

Minutes of the meeting of Trust's Development and Commerce Committee held on Monday 8th June 2026 after the town council... in Committee Room at Town Hall

Present: Joseph Athorn, Gillian Birrell (Chair), Barry Darch, John Greig, Peter Shannon, Christine Wheeler

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

Apologies: Krista Booker, Alan Hopley, Daniel Smith

Members of public: 0.

1 - To receive apologies for absence

Received from Krista Booker, Alan Hopley 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 Monday 11th May 2026

Motion to approve minutes proposed by Cllr Darch.

Seconded by Cllr Shannon.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the committee meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026.

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 consider report on potential leisure hire activities at Beccles Quay

Councillors thanked Cllr Stubbings for his report. They agreed to defer discussion to the next meeting of the committee.

Councillors asked officers to investigate planning permission for paddleboard storage at Quay. Councillors also discussed potential 'pop-up' paddleboard hire at Quay for Summer 2026 and Cllr Greig agreed to approach Sportstore to ask if they would be interested in doing this.

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

6 - To consider proposal to locate a mobile sauna on south side of Beccles Quay

Councillors considered the proposal from Fire and Flow sauna to operate at Beccles Quay.

Chair proposed that this be approved on a trial basis in July and that Secretary be given delegated authority to agree a charge for the trial weekend.

Seconded by Cllr Darch.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To agree the proposal from Fire and Flow sauna to operate at Beccles Quay on a trial basis in July and to give Secretary delegated authority to agree a charge for the trial weekend.

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

7 - To consider a draft Business Plan for Beccles Quay

This item was deferred.

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

Cllr Athorn circulated a proposal from Beccles Carnival Committee to run a Pumpkin Festival at The Avenue on 31st October, from 4pm to 8pm. Cllr Athorn noted that this proposed event would be raising funds for his Mayor's Appeal.

Chair proposed that permission be given for The Avenue to be used for this event.

Seconded by Cllr Darch.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To allow The Avenue to be used for Pumpkin Festival on 31st October, from 4pm to 8pm.

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

9 - To agree the date of the next meeting

This was confirmed as Tuesday 13th July after the town council's Development & Commerce Committee meeting.

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

10 - 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.		