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Minutes of the meeting of Trust's Development and Commerce Committee on Monday 8th December 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, Peter Shannon, Christine Wheeler

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham, Secretary

Apologies: John Greig, Daniel Smith

Absent:

Members of public: No members of the public.

1 - To receive apologies for absence

Received from John Greig and Daniel Smith.

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 Thursday 23rd October 2025

Motion to approve minutes proposed by Cllr Darch.

Seconded by Cllr Athorn.

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 Thursday 23rd October 2025.

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

4 - Matters arising from these minutes

Secretary reported that the works to get electricity supply to the Quay car park had been held up by bad weather but that this should be completed by early January.

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

5 - To consider whether to accept a grant offer from East Suffolk Council for the 'Box Up' scheme

Councillors considered the offer from East Suffolk Council. They noted that, although the grant offered covers 96.5% of the purchase cost, there are additional delivery, installation and planning costs which means that the Trust will need to contribute c£4,000 to fund the equipment.

Cllr Birrell proposed that the Trust accept the grant offer and proceed with the scheme, with the costs coming from Reserves if external funding cannot be provided.

Seconded by Cllr Athorn.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To accept the grant offer and proceed with the scheme, with the costs coming from Reserves if external funding cannot be provided.

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

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

There was none.

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

7 - To agree the date for the next meeting of the committee as Monday 12th January 2026 after the town council's Development & Commerce Committee meeting

Date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 19th January 2026 after the town council's Development & Commerce Committee meeting.

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

8 - To consider confidential items

Councillors noted that there were no members of the public present.

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