East Suffolk Council had asked for expressions of interest for the 'Box Up' play equipment scheme, which would be funded by a grant to town and parish councils, rather than the equipment being provided by ESC, as was originally envisaged.

Councillors agreed to ask Secretary to submit an expression of interest.

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

9 - To agree the date for the next meeting of the committee as Monday 10th November after the town council's Development & Commerce Committee meeting

This was agreed as Tuesday 8th December, after the town council's Development and Commerce Committee meeting.

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