

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BECCLES FENLAND CHARITABLE TRUST HELD ON TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF BECCLES TOWN HALL

Present

Councillors: G Catchpole (Chairman), E Brambley-Crawshaw, Mrs S A Bubb, G Elliott, N Elliott, J D Harris, S Kenward, R Stubbings, H Taylor, C Topping, J B Walmsley

Secretary: Mrs C Boyne, Town Clerk

Member of the Public: 3

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brooks, Downes and Haynes.

2. To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

There were none.

3. To approve the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 1 November 2016

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 1 November 2016 are taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. To receive the draft minutes of the Assets and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 7 November 2016

There was a question regarding the Beccles moorings to the north of the A146 bridge and the two options that had been detailed in the minutes – floating pontoons or letting the area go back to nature. The chair clarified that the proportion of the income received by the trust from moorings in this area used to be between £5k and £7k. He confirmed that the options still needed to be investigated and reported back to the trust.

It was pointed out that in respect of the problem of dogs mess on Beccles Common, Waveney District Council no longer employed a dog warden. Anybody witnessing dogs fouling should be asked to note details such as description, time, date etc and report to the Environmental Health Department.

There was a request for new benches with backs to be installed on the Common rather than 'seats'.



6. **To receive the draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6 November 2016**

The chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Councillor Stubbings, thanked the secretary for her work on the budget.

The secretary detailed the changes in the revised budgets from the original budgets. She explained that Beccles Town Council made a recharge to the trust of £19,658, this being made up of an element of staff salaries and other overheads, such as insurance and office costs. If the budget was agreed £3,927 would be added to the general reserve, increasing it to £18,475. The trust's accountant was recommending that the trust builds up a reserve of at least £20,000.

There was a question as to whether the trust was agreeing a three year budget and the secretary clarified that the trust was agreeing all three years, but years 2 and 3 would be reviewed again next year.

There was a question regarding the meeting to be arranged with the Amateur Sailing Club and Councillor Stubbings agreed to pursue this and organise the meeting.

There was a question regarding the confidential part of the minutes and it was agreed to consider this in a confidential section at the end of the meeting.

RESOLVED To receive the draft minutes of the above meeting and agree the Final Budget for 2017/18 to 2019/20

7. **To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedule**

RESOLVED To receive the responsible financial officer's report and agree the payment schedule

8. **Any Other Business**

There was a request for future agendas of the trust to state that the public could attend trust meetings.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOLLOW



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