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Minutes of the meeting of Trust's Development and Commerce Committee on Monday 19th January after the town council's Development & Commerce Committee meeting in Committee Room at Town Hall

Present: Gillian Birrell (Chair), Barry Darch, John Greig, Alan Hopley, Christine Wheeler.

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham, Secretary

Apologies: Krista Booker, Peter Shannon, Daniel Smith

Members of public: No members of the public.

1 - To receive apologies for absence

Received from Peter Shannon, Krista Booker, Daniel Smith and Joe Athorn.

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 8th December 2025

Motion to approve minutes proposed by Cllr Darch.

Seconded by Cllr Wheeler.

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 8th December 2025.

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

4 - Matters arising from these minutes

Secretary reported on the further delay to the works to get power to the Quay car park caused by the Environment Agency halting the works pending our application for a Flood Risk permit.

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

5 - To review Quay mooring fees and laundry charges for 2026-27

Councillors discussed the charges recommended by Secretary and Harbour Masters. Secretary informed councillors that Cllrs Stubbings and Wheeler had 'called in' the decision on these fees and charges, meaning that any proposals agreed at this meeting would be recommendations to full Trust, not resolutions.

Councillors deferred a decision on both the daily mooring charges and laundry charges and they asked Secretary to provide further information about usage for the next meeting.

Cllr Birrell proposed that the annual mooring charges from 2026-27 as recommended by Secretary and Harbour Masters (Quay basin £53 per foot (from £51), River wall £50 per foot (from £49) and Gas Dyke: £375 flat fee (from £365)) be agreed.

Seconded by Cllr Hopley.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RECOMMENDED TO FULL TRUST To agree annual mooring charges for 2026-27 as: Quay basin £53 per foot (from £51), River wall £50 per foot (from £49) and Gas Dyke £375 flat fee (from £365).

What?	By Whom?	By When?
Provide further information about usage of daily moorings and laundry for the next meeting.	Paul Cunningham	04/02/2026

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

Councillors noted that the potential increase in hours for Harbour Masters to facilitate an element of 'double staffing' in summer 2026 would be discussed at upcoming Personnel Committee meeting.

Secretary noted that a proposal for rowing boats for hire would be brought to the February or March meeting of this committee, provided that the double staffing above is agreed by Trust.

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 9th February 2026 after the town council's Development & Commerce Committee meeting

This was agreed as Monday 9th February 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.		

9 - To approve the confidential minutes of the Development & Commerce committee meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025

Motion to approve confidential minutes proposed by Cllr Wheeler.

Seconded by Cllr Darch.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the confidential minutes of the Development and Commerce Committee meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025.

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